

## Arthur D. Holmes Award

### General Information:

1. A \$50 award is given in memory of Arthur D. Holmes, a sheep breeder and one of the founders of the Pioneer Valley Sheep Breeders Association. He was a strong supporter of youth and this award is to commemorate Mr. Holmes and his interest in young people.
2. Any youth between the ages of 9 and 19 may compete for this award, providing they have owned at least one sheep during the contest year and plan to continue with the sheep project.
3. The Arthur D. Holmes Award shall be presented to the outstanding youth in Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden or Berkshire County. Presentation of this award will be in conjunction with the Massachusetts Sheep & Wool Craft Fair in May.
4. The contest year shall run from the previous May to the date of the Massachusetts Sheep and Wool Craft Fair. All applications are due **May 1st**.
5. The selected applicants will be scheduled to be interviewed prior to the Massachusetts Sheep & Wool Craft Fair.
6. Selection of this award is based on your interview and a written application. The following are some of the points considered:
  - Application must be complete and specific and show growth in the project.
  - All requested information should be attached to this application.
  - If selected for an interview, your 4-H or FFA records may be brought/sent with you on the day of the interview.

Interview:

  - General sheep knowledge
  - Knowledge of management techniques
  - Plans for project future

Overall presentation must exhibit:

  - General interest
  - Accomplishments
  - Acquired knowledge
  - Future goals
7. Send entries to:
  - Carrie Chickering-Sears
  - Massachusetts 4-H Program
  - UMass Amherst
  - 101 University Drive, Suite A4
  - Amherst MA 01002-2385
  - Phone: 413-549-3257

## Arthur D. Holmes Award Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Best time call \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in 4-H and/or FFA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club and/or FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in involved in Sheep Project area: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE:** Please give the name, address and phone number of an adult involved in the sheep industry who we may contact for a reference.

### Sheep Industry Representative:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please summarize your sheep experience:** Describe how you got started with sheep, how your project has grown, activities you have participated in, any special awards or recognition you have received, your future plans and goals and how raising sheep has been a benefit to you.

Applicants will be notified as to when interviews are scheduled. (NOTE: You may attach your 4-H story if applicable)