

## **Livingston County 4-H Livestock Scholarship Program** *Sponsored by the Bank of Castile*

A committee with a minimum of 3 people will evaluate the applications for the livestock scholarship. Enrolled 4-H Members may apply for a scholarship to purchase a market or breeding animal in the swine, lamb or beef species. Funding for the scholarship will be donated annually by the Bank of Castile. The scholarship will be broken down as follows:

- \$500 for a beef scholarship
- \$100 for a swine scholarship
- \$100 for a lamb scholarship

These amounts serve as a cap and the 4-H member does not keep the excess proceeds if the animal they select to purchase is less than the scholarship.

The applicant will be judged and given a score on the following components:

- An essay written by the applicant explaining why they are interested in doing a livestock project through 4-H. The essay should also outline the 4-H'ers plans for housing, feeding, showing and marketing the animal .....40 points
- A recommendation from a 4-H leader or an active member of the agriculture industry endorsing the application of the youth and outlining the reasons they believe this is a deserving youth. **This can not be from a parent**.....10 points
- A score on a knowledge test consisting of 30 questions about the livestock industry, animal nutrition, genetics, showing and grooming and careers in the agricultural industry.....25 points
- An interview with the committee asking questions about the application, future plans and goals for their 4-H project.....25 points

100 points total

\*The applicant's three (3) references will be contacted and a scheduled site visit to the animal's housing facility may be conducted by the committee.

**Beef Scholarship Application Due Date: October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**Swine and Sheep Scholarship Applications are due in the Spring – Watch The Livewire**

***Requirements for the Scholarship Winner:***

1. The scholarship amounts serve as a cap and the 4-H member does not keep the excess proceeds if the animal they select to purchase is less than the scholarship.
2. If the project animal cost more than the scholarship, the difference will be the responsibility of the 4-H'er.
3. The Bank of Castile 4-H Livestock Scholarships may be applied to either a market or breeding animal in each livestock species (swine, sheep, beef). The Don Beck Inc. 4-H Dairy Calf Scholarship may only be applied to the purchase of a registered heifer calf in the breed of your choice.
4. Scholarship animals must be shown at either the Caledonia or Hemlock Fair. Market animals must follow the *4-H Livestock Sale Rules*.
5. A thank you note must be sent to the funder of the scholarship within three weeks of receiving the scholarship.
6. The recipient must complete a project record on one of their scholarship animals to be turned in to the 4-H Office by the specified date.
7. The applicant must be an enrolled 4-H Member in Livingston County.
8. The application must be accompanied by the Parental Agreement.

***Other Details:***

9. The winners will be recognized at Achievement Day and must purchase their beef steer or replacement heifer by December 1<sup>st</sup> or their sheep, swine or dairy animal by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
10. The 4-H Animal Science Educator must be notified when the animal is selected so arrangements can be made with the funder to reimburse payment.
11. **The scholarship is a one time award.** 4-H members can apply in a different species in another year; however, once you have received the scholarship in a given specie, you are no longer eligible to apply for that scholarship.



3. For the beef scholarship you should study:

Beef Resources Handbook, Ohio State University, 2001:

- Chapter 2 (p. 2) Parts  
(pgs. 4-9) Breeds  
(p. 11) Ideal Market Steer  
(p. 16) Frame Score  
(p.18) Feeder Calf Grading
- Chapter 6 (p.1) Breeding and Reproduction  
(pgs. 4-6) Gestation and Heat  
(p. 7) Calving  
(p. 10) Genetics
- Chapter 11 (p.1) Dairy Beef  
(pgs. 2 & 3) Dairy Breeds  
(p. 24) Production and Marketing  
(pgs. 17 & 18) Feed
- Chapter 12 (p. 3) Health

## Potential Interview Questions for the Bank of Castile Livestock Scholarship

1. Could you please tell the committee a little bit about yourself, including, how many years you have been in 4-H, what projects you have completed and what projects you plan to complete in the future?
2. What has been your favorite experience in 4-H and why?
3. What is your favorite subject in school?
4. What do you think you will be doing in ten years?
5. If you had a friend who was thinking about joining 4-H what would you tell that friend? Which projects would you recommend he/she try and why?
6. How did you become interested in completing a sheep/swine/beef project for the market auction?
7. What kinds of skills do you anticipate learning from your project?
8. Please pretend that I am a potential buyer for you market hog/lamb/beef. What questions do you think I might have as a potential buyer and how would you answer those questions?
9. What do you think you can do to improve the price you receive for you market hog/lamb/beef at the 4-H market auction?
10. Do you have a specific breed of sheep/swine/beef in mind for your project?
11. What types of characteristics are you going to look for when you go to select your feeder lamb/hog/beef?
12. Can you share with the committee any responsibilities you currently have at home that have helped prepare you to complete the market lamb/hog/beef project?
13. Can you share with the committee any other hobbies or interests that you have?
14. Can you share with the committee an example of when there was a problem with an animal that you had a part in helping to solve?
15. What sorts of challenges do you anticipate having with your project lamb/hog/beef?
16. What part of the lamb/hog/beef project do you expect to enjoy the most/ least?

17. What are your plans for the money that you will get from the sale of your project animal at the fair?
18. How would you address the following comment? I don't eat meat because it is cruel to the animal.
19. While we are at the fair, our project animals will represent agriculture to many people who do not know anything about agriculture. What are some things that we can do to make sure that we represent agriculture in a positive way?
20. Are there any activities other than raising and selling your project animal that you intend to get involved with in the 4-H livestock area?

***Livingston County 4-H Dairy/Livestock Scholarship Recommendation***

***Scholarship for*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Name

Please use the following space to neatly print or type your endorsement of the above applicant for the Livingston County 4-H Livestock Scholarship.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

## Livingston County 4-H Dairy/Livestock Scholarship Parental Agreement

If my child is awarded an animal as a result of this application, I accept the responsibility to encourage and help my child raise and properly care for the award animal(s). I agree to accept financial responsibility for the feeding and health care of the award animal(s). In the event that my child is unable to properly care for the award animal(s) or fulfill the commitment to be actively involved in Livingston County 4-H, the award animal(s) will be returned to Livingston County 4-H to be awarded to another applicant.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of three (3) references who will endorse the applicant's ability to raise a high quality 4-H project animal (May not be the same person who wrote your recommendation):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that I need to seek advice about the appropriate care of the award animal(s), I have the support of the following person who is knowledgeable in raising livestock:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_