

4-H Calf Scholarship Award Program Application 2026

Thank you for your interest in the **4-H Calf Scholarship Award Program**. Below are the application instructions & page two is a description of the program. *Please read the program guidelines on the next page to make sure you are able to meet the requirements of this program.*

Application Instructions:

The application consists of a cover sheet and a written essay addressing the bullets outlined below. The cover sheet & essay must be on separate pages.

Cover Sheet: Please create a cover sheet using the format on the last page. Your parent's signature is required on the cover sheet.

Essay: Please submit on a separate page an essay describing:

- Your interest in owning a calf and long-term plan for her.
- Your ability to properly care for the calf, including both daily care and housing plans.
- Your experiences so far with farming, animals, other 4-H projects, etc.
- Your goals and/or plans for the future, especially as related to agriculture.
- Include your name on the back side of the essay.

Applications can be mailed or emailed:

US Mail: CCE/4-H Office

101 Main Street

Argyle, NY 12809

Email: Washington@cornell.edu.

Entries must be received by the end of the day on **Friday, May 8th**. **It is recommended** that you contact our office to be sure we've received your application. For further information, please contact our office: **518-290-2302** or email the address above.

Calf Scholarship Award Program

Administered by the Washington County 4-H Calf Scholarship Committee

The award of a registered heifer calf will be made to a youth who is a member of a Washington County 4-H club or is enrolled as an independent project member. Also open to youth who are willing to enroll in 4-H either in a club or as an independent member.

The award will be made based upon the approval of the 4-H Calf Scholarship Award Committee. Applicants will be judged upon a written essay and must meet other requirements as outlined below.

Requirements:

- The recipient must be enrolled in 4-H for the current year. If they are not yet enrolled, we will provide a membership form. Youth can either enroll in a current club or enroll as an independent member.
- The winner must take delivery of the calf within 2 weeks of being notified of the award (unless other arrangements have been made with the donor) and register the calf in their own name with the Breed Association before June 15, 2026. (Committee Chairs will assist with this, if necessary)
- The Winner must show calf in the appropriate class at Washington County Fair, August 2026.
- The Winner must keep records on all activities related to raising the calf including expenses, health care, showing, presentations etc. We will provide a record book for this.
- The heifer, when mature, must be bred artificially with sexed semen to ensure a heifer calf. Committee Chairs will assist with this.
- **The Winner must agree to return either the Award Animal's first heifer-calf offspring, or a purchased (spring) heifer calf of equal value (must be purebred, registerable animal of any of the seven breeds), or pay \$500 to the Calf Scholarship Award Program. If the latter option is selected, payment must be made to Cornell Cooperative Extension within 30 days of calving.**
- **If for any reason the winner is unable to fulfill the requirements, the animal will be returned to the breeder.**
- After all other scholarship requirements are met, if the Award Winner desires to sell the Award Animal, the original breeder must be given first option to buy back. Any sale transaction must be approved in advance by the Award Committee.

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Application Form 2026**

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM, FILLED OUT COMPLETELY ALONG WITH YOUR
ESSAY**

Stapled to your paper entry, or as an attachment along with your email entry. See the first page for how to submit your entry.

It is imperative that we have the following information in order to consider your essay! Do not forget to have your parent/guardian sign this sheet.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email address: _____

Age (4-H age, as of January 1, 2026):

Permission Granted

I hereby give my consent for my child to submit this application for the 4-H Calf Scholarship program. I have read the requirements and will work with my child to see that they are met should they be awarded a scholarship calf.

Parent/Guardian or Adult Participant Signature

Date