

## **The AMGA National Murray Grey Junior Project Photo Contest.**

The AMGA National Murray Grey Junior Project Contest provides an opportunity for Junior members across the country to participate in a national activity. It recognizes outstanding junior owned animals exhibited at the junior's shows.

The application for this contest is a 5x7 photo that is clear and correctly labeled. Included in the contest are classes divided as follows:

1. Young Murray Grey female, less than 12 months of age at the time of the show
2. Young Murray Grey bull, less than 12 months of age at the time of the show
3. Yearling Murray Grey female, age 12 months to 24 months at the time of the show
4. Yearling Murray Grey bull, age 12 months to 24 months at the time of the show
5. Murray Grey cow, over 24 months of age at the time of the show
6. Murray Grey bull, over 24 months of age at the time of the show
7. Cow/calf pair, cow any age shown with calf still nursing up to 7 months of age at the time of the show. The photos must show the cow and calf together, one picture from the rear showing the pair side by side, and one picture shown head to tail of the profile of both animals.

**NOTE:** Cows and calves may be entered in individual classes if separate photos are also taken and they meet the individual eligibility criteria.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

The AMGA National Murray Grey Junior Project Contest is open to all National Junior Members that meet the following requirements.

To be eligible for competition:

- 1.) The junior member who owns the animal is to show the animal. In a class where a junior member owns more than one animal, the owner must show one animal; another youth may show the second animal.
- 2.) An animal must have stood first or second at a junior show and must have been shown by a junior. For the purpose of this contest only, a junior show will be defined as any **County Fair, State Fair, State Cattlemen's Association Beef Expo or AMGA National Show, regardless of venue** including 4-H and FFA breed classes, **Murray Grey** open show classes **and AOB classes**.
- 3.) Animals entered in the AMGA National Murray Grey Junior Project Contest must be registered in the Official AMGA herdbook and be transferred to ownership of the junior member by April 1 of the year of the competition. For an animal to be exhibited as junior owned, in all classes, the recorded ownership must show in the sole ownership of the exhibitor or a partnership comprised of junior members and family ownerships.
- 4.) Juniors must be 9-21 years of age on January 1 of the current contest year.

### **ENTRIES:**

A color, unretouched 5X7 photo taken of the animal during the calendar year, must be provided. Information on the back of the picture should include:

The animal's name and registration number, birthdate, contest class entered, record of up to three Junior Show placings at Junior Shows where animal is shown as described under Eligibility, and name and address of junior.

Labels are available online, or from the AMGA office. Labels are affixed to the back of the picture. No other information other than what is asked for on the label should be included on the back of the picture.

Entries are due by NOVEMBER 1 of the contest year and will be sent to the AMGA office.

All photos become the property of the AMGA and will not be returned.

**JUDGING:**

At the AMGA winter board meeting, the board members attending will all individually place the classes with entries placed first to last. (A minimum of three board members will be required to place the classes) Individual scores will be combined with the low scores overall winning the class. In the event of ties, the animals placings in individual shows as recorded on the back of the photos will be considered.

**AWARDS:**

The AMGA National Murray Grey Junior Project Contest winners and the reserve winners will be recognized in the next issue of the Shades of Grey and will receive an award certificate from the AMGA.