**Youth Representative Contest**

The ADGA Youth Representative Contest is held at the Annual Convention and is open to any youth 16 through 20 years of age. The contestants are judged on personality, knowledge, leadership and experience with dairy goats. The youth selected ADGA Representative represents the Association at the National Show and Annual Convention.

**Dairy Goat Shows**

The following types of dairy goat shows are sanctioned by ADGA just for youth: 4-H (restricts exhibitors to members of 4-H groups; FFA (restricts exhibitors to members of Future Farmers of America), Open Youth (restricts its exhibitors to persons under 21 years of age).

Winners at these shows receive ADGA rosettes and animals who meet specified conditions of competition earn “legs” toward permanent CH or GCH status (see ADGA Guidebook for explanation of show rules).

**Premier Jr. & Sr. Youth Exhibitors**

This prestigious award is presented to outstanding youth exhibitors at the ADGA National Show. Points are accumulated from placings at all the events offered for the youth. Animals must be registered in the youth exhibitor’s name to qualify.

**Scholarships**

ADGA sponsors several scholarships annually. You must be a member of ADGA and enrolled in an accredited university or college. More details and an application can be obtained from www.adgastaverfoundation.org.

**Performance Programs**

The goal of ADGA’s Linear Appraisal program is to provide the dairy goat breeder with an increased awareness of proven sires that transmit strong traits to their offspring. The system evaluates individual type traits that affect structural and functional durability. A special circumstance is applied for youth members who request to transport their animals to the location of the host herd, and must have permission of the host. For details and an application, contact ADGA.

Production Testing is one of the most valuable management record-keeping systems available to the dairy goat owner. Milk and butterfat production, herd and individual lactation information, plus breeding data, make up this comprehensive management information program for your dairy herd improvement. Youth with qualifying animals may apply for recognition on the Youth Production Testing Doe Honor Roll. More information and an application are available from ADGA.
ELIGIBILITY

Any person under the age of 21 on the postmark date of their application is eligible for Youth Membership in the American Dairy Goat Association.

REQUIREMENTS

ADGA Youth Members pay the same discount rates as regular members for the processing of work under their membership name and can register their own personal Herd Name (Prefix) for naming animals of their breeding.

Consecutive years as a Youth Member can be applied toward requirements for a Life Membership. Youth Members may not vote.

An updated ADGA Guidebook is provided to Youth Members annually. Those Youth Members who pay their membership dues before March 1 each year are listed in the annual Membership Directory. Primary Youth Members are eligible to opt in to receive a free copy of the directory.

MEMBERSHIP KIT

After you have been enrolled as a Youth Member, you will receive a membership kit which will include several forms, brochures, and booklets.