

by **Trudy Nolles**

Each year, the National Hereford Women (NHW), along with a Hereford breeder, offer a \$1,500 credit toward a registered Hereford heifer to a National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) member. For junior members to qualify, they must be present and exhibit at the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), be 21 years old or younger by Dec. 31 of the current JNHE year and be a member in good standing of the NJHA.

All exhibitors at the JNHE will be entered in the drawing. The winner will be announced during opening ceremonies and must be present to win. The heifer award winner will have until May 1 of the following year to coordinate with the donating breeder for selection, transfer and registration of the heifer. Transfers within the exhibitor's own herd or family herd are not allowed. The donating breeder will provide the paperwork to the award winner indicating the transfer date, the award winner's

name and address, the registration number, and the heifer's name. The award winner must send a copy of the registration papers to the NHW treasurer by June 15 of the following year.

Heifer award winners can qualify for a \$500 scholarship if they provide a report on their experience with the heifer, send a thank-you note to the NHW and the donating breeder, and exhibit the heifer at the following year's JNHE.

Any Hereford breeder interested in donating to the Heifer Award Program may contact the NHW at nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com.

The NHW can also be contacted at this email address if you are interested in becoming a member. The NHW sponsors many scholarships and contests during the JNHE, the National

Hereford Queen program and the NHW Outstanding Hereford Woman of the Year award. Go to HerefordWomen.com to learn more.

Let's continue helping juniors fulfill their dreams. **HW**



Emma Richardson, Capron, Ill., was the recipient of the 2017 Hereford Heifer Award at the JNHE, Louisville, Ky.



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Previous heifer award winners

Keayla Harr, Ohio, won the NHW heifer drawing in 2013. Harr was awarded a \$1,500 sale credit to Churchill Cattle Co., Manhattan, Mont. She says the female did well as a show heifer but has made an even better cow. She is the mother of one of the Harr's herd bulls and consistently produces a high-quality calf each year.

"Being awarded this credit not only gave me the opportunity to add a new female to my herd, but it also allowed me to get to know Dale and Nancy Venhuizen better and make a new contact within the breed," Harr says.

Jett West, Wyoming, won the drawing in 2015. He gained the opportunity to take home a heifer from King Ranch, Stanley, N.M.

"This scholarship meant so much to me," he notes. "I was able to start my own little herd of Herefords. I am very thankful for the registered Hereford heifer gift. It was really nice of the Bill King Ranch to give me the chance."

Emma Richardson, Illinois, was the 2017 winner. Her heifer was donated by Tennessee River Music Inc.

"I was shocked when they called my name because I had never won any drawing or award," she explains. "This is my third year showing Herefords, and I am very excited to be presented with an opportunity like this."

Other previous donors include Mohican Farms/Mohican West, Ridgeview Farm, Barber Ranch, H2 Ranch and Delaney Herefords/Atkins Herefords. We would like to thank each and every heifer award sponsor. **HW**