

# Virginia Hereford Association Heifer Scholarship Program

## Guidelines

The Virginia Hereford Association Heifer Scholarship Program is a mentoring and development program for youth that are interested in becoming involved in the farming industry. It is our goal to make it possible for a younger generation of future Hereford breeders to learn through the management of a Registered Hereford female.

The program will provide a Registered Hereford Heifer to the recipient of this scholarship. At that time the junior will maintain ownership and possession of the heifer. The recipient will be responsible for all costs including but not limited to: feed, healthcare, AI service, transportation, and show expenses.

The recipient will be required to show this heifer at a Virginia Hereford sanctioned event within a year and breed this heifer to a registered Hereford bull and return a heifer calf back to the scholarship program within 2 years. The recipient also agrees to give a short presentation of their experience with the project at the annual Virginia Hereford Association meeting.

A Virginia Hereford Association Heifer Scholarship Board member will be assigned to the recipient to guide the youth with management decisions concerning the care, showing and breeding of this heifer and to facilitate the return of a heifer calf back to the program.

Upon application it is acknowledged and agreed that all selection decisions of the board are final and at any time the board deems the care or management is not appropriate the heifer must be returned to the program

### Qualifications for application:

- 1). A boy or girl ages 9 to 19 by January 1 of the application year and must be a member or become a member of the Virginia Junior Hereford Association.
- 2). Complete the Virginia Hereford Association Heifer Scholarship Program Application.
- 3). The application must include 1 letter of recommendation. This letter of recommendation must come from one of the following areas: 4-H Club leader, county agent, school teacher or principal, minister or youth advisor, or a Hereford breeder. The letter of recommendation should include a candid evaluation of the applicant's background, character, strengths and weaknesses, and ability to care for the project.

For questions, please contact Rebecca Monger at (540) 435-7766.

### **Deadline for applications: November 1, 2019**

The recipient will be announced at the VHA Annual Meeting on November 8, 2019.

**Applications and recommendation letter should be scanned and emailed to:** [secretary@virginiaherefords.org](mailto:secretary@virginiaherefords.org)

or mailed to:

Virginia Hereford Association  
5819 Centennial Road  
McCoy, VA 24111

\*VHA will contact all recipients to confirm application has been received.

## Virginia Hereford Association Heifer Program Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### **Attach:**

1) An essay of 250-500 words (typed, double spaced) discussing

*“What receiving a heifer from this program would mean to me and how I plan to care for her”.*

2) Letter of Recommendation

Applicant’s Signature

Date

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Parent or Guardian’s Signature

Date

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### **Deadline for applications: November 5, 2018**

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