

Eau Claire Meat Animal Experience Program

RULES & INFORMATION - 2024

General Information

- ECMAEP recipients will receive a pig, sheep or goat purchased by ECMAEP and feed from Synergy Coop(details TBD).
- Three families serve as project mentors who will assist participants with housing the purchased animals.
- Program participant is required to log 60 hours of time working with their animals and mentor families
 - Maintain complete records on the animal's care and 60 hours with the mentor family. - Managerial log sheets will be provided.
 - Help feed, care for and train animal, under the guidance of the mentor family.
- The animal will be sold at the Livestock Sale at the Eau Claire County Fair and harvested.
- Livestock Sale Proceeds will be divided evenly between the project participant and ECMAEP. The ECMAEP portion of the proceeds will help fund the project in the future.

Participant Requirements

- Individuals must be in the first two years of the livestock project. Preference will be to individuals without the means to own livestock on their own premise in city or urban areas.
- Ages 8-20 as of January 1st of the show year.
- Must participate as a 4-H, FFA, junior breed association and meet requirements set by Eau Claire County Livestock Project.
- Must live in Eau Claire County.
- Previous recipients are ineligible to enter.
- Project participants must have means of transportation to and from mentors' location.

- Communicate with the mentor family and ECMAEP group.

Application Process

- Applications for ECMAEP are due March 1st .
- Applicants will be judged on their commitment to learn about animal agriculture and ability to define clear future goals.
- Applicants will have the option to apply for each species listed below. If your first choice has a filled position you may be moved to another species.
- All applicants must complete the application form below (available January 15th) thoroughly and carefully. Be mindful of spelling, grammar, punctuation and clarity. The application includes questions about your experience in agriculture, school, community activities, and 4-H/FFA/junior breed associations and intentions of the project.
- Letters of recommendation are not necessary but can help to enhance application.
 - If adding letters they must be from adults who are not related to you but know you well enough to comment on abilities and commitment.
- All additional materials (the letter(s) of reference) must be submitted by emailing them in the application form (please name the files with your first and last name) to devinhp22@gmail.com.
- Selected applicants will be notified in early March .
- Any additional questions can be directed to Devin Hadorn-Papke 715-271-5018

Eau Claire Meat Animal Experience Program Application

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone _____

Name of father/guardian:

Name of mother/guardian:

I live in (circle one): Town/City Rural/Non-Farm Working Farm/Ranch

Number of livestock (if any) already owned by applicant or family:

Beef _____ Dairy _____ Sheep _____ Swine _____ Goats _____ Other _____

If selected, I would prefer which species to work with. Please rank 1 through 3:

Goat _____ Sheep _____ Pig _____

School Name: _____

Year in School: _____

4-H, FFA Chapter or Breed Association if none of these joining Eau Claire County

Livestock Group: _____

Future career/occupational goals:

Applicant testimony: I have read the requirements and agree to abide by them. I am a 4-H member or an FFA, or Breed Association member of Eau Claire County Livestock. I will stay in good standing. I am either new to the livestock project or have two years or less experience in the livestock project. I understand that I am responsible for the care of the animal, at least 60 hours of logged time with the mentor family and animal and the animal will sell at the Eau Claire County Livestock Sale. I understand that one half of the proceeds from the sale of the animal will go back to the ECMAEP to support future participants in the project.

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian testimony: I am the parent/guardian of the applicant and give permission for my child to participate in this program, if selected. I also on behalf of the child, myself, my heirs, executors and personal representatives, waive and release any and all rights and claims for injury, death, theft, or damages that may result from this child winning, raising and exhibiting this animal (if awarded).

Signature: _____

Highlight your Jr. Breed Association, 4-H or FFA Activities and Experiences: _____

Community Involvement and School Activities: _____

Any Background and Experience Working with animals: _____

Why you would like to participate in the Livestock Youth Experience

Program: _____

What do you plan to gain from the experience

program: _____

How do you plan on getting to and from the mentors

location: _____

-Considered Application Must Include-

*Completed application form:

-Letter(s) of recommendation; from individuals that know you well enough to comment on your commitment and ability to care for the animal.(Not Necessary but may be beneficial to your application).

*The application must be submitted on or before March 1st.

- If there is not enough space on the application for answers please feel free to add additional documents to your application.

E-mail application to: devinhp22@gmail.com