

WSDA 2025 YOUTH ESSAY COMPETITION

Dorper sheep are a versatile breed. You will find them winning in breeding classes and market/club lamb classes alike. We all can clearly see the differences between breeding phenotypes and market lamb phenotypes. Describe, contrast, and compare these differences between the two types, and discuss the pros and cons of the different phenotypes. Your descriptions, comparisons and discussion must be in your own words and based on your personal opinion, research, knowledge, and experience with Dorpers.

GUIDELINES AND RULES

There are two age groups for this competition: Junior 7-12 years old and Senior 13-18 years old.

Junior essays will be a minimum of 250 words, and Senior essays will be a minimum of 500 words

The deadline for submitting essays is May 15, 2025

Essays will be read and reviewed by at least 2 board members, and a winning essay will be selected in each age group.

Winners will be asked to read their essay at the 2025 WSDA Boise event following the ice cream social on Thursday evening if they are present.

Winners will receive a voucher in the amount of \$200 towards the purchase of a Dorper sheep at the WSDA Show and Sale, or private purchase from any WSDA member Dorper breeder.

Entries can be emailed to Cindy Chadwick at: ponygirl57cle0@gmail.com or sent via USPS to 1101 W Mt Deary Creek Rd. Deary, ID 83823

Feel free to call Cindy at 208-596-6955 or email if you have questions.