

**Lincoln County Livestock Sale Committee
Livestock Scholarship Program Rules & Information**

<u>Species Covered</u>	<u>Scholarship Amount</u>	<u>Application Due Date:</u>
Beef	\$2,000	November 1
<i>*Heifer & COOP Steer Programs have separate rules & applications</i>		
Sheep, Goat, & Swine	\$ 350	February 1
Poultry & Rabbit	\$ 150	February 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 (\$500 to \$1000 +) to successfully complete the program.
- Receive signature approval from parents/guardians.
- Have not already maxed out the number of scholarships they are eligible for.

Scholarship Types & Eligibility

Beginning:

- This scholarship is available to a youth that is going to exhibit a livestock species for the very first time (i.e. first time ever exhibiting a pig).
- A member may only receive a “Beginning” Scholarship (1x) during their entire enrollment in 4-H and FFA (combined).
- This scholarship may be applied for at any age. (i.e. youth joins 4-H at 11 and take the pig project for the very first time or youth takes poultry project at age 9).

Non-Beginning:

- This scholarship is available to youth (1x) as an intermediate and (1x) as a senior age member (14+).
- Youth can receive up to 2 non-beginning scholarships total during their entire enrollment in 4-H and FFA (combined)
- *Only youth (15+) may apply for a non-beginning scholarship for the (Beef Project).

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, 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:

- 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.

- Livestock Sale Committee issues check payment to the youth via the mail.

 - *Youth have 60 days to deposit received checks.*

- Youth purchase the animal and start working on their record books.

- Youth will complete the appropriate nomination and tagging process for their scholarship animal per current year requirements and deadlines.

- 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 monthly 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 via current year deadlines and rules in the fairbook.

- Youth complete record book, buyer thank you's, and final August sponsor letter and submit all no later than August 31 or current year fairbook deadlines.

Scholarship Program Requirements:

- The scholarship program for general beef, sheep, goat, swine, poultry, and rabbit is for one-program year only. 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, general care, 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 Livestock Scholarship Program. ***Failure to comply with the contract and rules or failure to meet the weight requirements to exhibit at fair will result in the Sales committee garnishing up to 50% of the premium sale proceeds to repay the amount of the Scholarship as provided in the current year's contract.***

2) 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 garnish premiums, as stated above. Any decisions deemed necessary by the sale committee regarding the scholarship animal will be final.

3) The scholarship animal's lien will remain with the Livestock Sale Committee until the Lincoln County Fair. Youth will be required to sell the scholarship animal at the Lincoln County Fair Livestock Sale provided it meets all the sale requirements. No branding of the animal will occur until transfer of ownership is completed.

- 4) Youth will complete the appropriate nomination and tagging process for their scholarship animal per current year committee requirements and fair deadlines.
- 5) Youth will submit a beginning weight of their animal (after the purchase 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.
- 6) Youth will write a monthly letter to their sponsor(s) beginning in the month of purchase and ending with the month of August. 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 monthly updates.
- 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. 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. 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.
- 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.
- 10) Youth must turn in a copy of their “buyer’s” thank you to the Extension Office % of the Livestock Sale Committee by the stated annual deadline per the fairbook.

***All requirements must be completed by all stated deadlines before youth are eligible to receive their livestock sale check proceeds.**