

Virginia Hereford Association Heifer Scholarship

Program Guidelines

The Virginia Hereford Association, Incorporated (the "Association") Heifer Scholarship Program (the "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 an Association sanctioned event within a year and breed this heifer to a registered Hereford bull and return a heifer calf back to the Program within 2 years. The recipient also agrees to give a short presentation of their experience with the project at the annual Association meeting.

An Association Heifer Scholarship Board (the "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 if at any time the Board deems the recipient's care or management of the heifer 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 junior member or become a junior member of the Association.
- 2). Complete the Virginia Hereford Association Heifer, Incorporated Scholarship Program Application.
- 3). The application must include 1 letter of recommendation. This letter of recommendation must come from one of the following individuals: 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 heifer.

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 Nov 8, 2019.

Applications and recommendation letter should be scanned and emailed to secretary@virginiaherefords.org

Or mailed to:

Virginia Hereford Association, Incorporated
5819 Centennial Road
McCoy, VA 24111

**Virginia Hereford Association, Incorporated Heifer Scholarship
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

Certification, Release, and Acceptance of Responsibility

The undersigned applicant certifies that he or she understands that there is always some unavoidable risk of injury involved when working with farm animals, especially if the applicant has little or no experience working with farm animals. The undersigned applicant accepts and assumes, without reservation, all risks associated with the applicant’s participation in the Heifer Scholarship Program and the care of the heifer to be awarded to the applicant if the applicant is the successful applicant. As lawful consideration for being awarded a heifer if the applicant is the successful applicant, the applicant (or the applicant’s parent or legal guardian for and on behalf of the applicant if the applicant is under the age of eighteen (18) years) hereby waives, releases,

discharges and agrees not to sue and to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Virginia Hereford Association, Incorporated and its members, directors, and officers from any claims for injuries to persons, including but not limited to the applicant, and from any claims for damage to property arising from the applicant's participation in the Heifer Scholarship Program. The applicant shall be responsible for and shall bear all costs and expenses of raising and caring for the heifer awarded to the applicant if he or she is the successful applicant, including, but not limited to, all costs for feed, veterinarian care, artificial insemination, and transportation. Furthermore, the applicant (and the applicant's parent or legal guardian if the applicant is under the age of eighteen (18) years) understands and accepts, as a condition of participating in the Heifer Scholarship Program and being awarded a registered hereford heifer if the applicant is the successful applicant, the requirement to return to the Program within two (2) years a heifer calf that is the progeny of the heifer awarded to the applicant from the Program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

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