

MINNESOTA YOUTH BEEF EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to aid youth in getting a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to program recipients on the basis of merit, need, future goals and ability to care for the animal and establishing a connection with a mentor. Any youth ages 12–16 who is a 4-H, FFA or Junior Breed Association member may enter (previous winners of MYBEP heifers are ineligible). **Deadline to enter is September 10, 2018.** Heifer recipients will be selected by a committee, and the heifers will be awarded during the 2018 Beef Expo.

The MYBEP Committee will select eleven heifer recipients from the pool of qualified applicants. Each selected recipient will own the heifer jointly with the donor until the completion of the program, at which time the recipient will receive full ownership of the heifer and her offspring. Each recipient will be responsible for raising the calf, arranging for her to be bred (artificially or naturally), maintaining complete records on her care, and providing quarterly progress reports about the heifer to the donor and the Beef Expo staff. Failure to adequately follow these requirements during the course of the year when the heifer is owned in partnership may cause the recipient to forfeit ownership of the animal. Minnesota Select Sires will donate two straws of semen and Purina Animal Nutrition, LLC will donate 100 lbs. of feed to each winner. Awarded youth will also receive a clippers donated by Andis and a halter from the Beef Expo. Each recipient will compete for the MYBEP Achievement Award during the 2019 Minnesota Beef Expo.

Qualifications

- Must be 12-16 years of age as of September 10, 2018.
- Must be a member in good standing of 4-H, FFA or a Junior Breed Assc.
- Must be a resident of Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota or Wisconsin.
- Previous recipients of MYBEP heifers are ineligible to enter.

Criteria

- Demonstrates commitment to agriculture.
- Defines clear future goals.
- Demonstrates financial need.
- Outlines ability to raise the animal in a proper setting.

Application

- Complete online application form by Sept. 10, 2018.
- Obtain two letters of reference; one from your 4-H Extension officer, FFA advisor or Jr. Breed Association advisor; the other from an adult who is not related to you but knows you well enough to comment on your abilities and commitment. Letters of reference may be emailed to beef.expo@mnstatefair.org or sent to MYBEP-MN Beef Expo, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108.
- Write a personal letter of intent explaining why you want/need the calf and why you feel you are a good candidate for this project.
- **All materials must be submitted together online on or before the deadline of September 10, 2018.**

16TH ANNUAL SUPREME ROW FEMALE & STEER SELECTION

Heifers will be awarded on Saturday, October 20

DONORS

Angus Heifer

co-sponsored by Schiefelbein Farms, Kimball, Minn. and the Minnesota Angus Association

Charolais Heifer

donated by Schoenfeld Stock Farm, Keith, Ava and Jillian Schoenfeld, Lakefield, Minn. of the Minnesota/Wisconsin Charolais Association

Charolais

donated by the Minnesota/Wisconsin Charolais Association

Commercial Heifer

donated by Loerzel Family Farm, Rich & Denise and Family, Richville, Minn.

Hereford Heifer

donated by Lawrence Herefords, Brian & Marytina Lawrence and family, Princeton, Minn.

Red Angus Heifer

donated by Compeer Financial

Shorthorn Heifer

donated by Nelson Family Shorthorns, Al & Crystal Nelson and family, Renville, Minn.

Simmental Heifer

donated by Hilbrands Simmental, Matt & Adrienne Hilbrands, Jazlynn and Jaxon, Holloway, Minn.

Simmental Heifer

donated by Volz Farms, John & Rita Volz, Elmore, Minn.

South Devon Heifer

donated by White Farms, Gary & Karen White and Family, Wadena, Minn.

Symposium Donation Heifer

donated by Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association

Please visit our website for more information about the program and to access the online application and to learn more about the donors.

