Livestock Educational Grant Program
Douglas County Fair Foundation

Program and Application Information

Please read the entire application before signing.
Any application packet received without complete, legible and accurate information may be disqualified.

Application Deadline: October 30, 2017

Program Overview
The Douglas County Fair Foundation in partnership with the Douglas County Fair Board, Douglas County 4-H and Douglas County FFA is proud to present the Livestock Educational Grant Program. The Livestock Educational Grant Program will provide a deserving 4-H or FFA member the opportunity to have a market project and raise an animal donated to them from a sponsor. The Douglas County Fair Board supports the Livestock Educational Grant Program by providing knowledgeable animal industry Advisors to participants and the opportunity to show and sell their program animals at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. Douglas County 4-H and FFA provides the structured educational program that teaches participants about the animal industry and how to raise and care for market animals. Participants will learn, by doing, how to care for, raise, feed and sell a market animal. Sponsors will be able to contribute to the community and provide youth with an opportunity to increase their education, learn responsibility, and improve their citizenship.

The Livestock Educational Grant Program will help form a bond between all the members of 4-H and FFA and any given sponsor so that we all can be assured of the continuing spirit of agriculture in Douglas County. The success of this program is the responsibility of the participant and their parents, sponsors, program advisers, the Douglas County Fair Foundation, the Douglas County Fair Board, Douglas County 4-H and FFA and all those interested in the support of agricultural education in Douglas County.

Each member selected to participate in the Livestock Educational Grant Program will receive an animal provided and selected by the sponsor as well as up to $1,000 to be utilized for feed for the program animal. All prize money and sale proceeds earned will belong to the participant.

Application Packet
Exhibitors interested in participating in the Livestock Educational Grant Program should complete and submit an application packet to the Douglas County Fair Foundation. The completed application packet consists of:

- Livestock Educational Grant Program Participation Application
- Animal Care and Housing Form
- Answers to the following questions. Use a separate piece of paper, as needed.
  1. Why would you like to participate in the Livestock Educational Grant Program?
  2. What makes you the best candidate for this program and recipient of the donated animal?
  3. Please provide an estimated budget for your animal project for this next year if you were awarded an animal. Include items such as feed, hay, grain, vet care, equipment and other items needed, etc. If you do not know these costs, please consult with another 4-H/FFA project member on the expected expenses.
  4. Please describe the location and facilities you will use (or have available) for housing and caring for the animal.
  5. Who will you go to for help and questions about your donated animal and 4-H/FFA project if you are selected as the recipient?
  6. Please provide two (2) letters of reference from people of influence in your life such as employer, teacher, coach, clergy, 4-H Leader. No letters from relatives or family members.
  7. All applicants must be available for an interview process by the selection committee on Wednesday, November 1st between the times of 4:00pm and 7:00pm.
  8. All applicants must be present at the achievement night to accept the award. A substitute designated by the applicant will be allowed if applicant cannot attend.

Please return complete application packets to:
Douglas County Fair Foundation
Livestock Educational Grant Program
c/o Douglas County Extension Office
410 Fairgrounds Road
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104
Livestock Educational Grant Program
Douglas County Fair Foundation

Program Participation Application

Applicant’s Age as of December 31, this year: ____________________________
Applicant’s Birthday: ____________________________

Applicant’s Name: ____________________________________________
Mailing Address: ____________________________________________
City, State Zip Code: ____________________________________________
Physical Address: ____________________________________________
City, State Zip Code: ____________________________________________
Telephone: ____________________________________________
Cell Phone: ____________________________________________
E-Mail Address: ____________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name(s): ____________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Telephone: ____________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: ____________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Work Phone: ____________________________________________
Parent/Guardian E-Mail: ____________________________________________

I hereby make application to participate in the Livestock Educational Grant Program through the Douglas County Fair Foundation.

I understand that if I am successfully awarded an animal, I must take possession of the animal from the producer, at the time determined by the type of animal, of this year and immediately start to raise it as a 4-H/FFA project for exhibit at the next Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. If I should receive an animal, I will be responsible for feeding, handling and caring for the animal next year. It is agreed and understood that the responsibility for the animal and its actions shall rest solely with the 4-H/FFA member awarded the animal. I understand that if the Livestock Educational Grant Program committee determines that I am not providing adequate care to the animal, required and timely correspondence with the sponsor, or not fulfilling the Livestock Educational Grant Program Participation Requirements and Regulations I may be removed from participation in this program and forfeit the animal. If I am removed from the program I must immediately return the animal.

All requirements and regulations of the current Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Requirements & Regulations, Livestock Educational Grant Program Participation Requirements and Regulations, Douglas County 4-H Program Requirements and/or Douglas County FFA Program Requirements as determined by the participant’s program membership will apply to participate in this program and to the eligibility and exhibition of this calf and exhibitor.

By signing below, I agree to have read the requirements and regulations of this program and agree to abide by them for the duration of my participation in the Livestock Educational Grant Program.

Applicant Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

I/w(e) hereby grant my/our consent and approval and agree to release and hold harmless the sponsor, the Douglas County Fair Foundation, the Douglas County Fair Board, and CSU Extension Office officers, directors and staff from all loss, cost, and expense arising out of any liability for injury or damages to persons or property sustained or claimed to have been sustained by the applicant, or anyone whomever, by reason of the applicant above participating in this Livestock Educational Grant Program.

