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## **SHOUFLER RECEIVES JOHN C. ‘JACK’ RAGSDALE SCHOLARSHIP**

2010 National Junior Shorthorn Show & Conference



OMAHA, Neb., (July 8, 2010) – At the 2010 National Junior Shorthorn Show and Conference, held in East Lansing, Mich., scholarships were awarded to several deserving individuals. Of these scholarship recipients, Kyle Shoufler, Fortville, Ind., was awarded the John C. “Jack” Ragsdale Youth Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a high school senior or college freshman who is an active AJSA (American Junior Shorthorn Association) member with a sincere interest in learning how to evaluate livestock and an appreciation for the purebred livestock industry.

The recipient of this award should exemplify the qualities of Ragsdale, who is considered by many Shorthorn Breeders to be “Mr. Shorthorn.” Ragsdale, originally from Indiana, has been active in the Shorthorn business his entire life. He was the High Point Individual at the International Livestock Judging Contest in Chicago in 1948, and his high score held the record until 1961. Ragsdale was on the Purdue University Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Team. He began his servitude at the American Shorthorn Association in 1965, where he began a 12-year term on the Board of Directors, eventually being named president. Ragsdale was also instrumental in the inception of the North American International Livestock Exposition, and he also implemented the first Youth Conference for Shorthorn Youth in 1968, which was the start to the American Junior Shorthorn Association. Ragsdale’s portrait is hung in the Purdue University Livestock Hall of Fame in Indiana, and he has also been inducted into the Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Club.

Shoufler has displayed his abilities to evaluate livestock effectively and exhibit quality Shorthorn cattle through several levels of competition. Through 4-H and FFA programs to breed association involvement, he has worked hard to become successful in the beef industry. Shoufler is currently responsible for the day to day care of his family’s herd; from feeding and breeding and getting cattle ready for shows. He is planning to attend Purdue University this fall and pursue a major in Animal Science with a minor in Animal Agribusiness. Shoufler is the 17-year-old son of Dennis and Kathy Shoufler.

Applications for the 2011 John C. “Jack” Ragsdale Youth Scholarship are due May 1, 2011, to the ASA office located in Omaha, Neb. For more information, contact Amanda Reeson or visit [www.shorthorn.org](http://www.shorthorn.org).

The mission of the ASA is to contribute to the profitability and quality of life of its members and their customers by maintaining, protecting the vulnerability and enhancing the value of the herd book and performance database for Shorthorn cattle. The ASA is headquartered in Omaha, Neb., and was founded in 1872 with herd book records going back to 1822. As one of the oldest American breed associations, the ASA provides services for more than 6,000 junior and senior members who register nearly 18,000 cattle annually. The American Junior Shorthorn Association promotes personal development through

youth activities and educational events. The AJSA is dedicated to the betterment of its members, promotes valuable skills, and fosters friendships that will last a lifetime. To learn more, contact the ASA office or visit [www.shorthorn.org](http://www.shorthorn.org).

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**A photo of Kyle Shoufler is available upon request.**