

Lincoln County Livestock Sale Committee
Breeding Heifer Scholarship Program Rules & Information

<u>Species Covered</u>	<u>Scholarship Amount</u>	<u>Application Due Date:</u>
Heifer	1- Yearling Heifer or \$2,000	November 1

**Or value may be increased to 75% of market value depending on current increased market conditions and availability of sponsorship.*

General Eligibility:

- Youth that are (age) eligible per 4-H and FFA policies.
- Youth in good standing within their 4-H/FFA program.
- Have the facilities and sufficient finances (\$1000 +) to successfully complete the 2-year program including access to or ownership of a bull for breeding the heifer.
- Receive signature approval from parents/guardians.
- Have not already maxed out the number of scholarships they are eligible for.

Scholarship Eligibility

- Youth can receive 1 heifer scholarship total during their entire enrollment in 4-H and FFA (combined)
- *Only youth (enrollment age 9-16) may apply for the heifer scholarship.
- Youth must have successfully completed at least one livestock project the year before applying.

Scholarship Availability:

Applications will be screened by the sale committee. The committee may also request an interview with the candidate and parents/guardians prior to deciding on the application. Approval or denial can depend on many factors including but not limited to available sponsors (either animal or funds), sale capacity to handle scholarship animals, completion of application, information provided in the application, scholarships previously awarded and completion of those previous requirements, and other factors. Any or all applications may be declined, and the committee is not required to provide a reason to the applicant.

General Scholarship Program Timeline & Process:

Year 1:

- Applications are submitted for committee review by state application deadlines.
- Applicants are notified of acceptance or denial of scholarship.
- Applicants receive a contract and sponsor information to write letters once sponsors have been secured.
- Applicants and parents/guardians review contracts, sign, and submit back to the Extension Office % of the Livestock Sale Committee.

- Youth in conjunction with the sponsor and sale committee will work to provide either a yearling heifer or stated funds towards the purchase of a heifer. Youth have 60 days to deposit received checks (if cash is provided instead of an animal).
- Youth will start working on their record book.
- Youth will also provide a tag number and weight upon purchase or receipt of the animal.
- Youth will ensure adequate growth and secure breeding for their heifer to ensure a calf to exhibit as a cow-calf pair per fairbook guidelines in year two.
- Youth complete a demonstration/speech regarding their scholarship animal and submit a form of completion to the Extension Office % of the Livestock Sale Committee before the start of fair.
- Youth work on writing and submitting a quarterly letter to their sponsor and a copy (email or mail) to the Extension Office % of the Livestock Sale Committee.
- Youth submit a mid-summer weight on their scholarship animal to the Extension Office % of the Livestock Sale Committee via email) by June 15.
- Youth submit entries to exhibit their scholarship animal at the Lincoln County Fair as a breeding heifer via current year deadlines and rules in the fairbook.
- Youth participate in livestock sale to secure financial sponsor for expenses for year 2.
- Youth complete their record book for the enrollment year and submit no later than August 31 or current year fairbook deadlines.

Year 2 (Begins September after fair of year 1)

- Youth will write a thank you letter to the “auction bidder” sponsor for year 2.
- Youth will submit an update letter to the Livestock Sale Committee by November 1.
- Youth will ensure continued and adequate care for the heifer to calve and raise a calf.
- Youth work on writing and submitting a quarterly letter to their sponsor and a copy (email or mail) to the Extension Office % of the Livestock Sale Committee.
- Youth submit entries to exhibit their scholarship animal at the Lincoln County Fair as a cow-calf pair via current year deadlines and rules in the fairbook.
- Youth completes requirements and works with committee to transfer brand paperwork.

Scholarship Program Requirements:

- The scholarship program for a breeding heifer is a two-year program. The focus of the scholarship is to provide youth an opportunity to start a breeding herd. All requirements must be completed as stated by the appropriate deadlines.
- Members may only be approved/participate in one scholarship program per program year.
- Youth may only receive up to a total of three scholarships (this includes COOP Steer and Heifer scholarships) during their entire involvement in 4-H & FFA (combined).
- It is the sole responsibility of the participant/family to seek guidance or ask for help regarding all areas of the scholarship program (i.e. requirements, deadlines, feed, care, breeding, shows, veterinary care, etc.).

1) Participants will sign a contract with the Livestock Sale Committee and will be expected to abide by the contract and rules of the two-year scholarship program. ***Failure to comply with the contract and rules or failure to meet the requirements to exhibit at fair for both years***

will result in the Sales committee requiring repayment of the amount or heifer value of the Scholarship.

2) The member has the responsibility to immediately report to the sale committee any health or feeding issues including breeding the heifer, calving the heifer, loss of the calf during calving or after, and/or death of the heifer during calving.

The Livestock Sale Committee reserves the right to inspect scholarship animals and their housing facilities, with a 24-hour notification to youth/families, at the discretion of the committee if it is determined there are potential care concerns. The committee has the right to revoke scholarships or modify requirements for year two. Any decisions deemed necessary by the sale committee regarding the scholarship animal will be final.

3) The scholarship animal's lien (Joint Title Ownership) will remain with the Livestock Sale Committee until the member has bred the heifer and shown the heifer at fair the first year and then as a cow-calf pair at year two. ****All requirements must be completed through year two by all stated deadlines before youth are eligible to receive transfer of brand and title paperwork solely to the youth.*** No branding of the animal will occur until transfer of ownership is completed.

4) Youth will provide a tag number for their scholarship animal upon purchase or receipt in year 1. They must also notify the committee if the tag is lost and is replaced.

5) Youth will submit a beginning weight of their animal (after the receipt of the animal) to the Extension Office % of the Livestock Sale Committee (via email or mail). Youth will also submit a second weight in the same manner by June 15 in year one.

6) Youth will write a quarterly letter to their sponsor(s) beginning in the month of receipt of the animal and ending in August of year one of the project. They will also write a quarterly letter in year two beginning in September of "year 2" to their 2nd year sponsor. The letter must be postmarked by the last day of each month. A copy of each monthly letter is required to be (emailed or mailed) to Extension Office % of the Livestock Sale Committee by the same deadline. ****The letter should include information about the project in general, how it is going, describing what care has been given, what they are learning, what other projects they are involved in, etc. With parent pre-approval, also consider sending a photo of you working with your animal during one or more of the updates.***

Youth will also provide the sale committee with an "update" letter on their scholarship project by November 1 of the first year.

7) Youth must maintain and complete the approved livestock record book per their designated organization involvement (i.e. 4-H or FFA) for their scholarship animal in both year one and two. The record book must be completed and turned in by the stated annual deadline per the fairbook.

8) Youth must complete a demonstration/speech regarding their scholarship animal at the club/chapter level or the county speech/demonstration contest in year one. A

demonstration/speech completion form must be filled out by the club leader, advisor, or contest organizer. The demonstration/speech and form must be completed and turned into the Extension Office % of the Livestock Sale Committee before the start of fair in year one.

9) Youth must enter their scholarship animal in the Lincoln County Fair by current year stated deadlines and ensure they meet all weight and other class requirements for exhibition. (Year 1 as a breeding heifer and Year 2 as a cow-calf pair).

10) For year 2, the member will attend the Lincoln County Livestock Sale (see current year schedule for dates and times) to display their animal for help in securing a financial sponsor for year two of the project. The youth must enter the ring with their fitted/groomed animal. The sale committee will auction off a “second year sponsorship” for a bidder to make a financial contribution to the youth. *This sponsor will receive a thank you letter for sponsorship and quarterly update letters in year two from the youth until August of year two.