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SAMPLE APPLICATION - DO NOT MAIL IN - MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Birthdate _____ Age on 9/10/18 _____ Grade in school _____

Name of father/male guardian _____ Occupation _____

Name of mother/female guardian _____ Occupation _____

Estimated percentage of family income derived from agriculture _____

Please circle most relevant residence type: Town/City Rural/non-farm Working ranch/farm

Number of livestock (if any) already owned by applicant _____ By family _____

Beef _____ Dairy _____ Sheep _____ Swine _____ Other _____

If I am selected, my calf will be kept and cared for at (include address and description of facilities): _____

Estimated distance of livestock facilities to home residence _____

If selected, the two breeds I would choose for my MYBEP heifer are*: 1. _____ or 2. _____

*Please note: Indication of breed choice will not guarantee final selection. Choice of breed awarded will be solely at the discretion of the MYBEP Selection Committee. All committee decisions will be final.

School name _____

4-H, FFA Chapter or Jr. Breed Association _____

4-H Leader, FFA Instructor or Jr. Breed Association Advisor _____

Future career/occupational goals _____

Applicant testimony: I have read the rules and agree to abide by them. I am a 4-H member, FFA member or Junior Breed Association member in good standing. I am between the ages of 12–16 and live in one of the eligible states. I understand that I am responsible for raising, caring for, breeding and showing this heifer for one year. I also commit to showing her as I understand I must complete 5 progress reports and a scrap book depicting my experience. I will communicate with donors regularly and be a good MYBEP representative.

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian testimony: I am the parent/guardian of the applicant and do hereby give permission for my child to participate in this program if selected. I also hereby, on behalf of and for 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 of this child receiving, raising and exhibiting a calf (if awarded).

Signature: _____

Advisor testimony: The facilities for raising a calf and the abilities of the applicant are adequate to successfully complete this project. The applicant meets the age and membership requirements as set forth in the official rules and regulations.

Signature: _____

Please provide the e-mail address for your hometown newspaper (not web address): _____



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SAMPLE APPLICATION - DO NOT MAIL IN - MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE

Name _____

Highlight your 4-H, FFA or Jr. Breed Association experiences:

List other school activities and community involvements:

Share previous experience and background in working with beef cattle:

Add any other information or details pertinent to this application:

CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- Completed application form (incomplete applications will not be considered) submitted via the online form at <http://bit.ly/1eATjQf>. You can also find the online application form link on the Minnesota Beef Expo website. Must be submitted by Sept. 10, 2018
- Two letters of reference; one from your 4-H Extension officer, FFA advisor or Junior Breed Association advisor; the other from an adult who is not related to you but knows you well enough to comment on your abilities and commitment. Letters can be emailed to beef.expo@mnstatefair.org or mailed to MYBEP-MN Beef Expo, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108.
- A one to two page personal letter of intent explaining why you want/need the calf and why you feel you are a good candidate for this project. Please make sure to address your commitment to agriculture, explain future goals and how the heifer fits in, financial needs, and ability to raise and show the animal. There is a section in the online application to type your personal letter of intent.
- All materials must be submitted on or before the deadline of September 10, 2018.
- Note: Previous recipients of MYBEP heifers are ineligible to enter.

Please do not mail in an application. If you can not complete the online entry form, please contact Virginia Mold at (651) 288-4440 or virginia.mold@mnstatefair.org.

Meet This Year's Youth Beef Experience Sponsors

ANGUS: Co-sponsored by Schiefelbein Farms and the Minnesota Angus Association

Frank Schiefelbein Jr. found his passion for farming after working for the local Kimball area farmers. Then in 1955, Frank started Schiefelbein Farms and has continued to go strong for 63 years. Today on the farm there are eight brothers and their wives, 32 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren, and the family continues to grow just as fast as the operation. Schiefelbein Farms continues to place tremendous emphasis on producing cattle that work for everyone in the beef value chain. Today they run more than 1,000 registered Angus cows and feed thousands of cattle each year. They also see value in helping their customers do well by helping to ensure that the cattle are getting the premiums they deserve regardless of where they are marketed.

Just as Schiefelbein Farms uses the buyback program to help their customers succeed, they hope that they can help the next generation of farmer through the sponsorship of this heifer and the support of MYBEP.

CHAROLAIS: Schoenfeld Stock Farm, Keith, Ava and Jillian Schoenfeld, Lakefield, Minn. of the Minnesota / Wisconsin Charolais Assn.

