



Madeline Hitchings Memorial Youth in Agriculture Beefmaster Heifer Project

Application Deadline: December 1, 2009

The successful candidate will receive one registered Beefmaster heifer to begin or add to an existing 4-H or FFA breeding beef project.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must currently be enrolled in a Lassen County FFA Chapter or 4-H Club, and enrolled in one of the Lassen County School Districts; home schooled members are also eligible. Applicant must be between 9 and 16 years old, or grades 4th to 10th.
2. Must have a suitable place to keep and raise the heifer. This means a fenced area with suitable shelter.
3. Must provide for and maintain heifer's feed and health.
4. Must agree to see that the heifer is bred to a suitable bull. The applicant is responsible for making arrangement for having the heifer bred.
5. Will keep accurate and complete records on the heifer. Must submit copies of 4-H Project Records or FFA Beef Records and a picture of the heifer at the end of the program year.
6. Will show the heifer at Lassen County Fair and two Western States Junior Beefmaster shows, as a heifer and the following year as a cow/calf. If there are not any Western States Junior Shows, recipient may participate in jackpot shows, or District Fairs, such as Modoc, Intermountain/Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama County. The Hitchings Ranch will assist with transportation to shows.
7. Must be willing to allow un-announced on-site visits.
8. This will be a contract through the cow/calf year of showing. At completion of contract, the Beefmaster female will become property of the recipient.
9. Recipient must become a member in good standing in Junior Beefmaster Breeders Association (\$60/year), which includes a subscription to the Beefmaster Cowman magazine.

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(Please DO NOT write in pencil)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth date ____/____/____ Age on 12/5/08 _____ Grade in school _____ GPA _____

Name of father/male guardian _____ Occupation _____

Name of mother/female guardian _____ Occupation _____

Estimated percentage of family income derived from agriculture _____

Town/City Rural/non-farm Working ranch

Number of livestock (if any) already owned by applicant:

Beef _____ Dairy _____ Sheep _____ Swine _____ Other _____

If I am selected, my calf will be kept and cared for at (include address and description of facilities):

Estimated distance livestock facilities to my home residence: _____

School Name _____

4-H Project Leader or FFA Chapter Advisor _____

Future career/occupational goals _____

Applicant testimony: *I have read the requirements and agree to abide by them. I am a 4-H member or an FFA member in good standing. I am between the ages of 9 and 16, and I understand that I am responsible for having the heifer bred and will show her as a bred heifer and cow/calf.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian testimony: *I am the parent/guardian of the applicant and do hereby give permission for my child/ward to participate in this program if selected. I also hereby, on behalf of and for the child, myself, my heirs, executors and personal representatives, waive and release any and all rights and claims for injury, death, theft or damages that my result of this child winning, raising and exhibiting a calf (if awarded).*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

4-H Leader of FFA Advisor testimony: The facilities for raising a calf and the abilities of the applicant are adequate to successfully complete this project. The applicant meets the age and membership requirements as set forth in the official rules and regulations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

1. Highlight your 4-H and FFA experiences:

2. Other school activities and community involvements:

3. Experience and background in working with Beef Cattle:

4. Any other information or details pertinent to this application:

Considered Applications must include:

- Completed application form.
- Two (2) letters of reference; one from our 4-H Project Leader or FFA Advisor, the other from an adult who is not related to you but knows you well enough to comment on your abilities and commitment.
- A personal letter of intent from you explaining why you want/need the calf and why you feel you are a good candidate for this project. Letter must be limited to one (1) page, typewritten and hand signed.
- All materials must be submitted together and must be postmarked on or before the deadline December 1, 2009. Recipient will be notified by December 17, 2009.

Mail application with letters of reference and letter of intent to:

Lassen County Cooperative Extension
Madeline Hitchings Memorial Beefmaster Heifer Project
707 Nevada Street, Susanville, CA 96130