

## Jan Harding Ruslavage Service Award

The Jan Harding Ruslavage Service Award has been established in 2024 to honor the memory and distinguished service of Janet Harding Ruslavage to Pennsylvania's dairy industry. The award is intended to pay tribute to the outstanding contributions of young people serving and promoting Pennsylvania's dairy industry.

**Objective:** To recognize an individual between the ages of 18 and 30 who has demonstrated exceptional service to and promotion of Pennsylvania's dairy industry.

The award is intended to provide recognition and financial support to outstanding young individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to dairy service and promotion through the contributions they are making to enrich the future of Pennsylvania's dairy industry. The winning individual will receive a \$3,000 cash award and recognition at the annual Pennsylvania Dairy Princess State Pageant in September.

To qualify for this award, individuals must:

- Be a Pennsylvania resident
- Be between the ages of 18 and 30 years old
- Be a high school graduate and pursuing a career in or related to the dairy industry

Qualities of someone recognized through this award could include:

- Servant Leadership Attitude
- High Level of Integrity
- Helpful, Friendly Disposition
- Conscientious, Tireless Work Ethic
- Compassionate, Giving Nature
- Strong Passion for the Dairy Industry or Specific Aspect of Dairy
- A Demonstrated Commitment to Contributing to the Industry in a Positive Way

Examples of ways the individual could be serving the industry could be in being active in dairy promotion, being in a leadership position in a dairy service or breed organization, building dairy awareness in their local community, serving in an advisory role for a dairy youth organization, contributing to research or education advancing the future of dairy, or in many other capacities. The committee will be looking for individuals who model the qualities identified above.

Nominations for this award are due by August 9, 2024, with the winning individual selected in early September for recognition at the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess State Pageant on Saturday, September 21, at the Best Western Premier, 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, Pa. 17111, at 1 p.m. Individuals can be nominated either through a self-nomination or by another individual who wishes to recognize their achievements in the industry.

To nominate an individual for this award, please complete the application on the next page and submit it with up to three letters of support for the nominee. All nominations should be submitted to the Dairy Excellence Foundation, Attn: Memorial Award Nomination, 2301 North Cameron Street, Room 407, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or by email to [jsebright@centerfordairyexcellence.org](mailto:jsebright@centerfordairyexcellence.org). **All nominations must be postmarked or emailed by August 9, 2024.**

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**Jan Harding Ruslavage Service Award  
Nomination Form**

*Please submit this form, along with up to three letters of support, by August 9, 2024  
to: Dairy Excellence Foundation, Attn: Memorial Award, 2301 North Cameron St. Harrisburg, PA 17110*

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Media Handles: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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Volunteer Roles: \_\_\_\_\_

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List Three Ways This Individual Is Demonstrating Outstanding Service to the Dairy Industry:

1). \_\_\_\_\_

2). \_\_\_\_\_

3). \_\_\_\_\_

List Three Ways This Individual Has Promoted or Advanced the Dairy Industry:

1). \_\_\_\_\_

2). \_\_\_\_\_

3). \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think this person models the qualities identified as being worthy of receiving this award:

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Please feel free to provide additional comments relevant to the application:

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Please List Two References for This Individual:

1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_