

NATIONAL JUNIOR HEREFORD ASSOCIATION

Director Candidate Guidelines

National directors are required to be of high moral character and conduct at all times.

1. Four new directors will be elected each year. Those elected will serve three-year-terms, beginning as soon as elections are held.
2. Candidates must be a minimum of 17 years of age and not older than 20 years of age as of July 1 of the current year, corresponding with the by-laws of the National Junior Hereford Association.
3. Candidate should have an outstanding record of service to the Hereford industry indicating loyalty to, concern for and knowledge of the Hereford breed and the beef industry and its current trends.
4. Candidate should be a good public speaker who can easily put words together in a smooth, positive and convincing manner as needed to promote the breed, its juniors and its programs.
5. Candidates are encouraged, but not required, to put together a promotional brochure on themselves and their qualifications for running for national director and distribute to voting delegates.
6. All candidates must be nominated by their state. The nomination form must be signed by the state junior association secretary and advisor, and returned to the AHA youth department by June 1.
7. Each state may have more than one representative on the board of directors at a time.
8. Each of the four regions must be represented by at least one director.
9. Those elected to the national board will be required to attend all board meetings of the NJHA. Two board meetings will be held each year. Locations for board meetings may include: Kansas City in conjunction with the AHA Annual Meeting, Faces of Leadership Conference; the National Western in Denver; the Youth Beef Industry Congress held in March of even-numbered years OR spring board meeting held in March at a location determined by the board during odd-numbered years; or during the Junior National Expo in July.
10. Those elected will represent the NJHA at state and regional field days throughout the summer. Approximately one week at the site of the Junior National Expo and at the Faces of Leadership Conference will also be required of all board members.
11. Directors will have opportunities to speak and conduct workshops at state & national events.
12. Directors must be willing to devote unlimited time to the necessary responsibility of their office: writing letters and articles, securing sponsorships, keeping in touch with state associations, etc.
13. Candidate should be old enough to be mature in their judgments and have no problem when arranging solo cross-country travel.