Schoenfeld Stock Farm, LLC started raising Charolais show prospects from ten cow/calf pairs in 2004. Since then, the quality of the cattle has continued to move forward by utilizing genetic selection. They expanded the breed representation to include Charolais, Red Angus, Simmental, and other various crossbreeds around their farm located in Lakefield, Minnesota. Although there are many breeds, the Charolais breed is the strongest. With genetics from some of the most popular Charolais females, as well as utilizing AI breeding and embryo transfer, the Schoenfeld's have been able to show their cattle throughout Southwest Minnesota and other bordering states. Keith's daughters, Ava and Jilian, have been able to participate in two Charolais

Junior Nationals, and they proudly participated in their third this year in Des Moines, Iowa. The Minnesota/Wisconsin Charolais Association has given the Schoenfeld family the chance to meet new people, try new things, and show our talents. Schoenfeld Stock Farm, LLC is proud to be a sponsor of the Minnesota/Wisconsin Charolais Association MYBEP heifer!

CHAROLAIS: The Minnesota / Wisconsin Charolais Association will donate a Charolais heifer.

COMMERCIAL: Loerzel Family Farm, Rich & Denise and Family, Richville, Minn.

Loerzel Family Farms is a small farm near Richville, Minnesota, that has been in the family for approximately 60 years. Rich and Denise have two grown children, Shawna 23, and Lindsey 22, and a very busy teenager, Britney. They are all a very big part of the beef operation. On the Loerzel Family Farm, they run approximately 40-50 Sim-Angus and commercial cow/calf pairs, as well as raise small grains. Rich and Denise also work outside the home at Lund Boats in New York Mills, Minnesota. The farm was not always a cow/calf and small grain operation. The farm started out as a 90-herd dairy farm, but in 2003, the farm and part of the house were destroyed by a tornado. The family made the decision to not rebuild the dairy herd, but instead purchased a few beef cows. They have been working hard over the years to improve the herd through artificial insemination, embryo transfer, and the purchase of better genetics. In 2011, Rich and Denise's oldest daughter, Shawna, was the recipient of a wonderful foundation Simmental heifer donated by Hilbrands Simmental, AJE Cattle Company, and Mel Boehland Cattle Company through the MYBEP program. Now, the Loerzel family wishes to give back to the program and make another young teenager's dream a reality.

HEREFORD HEIFER: Lawrence Herefords, Bryan & Marytina and Family

Lawrence Herefords has been raising Hereford cattle for 61 years. It all began with the gift of a cow/calf pair, given to Doug Lawrence for his 15th birthday. Four generations later, the cow herd has grown to 75 cows. Just north of the Twin Cities, residing in Princeton, Minnesota, the cow herd is currently managed by Bryan Lawrence, Doug's oldest son, and his wife, Marytina, and their four children: Montana, Wyatt, Wade, and Wynn. The entire herd is still family owned and operated. Doug and his two sons, Bryan and Brad, are actively involved in all of the activities surrounding the daily operations of the cattle and the turf grass farm.

The opportunity to donate a heifer to MYBEP is a great honor for the Lawrence family as they have had first-hand experience with the program. Wyatt Lawrence was a MYBEP recipient in 2015. He was given a Hereford heifer by Whispering Pines and was mentored by Jared Flowers. Wyatt went on to earn the MYBEP Achievement Award. "This is a great opportunity for us to give back to a program that has done so much for me," explained Wyatt. "We look forward to mentoring someone and promoting the cattle industry and the Hereford breed which is so near and dear to our hearts."

Lawrence Herefords continues to market breeding heifers and bulls to other local breeders throughout their community and beyond with the primary goal of producing functional, sound, stylish cattle that meet the needs of their customers. They believe in the business of agriculture and cattle and have a strong passion for what they do.

RED ANGUS: Compeer Financial

Compeer Financial is a member-owned Farm Credit cooperative serving and supporting agriculture and rural communities. The \$18 billion organization provides loans, leases, risk management and other financial services throughout 144 counties in

Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Based in the Upper Midwest, Compeer Financial exists to champion the hopes and dreams of rural America, while providing personalized service and expertise to clients and the agriculture industry.

