

Tompkins Community Bank 4-H Livestock Scholarship Program

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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 Tompkins Community Bank. 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:

- 30 POINTS -- 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.
- 10 POINTS -- A recommendation from a 4-H leader or an active member of the agriculture industry endorsing the youth and outlining the reasons they believe the youth is deserving of the scholarship. **This cannot be from a parent.**
- 30 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.
- 30 POINTS -- An interview with a committee asking questions about the application, future plans, and goals for their 4-H project.

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 in November
Swine and Sheep Scholarship Applications Due in March
See the *4-H Livewire* or Contact the 4-H Office for Specific Due Dates

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 Tompkins Community Bank 4-H Livestock Scholarships may be applied to either a market or breeding animal in each livestock species (swine, sheep, beef).
4. Scholarship animals must be shown at 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 their scholarship animal 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. Beef project animals must be owned by December 1st. Sheep and swine project animals must be owned by May 1st.
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. **Each species scholarship is a one-time award per member.** Once a member receives a scholarship in a given species, that member is no longer eligible to apply for that species scholarship.
12. Winners will be recognized at 4-H Achievement Day.

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KNOWLEDGE TEST STUDY GUIDE

For the sheep scholarship you should study: Sheep Resource Handbook for Market & Breeding Projects, Ohio State University, 2000:

- Chapter 2 Parts of a Sheep, p. 11
 Structural Soundness, p.15
- Chapter 3 Management, p. 24-25
- Chapter 4 Nutrients, pgs. 49-50
- Chapter 6 Quality and Yield Guide, pgs. 73-74
 Wholesale/Retail cuts pg. 77
- Chapter 8 Showing and Selling, pgs. 91- 98
- Chapter 13 Lamb Starter Feed, p. 147

For the swine scholarship you should study: Swine Resources Handbook for Market & Breeding Projects, Ohio State University, 2001:

- Chapter 3 Parts of the Pig, p. 3-2
 Breeds of Swine, pgs. 3-3 to 3-6
 Size Consideration/Structure, p. 3-7
 Selecting the Right Type of Pig, p. 3-7
 Characteristics You Should Look For,
 Pgs. 3-8 to 3-10
- Chapter 8 Nutrients, pgs 8-1 to 8-3
 How to Read a Feed Tag, p. 8-4
- Chapter 12 Fitting and Showing, pgs. 12-1 to 12-2
 At the Show, pgs. 12-3 to 12-6

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 Tompkins Community Bank
4-H 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 your 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 your 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?

Tompkins Community Bank 4-H 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 Tompkins Community Bank 4-H Livestock Scholarship.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name: (Please Print) _____

Tompkins Community Bank 4-H 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: _____

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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: _____