

Tompkins Bank & Trust 4-H Livestock Scholarship Program

A committee with a minimum of 2 people will evaluate scholarship applications. Enrolled 4-H Members may apply for a scholarship to purchase a 4-H beef, swine, or sheep project animal (breeding or market). The following scholarships will be funded annually by Tompkins Bank & Trust:

- 1 - \$500 Beef Scholarship
- 1 - \$100 Swine Scholarship
- 1 - \$100 Lamb Scholarship

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 30 POINTS -- An essay written by the applicant explaining why they are interested in doing their species-specific 4-H livestock project. The essay should outline the 4-H'ers plans for housing, feeding, showing, care, and breeding or marketing the animal for auction.
- 10 POINTS -- A recommendation from a 4-H leader or member of the agriculture community 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 & grooming, and agriculture careers.
- 30 POINTS -- An interview with a committee. A list of example questions that may be asked is provided at the end of this document.

100 POINTS TOTAL

*The applicant's references may be contacted and a site visit to the animal's housing facility may be scheduled by the committee.

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

Requirements for the Scholarship Winner:

1. Applicant must be an enrolled Livingston County 4-H Member.
2. 4-H'er is responsible for any additional project animal cost over the scholarship amount.
3. Scholarships may be applied towards market or breeding animal projects.

4. Scholarship animals must be shown at the 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. Applications must include signed Parental Agreement.

Other Details:

7. Market beef must be owned by December 1st. Market hogs & lambs must be owned by May 1st. All breeding animals must be owned by June 1st.
8. 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.
9. **Each species scholarship is a one-time award per member.** Once a member receives a scholarship for a given species, the member is no longer eligible for the same species scholarship.
10. Winners will be recognized at 4-H Achievement Day.

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KNOWLEDGE TEST STUDY GUIDE

For the sheep scholarship please 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 please 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 please 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. Please introduce yourself to the committee and tell us 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. If you had a friend who was thinking about joining 4-H what would you tell that friend? Which 4-H projects, events, activities would you recommend he/she try and why?
4. How did you become interested in a sheep/swine/beef project?
5. What kinds of skills do you anticipate learning from your project?
6. Do you have a specific breed of sheep/swine/beef in mind for your project?
7. What types of characteristics are you going to look for when you go to select your feeder lamb/hog/beef?
8. Can you share with the committee any responsibilities you currently have at home that have helped prepare you to take on the market lamb/hog/beef project?
9. *(For market animal projects)* 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?
10. *(For market animal projects)* What do you think you can do to improve the sale price you receive for your market hog/lamb/beef at the 4-H market auction?
11. *(For breed animal projects)* Please share your goals and plans for your breeding animal project.
12. Can you share with the committee an example of when there was a problem with an animal that you played a part in helping to solve?
13. What sorts of challenges do you anticipate having with your project lamb/hog/beef?
14. What part of the lamb/hog/beef project do you expect to enjoy the most/least?
15. *(For market animal projects)* What are your plans for the money that you will receive from the sale of your project animal at the fair?

16. How would you address the following comment? “ I don’t eat meat because it is cruel to the animal.”
17. While we are at the fair, project animals represent agriculture to many people who may know very little about animals & agriculture. What are some things that you can do to make sure that 4-H represents agriculture in a positive way?
18. Are there any activities other than raising your project animal that you intend to get involved with in the 4-H livestock area?
19. What do you think you will be doing in 5 years? 10 years?

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: _____