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Calf Grant Essay Contest

Due: February 23, 2026

Grant Purpose

Provide a \$500 grant to qualified 4-H/FFA members to help with the purchase of a registered dairy project heifer.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a currently active 4-H or FFA member (9 to 18 yrs of age) enrolled in dairy in WA
- A registered dairy heifer (under 2 yrs of age), for the 2026 show season, must be purchased and transferred into the applicant's name.

Contest Rules

Grant winners that are successful in purchasing a calf must agree to:

- Exhibit and show the animal in at least one 2026 show or fair
- Write a personal "Thank You" letter to the consigner of the calf
- Write a personal "Thank You" to the grant donors. A list will be provided. Thank you's need to be sent before receiving the grant payment.
- Announced before March 31, 2026.

How to Enter

- Fill out the attached application form
- Answer the questions listed below. Answers **must** be typed and single sided.
 - What 2025 personal goals did you achieve and how will each one benefit you in the future?
 - What activities and projects (Personal, Family, School, Faith, Community) have you chosen to accomplish in 2026 that will develop and improve your (non-dairy related) skills and abilities?
 - What is your career goal? Why did you choose that as your career?
 - How might friendships you make and your behavior choices influence life's successes?
 - List the names of two people outside your family who have especially inspired you to work hard and consistently to make personal improvements. How did each one inspire you?
 - What benefits have you experienced from your volunteering or community service?
 - Outline your financial arrangements to cover the anticipated 2026 expenses for your project (feed, housing, health care, transportation, exhibiting at fairs, breeding, etc.).

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- Return application form and essay questions by February 23, 2026 via mail or email

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Applicant Information

Name:	Age on 1/1/2026:
Club/Chapter:	Years in 4-H/FFA:
Address:	
Parent's Names:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

Eligibility Checklist

Are you currently an active 4-H or FFA member enrolled in dairy?	Yes	No
Have you received a calf grant previously?	Yes	No
I have completed and attached my answers to the essay questions.	Yes	No
I have read and agreed to the contest rules outlined on the previous page.	Yes	No

Applicant Signature:	Date:
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