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SHORTHORN: Nelson Family Shorthorns, Al & Crystal Nelson and Family, Renville, Minn. of the Minnesota Shorthorn Association

Nelson Family Shorthorns is very happy to donate the 2018 Shorthorn heifer. The Nelson family's involvement with the Shorthorn breed goes back to 1965 when the Grant County Fair began the Open Class Beef Show. Al was exhibiting a Holstein heifer in 4-H when Ken, Bob, Tom, and Alan Werk, Mark Frederickson, Gary Mittness, and Jim Walsh, all guys the same age as Al, showed up at the fair with their cattle. In addition, Dale Blum, Harry and Arden Kraft, Dewey Lunstra, and Louie Elder were also there and filled up the old beef barn at the fair. Al thought that was the neatest thing: taking off and showing cattle at county fairs around the state.

That fall, Al was able to purchase his first 2 Shorthorns, BF Orange Taffy and BF May Vickie Toy, from Dale Blum of Correll, Minnesota. A year later, his brother purchased 2 females from Dale also, and Nelson Brothers' Shorthorns was formed. Through the ensuing high school years, the brothers purchased several Shorthorns from other Minnesota breeders and started showing at several county fairs in northern Minnesota with the Werks.

After Crystal and Al married, they soon got their 3 oldest sons into showing and raising cattle, competing at the Grant County Fair and the Minnesota State Fair. One of the most important animals they purchased was Homedale Ann HC from the Kaehler Family in St. Charles, Minnesota. At least half of the Nelson's

females go back to this animal.

The youngest son, Cody, watched his big brothers working with the cattle and took off with it, going on to compete at several Shorthorn Junior Nationals and at the Minnesota State Fair, and eventually spending several years as a field man for the American Shorthorn Association.

Today, Nelson Family Shorthorns has watched one of the grandchildren, BayLee, get hooked on Shorthorns and several of the others compete in 4-H at the Renville County Fair. They have a herd of 20 females and participate in the Minnesota State Shorthorn Sale, and the Christmas Classic On-line Bull and Female Sale.

Crystal and Al's four sons and their families, Troy and Shelly, Christopher and Jennifer, Corey and Kristy, and Cody and Mel, are all employed in agriculture which makes Al and Crystal extremely proud. Crystal is the Secretary at First Lutheran Church and very involved and passionate about Renville County Relay for Life. Al is completing his 27th year as a Dairy Inspector for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and also has served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Minnesota Shorthorn Association for several years.

Over the course of many years, numerous of the Nelson's closest friends are involved with the beef industry, and when all is said and done, this is the most important benefit of raising beef cattle--the lasting and strong relationships that develop because of it.

SIMMENTAL: Hilbrands Simmental, Matt & Adrienne Hilbrands, Jazlynn and Jaxson, Holloway, Minn. of the Minnesota Simmental Association

Hilbrands Simmentals has been raising registered Simmental breeding stock for over 25 years and began in the early 1990's when Matt, Matt's dad, Jim, and brother, Mark, purchased their first registered heifers. The operation today consists of Matt and his wife, Adrienne, along with their two children, Jazlynn and Jaxon.

The program relies heavily on embryo transfer, mostly IVF sexed heifer, in order to put greater emphasis on their female division. People can find Hilbrands Simmental genetics selling annually through their joint production sale, the Jewels of the Northland, the North American Select Sale in Louisville,

Kentucky, the SimMagic in Denver, Colorado and the Minnesota State Simmental Sale.

While they understand the importance of EPD's, and their value as a selection tool, phenotype is at the forefront of their breeding and selection decisions, with the greatest emphasis being placed on feet and leg structure, udder quality, body capacity and disposition.

The American Junior Simmental Association, FFA and 4-H are a big part of their daily lives and have had a very positive impact on their children's lives. It has been amazing to watch them grow and flourish through these programs.

