



Katie Eckert Chain Calf Project Essay Contest



A memorial award has been established in Memory of Katie Eckert. Katie was actively involved in 4-H, FFA, and dairy promotion until her death on January 19, 2007. The award established is a Boer Calf that is presented to a 4-H Dairy Club member, 4-H Calf Club member, FFA member, or Dairy Royalty participant. The purpose of the program is to share the passion Katie had for animals and promoting agriculture. The goal is for youth to experience raising a project animal as well as advance their interest in the agriculture industry. The youth winner will be responsible for raising and caring for the Calf. The winner is required to give back to the program by donating the live first-born Calf to continue the program for future years. After the youth winner gives back a Calf then their original project Calf will become theirs.

Eligibility:

- A. Youth must be active participants of Lebanon County 4-H or FFA, or a current or past dairy royalty participant of Lebanon County (Dairy Maid, Dairy Miss, Li'l Miss Dairy Princess).
- B. Youth must be 9-15 years old by the application date or a FFA member in his/her first or second year of membership.
- C. Previous Chain Calf winners may not apply for future Chain Calf awards.

Rules:

- A. Application and essay must be completed in the participant's own legible handwriting or typed.
- B. Youth must have parental permission (parent required to sign application).
- C. Winner is required to donate the live first-born Calf back to the program.
- D. Winner is required to show the chain Calf at the Lebanon Area Fair at least the first year after presentation.
- E. Winner is required to abide by additional rules presented before receiving the Calf.

Questions regarding this program please contact:

~ Andrea Showers (717) 865-6713 or Deb Tice (717) 270-4391

Please return the completed form and attached essay to:

Penn State Cooperative Extension - 2120 Cornwall Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042

Please mail no later than July 1.

The Presentation takes place prior to the Supreme Champion on
Tuesday evening in the Dairy Arena.



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Name **(First)** _____ **(Middle)** _____ **(Last)** _____

Address: _____

City

Zip

Gender _____ School _____ Grade _____

Birth date _____ Age _____ Home Phone Number () _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s) _____

Membership (Please Circle) 4-H Dairy 4-H Calf FFA Dairy Royalty

Residence (Please circle one) Farm Out in the country Town/Subdivision

Do you have access to equipment and housing needed to properly care for a Calf?

Where? _____

Contact Info: _____

Do you have a feed and water source for your Calf? Explain: _____

Do you have transportation for your Calf when needed? Explain: _____

Do you or your parents have other livestock? Yes No

If yes, what kind? _____



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References:

Please attach two sealed letters of recommendations. Use attached form. One must be from an Organizational leader (4-H leader, FFA Advisor, or Dairy Promotion chairperson)

Name: Phone Number: Years you have known this person _____ Type of LEADER: (Please circle one) 4-H FFA Dairy Promotion
Name: Phone Number: Years you have known this person _____ Type of reference: (Please circle one) Personal Teacher Other _____

Essay: **Write an essay that includes answers to the following:**

- A) Why do you want to own a Calf?
- B) What care do you plan to provide the Calf (facilities, feed, etc.)
- C) What do you hope to learn from this project?
- D) Any additional information you feel relevant.

Handwritten essays must be legible.

If typed, essay must be 12-pt font and double spaced.

We understand that we must feed and care for the Calf properly. If we receive the Calf, we agree to abide by all the rules and requirements of the project. We agree that members of the Katie Eckert Memorial committee can see the Calf at any time.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date** _____

As the parent or guardian, I understand the Chain Calf project and agree to assist my child in any way necessary for the completion of the project.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date** _____



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**Organization Leader
Recommendation Form**

Applicant's Name: _____

Organizational Leader Name: _____

Contact Phone # _____

Please rate the following: (on a scale of 1-10, 10 being best) for the member's participation in your organization.

Dedication to projects they have taken on. _____

Chances of success if they are awarded the Calf _____

Member's character _____

Would they have the parental and financial support to properly care for this animal?

(Circle one) Yes No

Would they have adequate facilities for the Calf?

(Circle one) Yes No

Comments:

Leader's signature: _____ Date: _____

Please note: Put this form in a sealed envelope and return to applicant as quickly as possible. Only the judges will view it. After the judging has been completed this form will be destroyed. We feel this will aid the judges in the event they need to contact you as a reference for more information.



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<p style="text-align: center;">General Recommendation Form</p>

Applicant's Name: _____

To be completed by reference:

Reference's Name: _____

Contact Phone # _____

In what manner do you know the named applicant? _____

Briefly explain why you feel the applicant is a good candidate for the chain Calf project.

Additional comments to be taken into consideration:

Reference signature: _____ Date: _____

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