**World Hereford Conference 2025 Young Breeder Competition: Team Canada Application**

We are excited to announce, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent Team Canada at the World Hereford Conference 2025. The Young Breeder Competition will be hosted at Kansas State University in Manhattan Kansas, Oct 19-25, 2025. You will gain valuable experience competing and networking with your peers within the purebred cattle industry from around the world.

Contestants will take part in a variety of skills-based events centered around the United States agricultural industry, concluding with a fitting and showmanship competition at the American Royal. The winners will be crowned at the closing reception of the World Hereford Conference.

You must be between the ages of 18 to 26 years of age as of Oct 19, 2025. The number of teams representing Canada will be based on the merit of the applicants. Applications are open from December 15 to January 15, and we encourage all eligible members to apply.

The CHA is immensely grateful to all donors, buyers, and sponsors. We are exceptionally appreciative to those who supported the Red Coat National Select Sale held at Agribition by the Saskatchewan Hereford Association.

Given the advanced commitment required, we understand it may pose a challenge. However, we believe the unique experiences and growth opportunities offered by the YBC make it worth the commitment and we highly encourage you to take the chance and submit your application.

There will be several steps in the application process. The **first step** is to submit your resume with a one-page cover letter. The cover letter should include relevant practical experience, personal goals for this experience, and demonstrate a passion for the Hereford breed.

**All applications should be submitted to** **libby@hereford.ca** **on or before January 15, 2025.**

Those selected will be asked to prepare a multimedia presentation and possible interview.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our WHC-YBC committee members:

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We look forward to receiving your applications and wish you the best of luck in this process.

Warm regards,

Canadian Hereford Association