Hilbrands Simmentals is very excited to, once again, be a part of the MYBEP donation program. Relationships are a huge part of this business, and the Hilbrands definitely understand the importance of helping the younger generation get their foot in the door.

SIMMENTAL: A Volz Farms, John & Rita Volz, Elmore, Minn. of the Minnesota Simmental Association

Volz Farms is a 400 acre grain and livestock farm. The cultivated land is rented to daughter, Hannah, and son-in-law, Austin. The balance is seeded to pasture which is rotationally grazed. The cattle business and a large seed business occupies John's time, while Rita has worked nearly 40 years at United Hospital in Blue Earth as a Medical Technologist. More than half this year's calf crop are embryo calves. Volz Farms sells at 6 or more sales per year and have shown at the Minnesota State Fair for 50 years plus. They have been Premier Breeder and Exhibitor at the Minnesota State Fair for 3 of the last 4 years, and they are very proud of this accomplishment. John started showing cattle in the early 1960's helping his dad show purebred Charolais--this was the first time Charolais were shown at the Minnesota State Fair. In the early years, John and Rita's time was occupied by showing cattle. After being married and having 2 children, Dusty and Hannah, showing cattle took over their younger years also. Next came Junior Regional and National Heifer Shows. To say the least, raising quality cattle is an activity that the whole family has happily shared together.

After losing their son, Dustin, in a car-

train accident in 2007, John and Rita were desperately searching for help. They turned to the only thing they knew--showing cattle. The Volz's started leasing heifers and mentoring young 4-Hers whom John and Rita now call their second family. The Volz's presently have 4 boys and girls that they are helping to learn the industry. This leads them up to the donation of this 2018 Simmental heifer. John and Rita believe programs like MYBEP are the future in the cattle business, and these programs help provide the special things in life we hope to get along the way. For those reasons, the Volz Farm is very glad to be part of the MYBEP program.

SOUTH DEVON: White Farms, Gary & Karen White and Family, Wadena, Minn. of the Northern States South Devon Association

White Farms was started in the fall of 2001. Gary and Karen White looking toward retirement and wanting to leave the Twin Cities area, came across the land just west of Wadena, Minnesota. Having never farmed or owning livestock, they decided to give it a try.

Interested in beef cattle they came across the South Devon breed and the Northern States South Devon Association. The association is a talented, small group of South Devon producers who passionately

promote the breed throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota supporting farm shows, 4H, FFA and Junior shows. Members have also faithfully supported the MYBEP program since 2004, and currently, the group donates funds towards the selection and purchase of a South Devon heifer from one of its association members.

The Whites' granddaughters, Jenna and Emilee White, have participate in the Minnesota Beef Expo every year and are the ones behind the exhibition of the cattle. Participating in the South Devon breed for the girls has been priceless. Emilee was a 2016 MYBEP recipient receiving a Charolais heifer from Kathrein Charolais. Emilee went on to win the MYBEP Achievement Award with this Charolais heifer she calls Candy. The White family members were adamant about giving back to the program. White Farms is proud to be the supplier of this year's MYBEP South Devon heifer.

SYMPOSIUM DONATION HEIFER: Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association.

The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association (MSCA) is a membership-based organization that represents cattle producers and individuals who are part of the cattle community in Minnesota. The association is also now offering

opportunities for junior members through the creation of the Minnesota Junior Cattlemen's Association. The junior program will provide junior leadership development, career opportunities and junior activities at the MSCA State Convention, Summer Cattlemen's Tour and many other events.

The MSCA currently represents over 1,000 members from all segments of the beef community. They are proud of their partnership with over 20 local cattlemen's associations from around the State that affiliate with the MSCA.

The MSCA is primarily focused on addressing local, state and federal issues that impact the long-term viability of cattle production and ensuring that Minnesota's business climate welcomes the growth and long-term success of raising cattle in Minnesota. The MSCA also works on several promotional activities during the year, including FarmFest, the MN Beef Expo, MN State Fair, Cattlemen and the Capitol (both St. Paul and Washington, D.C.) and many more!

To learn more about the MSCA, visit their website at www.mnsca.org or check out their Facebook page for the most recent industry news.