

## **NORTHEAST SOUTHDOWN ASSOCIATION**

### **CLIFF THAYER SOUTHDOWN YOUTH AWARD**

The main goal of the Southdown Youth Award is to donate a quality Southdown ewe lamb to a well deserving youth who shows a need, and has demonstrated enthusiasm, and interest in the showing and breeding of Southdown sheep. Anyone who has not won a ewe lamb previously is eligible to enter. The criteria used in judging this award will consist of the following categories:

- sheep and livestock experience
- knowledge of the sheep project
- maturity and responsibility
- need for financial assistance
- parental support
- visibility of project
- improvement of current Southdown breeding program or starting a Southdown breeding program

#### **Rules for entering are as follows:**

- 1) MUST be no older than 15 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year
- 2) MUST show awarded ewe at the Northeast Youth Sheep Show at the BIG E Fairgrounds, West Springfield, MA.
- 3) MUST be a residence of one of the six New England states or New York.
- 4) Application must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2018.

#### **Completed forms must be sent to:**

Northeast Southdown Association Youth Award  
c/o Lauren Drum  
P.O. Box 77  
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569  
laurendrum@aol.com  
Phone: (845) 380-1302

Notification of award winner will be made no later April 30, 2018. Presentation of the ewe lamb will be made at the NEYSS.

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**SOUTHDOWN YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Answer each of the questions that follow in space provided. Please answer all questions completely, truthfully and to the best of your knowledge. Please type or print clearly.

1) Why are you choosing a Southdown? What do you know about the breed? Are there any pros or cons in using this breed in your flock?

2) What are your responsibilities with your animals physically and financially? How are your parents involved with your sheep project?

3) Tell us about what you will do with your lamb, where you will be showing her, and will you be using her for breeding purposes?

4) How did you get involved in the sheep industry?

5) How do you think this will help you in the future of your farm, flock and self?

6) Besides being interested in sheep, are there any other activities that you participate in?

You have the option of having your sheep project leader or sheep industry mentor send in a letter of recommendation to the address listed on this application form along with any photos of yourself and your current sheep project if applicable.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_