

Lewis County Enhancement Dairy Calf Scholarship Application

The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the Lewis County Dairy Industry Building for the purpose of encouraging those who want to become involved with registered dairy cattle in Lewis County.

Calves will be awarded to the applicant(s) who shows a strong interest and who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential. This scholarship will be presented to the winner before May 31st.

Applications are due February 18, 2026.

Name: _____ Age as of January 1st: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please answer the following questions completely in the form of an essay. Typed applications preferred. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

1. What would a registered calf mean to you?
2. What would be your plans for raising and showing this calf?
3. Where would you keep this calf? On your family farm, or would you have to find a place to house this animal? If the animal needed to be housed on another farm, what is this person's name and phone number? Please provide two to three pictures of the housing for this animal.
4. What are your goals and/or plans?
5. Do you belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club? If so, describe your activities in any of these organizations.
6. Give a brief description of your experiences with farming. What are your responsibilities at home?
7. Describe any dairy activities that you are involved in.
8. What breed are you interested in? Please include first and second choices. (Cannot be guaranteed, depends on availability)
9. What are your other interests outside of the dairy industry?
10. List the names and phone numbers of 3 references we may contact who are not related to you.
11. Is the applicant and/or family willing to contribute financially to the initial cost of the calf? This will have no bearing on the outcome of the scholarship winners.



Requirements for Scholarship

- Applicants must be ages 10-16 as of January 1st of the application year.
- Must be a Lewis County Resident.
- You do not have to belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club at the time of application, but will be required to join to exhibit calf at the Lewis County Fair.
- To apply for this calf scholarship, you CAN presently own a registered calf.
- It is REQUIRED that you show a leased or owned calf for one year before applying.
- If you win a calf, you will be REQUIRED to exhibit it at the county fair for TWO consecutive years.
- If successful, the applicant is encouraged to actively participate in the selection of their calf.
- If successful, the applicant shall attend any 4-H, breed association, or other recommended youth cattle clinic. (The Lewis County Showmanship Clinic is on Juneteenth every year.)

If you do not exhibit the animal at the required fair, the Lewis County Advisory Committees will decide as to the placement of the calf. Applicant is responsible to find out in advance the requirements for entering at the Lewis County Fair, including entry deadlines and vaccination requirements for the show. Your county 4-H educator or FFA advisor may assist you.

****If you happen to fall into financial hard times during the first two years while caring for this calf and need to sell the animal, the Lewis County Advisory Committees have first refusal rights on buying the animal.**

****If a decision is made by the committee that no applicant is qualified, no calf will be awarded.**

****If problems arise in the raising of this calf, the Lewis County Advisory Committees will be called upon to make the appropriate decisions regarding the calf.**

****There will be a follow-up to check on the calf after 6 months until the animal is two years old. "Should I be selected as the winner of the Calf Scholarship, I agree to abide by the rules set forth above by The Lewis County Advisory Committees."**

These costs below can be expected if accepting a scholarship calf.

Estimated Monthly Expenses		Recommended Products
Grain	\$45	Mix of 18% and 40% Goldstar Heifer
Hay	\$90	Quality 1st Cutting
Bedding	\$30	Sawdust or Straw

Estimated One-Time Fees	
Vet Call for Fair	\$125
Fair Entry Fees	\$10
Reg Transfer	\$10
Trucking	\$4/mile
4-H Enrollment	\$10
Sexed Semen	\$65 or greater
Breeding Service	\$50

****Housing will be inspected prior to placement, and if deemed inadequate, the application can be revoked.****

Applicant's Signature required _____

Parent's Signature required _____ Phone Number: _____

Mentor's Signature required _____ Phone Number: _____

Housing Owner Signature required _____ Phone Number: _____

Please mail your application to:

Windy Klossner: Chairman, Dairy Building Committee, 5030 State Route 26, Turin, NY 13473. If you have any questions regarding this application, contact Windy Klossner by phone at (315) 286-5478 or email at windy.klossner@yahoo.com