

Tee Off for Hereford Youth

Each summer, the VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) brings together families, friends and industry partners who share a deep love for the Hereford breed. This year, the tradition grows even richer with the 2026 Hereford golf outing on July 6 — a day designed for fellowship, hospitality and a little friendly competition beyond the show barn. Funds raised from this event will directly support the National Hereford Women (NHW) Faces of Leadership scholarship.

The 18-hole golf tournament features four-person teams, making it the perfect opportunity to gather clients, reconnect with longtime friends, or simply enjoy a relaxed morning on the course before the

bustle of the JNHE week begins. It's a chance to step away from the halts and remember that some of the most meaningful conversations and strongest relationships are best fostered when we take time to slow down and enjoy them. Hospitality is at the heart of this event, and the laughter shared on the fairway often becomes just as memorable as the week's champions.

Whether you golf or not, there is always a place for you in the fun. Consider becoming a hole sponsor. This is an easy, high-visibility way to promote your farm while supporting a great cause. We look forward to seeing everyone on the golf course in Madison, Wis.

As we enjoy these moments of connection, it is worth pausing to honor the quiet gestures that keep our communities and events running smoothly. A simple thank-you still carries tremendous weight. Whether it is the parent who hauls tack late into the night, the volunteer who never seeks recognition or the mentor who shows up year after year, gratitude strengthens the fabric of our breed. Take a little extra time to acknowledge those who serve behind the scenes and remind them their efforts matter.

NHW in action

Annually, the NHW sponsors the Faces of Leadership Conference fee for 10 National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members, giving them access to life-changing

leadership opportunities they might miss otherwise. This investment in tomorrow's leaders will empower NJHA members to return home with new friends, sharpened skills and fresh inspiration to strengthen their associations, schools and communities. Recipients will be responsible for their own travel costs. Further details regarding the scholarships can be found at hereforyouthfoundation.submittable.com. Spring scholarship applications are due April 15.

Finally, as the NHW continues its longstanding commitment to the National Hereford Queen program, youth scholarships and leadership awards, consider stepping forward to serve on the NHW board of directors. Past directors agree it is one of the most meaningful connections they experience within the Hereford breed and a valuable opportunity to gain friendships, network and mentor youth. Joining the NHW board is more than a role — it is a chance to shape the next generation, preserve cherished traditions and ensure leadership and opportunity remain at the center of the Hereford experience. Reach out to any current director to learn about the time commitment, expectations and fun ways to serve the Hereford community. Four new directors will be elected in fall 2026. Together, we build the legacy our youth will inherit. **NHW**

To join and to learn more about the NHW, visit HerefordWomen.com or email nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com.



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