



GOLD MERIT AWARD APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ASA Member No. _____ Telephone No. _____

Date of Birth _____

Date Silver Award was received: _____

Please complete the following questions in your own words. In the evaluation of the application, higher scores will be given for well-constructed, concise statements. Lengthy narration, listing of activities and events and other similar chronological entries are discouraged. Emphasis should be placed upon learning experiences, what you have gained, and what you have contributed.

1. Discuss your own **personal involvement and experience** in the area of beef production and management with Simmental and Simbrah cattle.

2. Discuss the **benefits you have gained** from your involvement in ASA's youth programs.

3. What have you **learned**, from your involvement with the American Simmental Association, about the **importance** and **use of performance programs**?

4. Describe your **affiliation** and **participation** with **other agricultural organizations** such as 4-H, FFA, and University clubs.

5. What **steps** would you **recommend** to a prospective member regarding the **establishment of a sound, progressive breeding program**?

6. What **methods** have you **seen or used** to **effectively promote** Simmental or Simbrah cattle by individual producers?

7. Discuss your **personal goals and objectives** for the next five to ten years as they relate to the beef industry. **What has** your experience in the **ASA youth program contributed** to making these goals achievable?

For Press Release purposes, please list below the names and addresses of two (2) news release outlets in your area.

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Applicants of the Gold Merit Award must be at least 16 years of age by January 1, and a previous Silver Merit Award winner before they can apply for the Gold Merit Award. Applicants should send their completed application, a recent photo (head and shoulders) and three (3) Letters of Recommendation (including one (1) from a State (senior) Association Officer), to American Simmental Association, 1 Simmental Way, Bozeman, Montana, 59715. Telephone: 406-587-4531 or email it to simmental@simmgene.com Signature of Applicant Date Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18