I/we agree to allow the Livestock Educational Grant Program and the entities involved to use my child’s photograph and/or image for promotional purposes related to the program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

1. Participants must be familiar and comply with all requirements and regulations of the current Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Requirements and Regulations, Douglas County 4-H Program Requirements and/or Douglas County FFA Program Requirements, depending on the program the participant is enrolled in.

2. Each Participant selected to participate in the Livestock Educational Grant Program will be awarded an animal provided by the sponsor as well as reimbursement for expenses of up to $1,000. Expense receipts must be summarized and submitted monthly to the Douglas County Fair Foundation.

3. Applicants entering this program do so at their own risk, and acknowledge that they could be injured by their participation. The sponsor, the Douglas County Fair Board, Douglas County Fair Foundation, CSU Extension, and The Cherokee Ranch and Castle Foundation, officers, directors and staff will not be responsible for any injuries or damage connected with this program. In addition, these entities will not be responsible for any harm caused by the animal during the ownership period of the 4-H/FFA member.

4. Currently enrolled 4-H or FFA Members in Good Standing from Douglas County between the age of eleven (11) and under eighteen (18) who can prove access to adequate facilities to raise and handle an animal are eligible for this program.
   a. Age is determined as of December 31, of the current year. It is highly recommended that a Participant not enter this program if they plan to be away at college or from home during the time of raising the animal.
   b. A current signed and approved Animal Care and Housing Form must accompany the application or be on file with the CSU Extension Office in Douglas County.
   c. The Douglas County Fair Foundation Livestock Educational Grant Program committee will certify that these standards are met.

5. Any 4-H/FFA member who has previously received a calf through this program is not eligible to enter again.

6. All applications are to be sent to the CSU Extension Office in Douglas County. They must be received at the office by the deadline date.

7. Participant must take possession of the Livestock Educational Grant Program animal at the time determined by the type of animal in the current year, and started immediately as a 4-H/FFA project for exhibit at the next Douglas County Fair and Rodeo.

8. Once each month (from November through August) the Participant will be required to write a letter and include photographs to the sponsor of the animal. A copy of this letter and photographs must be sent to the Douglas County Fair Foundation (c/o Livestock Educational Grant Program). Letters must be postmarked or emailed by the last day of the month. Failure to write the monthly letter may result in forfeiture of the calf.

9. The Participant agrees to periodic visits from members or designated representatives of the Livestock Educational Grant Program committee. Pre-arrangements will be made with the Participant and their parents prior to the visit.

10. The Participant agrees to allow the Livestock Educational Grant Program and the entities involved to use their photograph for promotional purposes related to the program. If this permission is revoked the Participant must immediately return the animal.

11. As in all other projects, a complete 4-H record book or a complete FFA SAE form is required.

12. The Livestock Educational Grant Program committee reserves the right to take the animal away from any Participant who does not abide by these requirements and regulations, including letter writing and record keeping or does not properly feed the animal or does not take full responsibility for the animal.

13. The animal must be eligible for and exhibited in the Junior Market Animal classes at the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo.

14. Market Animal must be the Participant’s first preference for selection to the Junior Livestock Sale.

15. If eligible, the animal must be entered and exhibited at the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Junior Livestock Sale. Unless the Participant has a Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion market animal, the Livestock Sale Selection Committee will select any eligible Livestock Educational Grant Program animal before any other eligible market livestock entries. Sale order will be determined by the method defined in the current Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Regulations and Requirements.
   a. All prize money and sale proceeds will belong to the Participant.
   b. In addition to any Junior Livestock Sale thank you notes a final thank-you note must be sent to the sponsor with a copy sent the Douglas County Fair Foundation.
   c. All other Junior Livestock Sale Participation Requirements and Regulations remain in effect.
   d. If the animal is not eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale, the Participant may make arrangements for a private treaty sale.

16. Questions regarding the Program should be directed by participants to their Livestock Educational Grant Program Advisor.

17. Livestock Educational Grant Program Committee and Advisor responsibilities include:
   a. Counsel with applying youth by reviewing the Requirements and Regulations of the program.
   b. Certify that the 4-H/FFA member is qualified for the Livestock Educational Grant Program and has signed this form.
   c. Counsel Participant (who receives an animal) regarding: records, monthly sponsor letters, insurance, feeding, care, fitting, and showing.
   d. Assist Participant with entry form and preparation for exhibition at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.
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CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET  

Participant Information:  
- Participant Name:  
- Address:  
- City, State Zip Code:  
- Telephone:  
- Cell Phone:  
- E-Mail Address:  
- Parent/Guardian:  
- Parent/Guardian Telephone:  
- Parent/Guardian Cell Phone:  
- Parent/Guardian Work Phone:  
- Parent/Guardian E-Mail:  
- Participant’s Age:  

Livestock Educational Grant Program Adviser  
- Adviser Name:  
- Address:  
- City, State Zip Code:  
- Telephone:  
- Cell Phone:  
- E-Mail Address:  

Sponsor Information  
- Sponsor Name:  
- Sponsor Contact:  
- Address:  
- City, State Zip Code:  
- Telephone:  
- E-Mail Address:  

Douglas County Fair Foundation  
Livestock Educational Grant Program  
500 Fairgrounds Drive  
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104  
720-733-6900  

Douglas County CSU Extension Office  
410 Fairgrounds Road  
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104  
720-733-6940  

Douglas County FFA  
Attn: Amy McWhorter  
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Castle Rock, CO 80104