



# 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 participants on the basis of merit, need, future goals and ability to care for the animal. Any youth aged 12 to 16 who is a 4-H or FFA member may enter (previous winners of a MYBEP heifer are ineligible). Deadline to enter is September 5, 2008. Program participants will be selected by a committee, and the heifers will be awarded at the Beef Expo.

The MYBEP Committee will select a minimum of five (5) program participants from the pool of qualified applicants.

Each program participant will own their heifer jointly with the donor until the completion of the program, at which time the participant will receive full ownership of the heifer and her offspring.

Each program participant will be responsible for raising the calf, arranging for her to be bred (artificially or naturally), maintain complete records on her care, and provide monthly progress reports to the owner and the Beef Expo. Failure to adequately follow these requirements during the course of the year when it is owned in partnership may cause the program participant to forfeit their ownership of the animal.

## Qualifications

- ♦ You must be 12-16 years of age as of September 1, 2008.
- ♦ You must be a member in good standing of 4-H or FFA.
- ♦ Previous winners of MYBEP heifers are **ineligible** to enter.

## Criteria

- ♦ Demonstrated commitment to agriculture.
- ♦ Clearly defined future goals.
- ♦ Financial need.
- ♦ Ability to raise the animal in a proper setting.

## Application

- ♦ Completed application form.
- ♦ Two letters of reference; one from your 4-H Extension officer or FFA advisor, the other from an adult who is not related to you but knows you well enough to comment on your abilities and commitment.
- ♦ A personal letter of intent from you explaining why you want/need the calf and why you feel you are a good candidate for this project. Letter must be limited to one page, typewritten, and hand signed.
- ♦ **All materials must be submitted together and must be post-marked on or before the deadline of September 5, 2008.**

**Heifers will be awarded at the 6th Annual Supreme Sale  
Female & Steer Selection Dinner on Saturday, October 18!**

### Donors:

- ♦ **Minnesota Select Sires** will donate two straws of bull semen from their active lineup.



### Angus Heifer donated by ~

- ♦ *Freeburg Ridge Farm, Joe Hammell, Caledonia MN*  
*on behalf of the Minnesota Angus Association*

### Charolais Heifer donated by ~

- ♦ *Highview Charolais Farm, Carter Feuchtenberger, Morris MN*  
*on behalf of the Minnesota Charolais Association*

### Hereford Heifer donated by ~

- ♦ *Frederickson Hereford Farm, Mark, Mary Kay & Sarah Frederickson, Starbuck MN*  
*on behalf of the Minnesota Hereford Association*

### Limousin Heifer donated by ~

- ♦ *Herman Farms, Chris Herman, Hastings, MN*  
*on behalf of the Minnesota Limousin Association*

### Shorthorn Heifer donated by ~

- ♦ *Wildwood Farm, Tom & Joannie, Virgil & Jane Waldron, Buffalo MN*  
*on behalf of the Minnesota Shorthorn Association*

### Simmental Heifer donated by ~

- ♦ *Thesing Riverside Ranch, Eric & Darla, Eric & Jennifer Thesing, Carlos MN*  
*on behalf of the Minnesota Simmental Association*

### South Devon Heifer donated by ~

- ♦ *North States South Devon Association*

Please visit our web site for more information about the MYBEP program and to learn more about these generous sponsors, [www.mnbeefexpo.com](http://www.mnbeefexpo.com)



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**Deadline for entry: postmarked on or before September 5, 2008**

(Please DO NOT write in pencil)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Age on 9/5/08 \_\_\_\_ Grade in school \_\_\_\_\_

Name of father/male guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of mother/female guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated percentage of family income derived from agriculture \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City     Rural/non-farm     Working ranch

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 livestock facilities to my home residence

\* If selected, the two breeds I would choose for my MYBEP are: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*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 or FFA Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Leader or FFA instructor \_\_\_\_\_

Future career/occupational goals \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant testimony: I have read the rules and agree to abide by them. I am a 4-H member or an FFA member in good standing. I am between the ages of 12-16, and I understand that I am responsible for having her bred and will show her as a bred heifer in next year's Minnesota Beef Expo.

signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian testimony: I am the parent/guardian of the applicant and do hereby give permission for my child/ward 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 winning, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## APPLICATION CONT.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please DO NOT write in pencil)

**1. Highlight your 4-H and FFA experiences:**

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**2. Other school activities and community involvements:**

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**3. Experience and background in working with Beef Cattle:**

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**4. Any other information or details pertinent to this application:**

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Mail application with letters of reference and letter of intent to:  
**Minnesota Beef Expo Youth Beef Experience Program**  
1265 Snelling Ave. N., St Paul MN 55108