

Johnson County 4-H Livestock Mentor Grant Program

The purpose of the 4-H Livestock Mentor program is to encourage experienced 4-H'ers to share their knowledge in livestock projects with less experienced members. It will also be an opportunity to develop leadership and communication skills through mentorship. Those selected to be a livestock mentor will receive a cash award at the end of the project. For the 2022/2023 year, \$500 will be awarded to the beef mentor and \$300 for each of the sheep, swine and goat mentors. A 4-H'er is eligible to receive only one mentor award a year.

All Johnson County 4-H members who are enrolled in a livestock project (Beef, Sheep, Swine, or Goat) are eligible to be a mentor in that project area with a minimum of either: 3 years in the project OR minimum of 2 years in project and 1 year in other livestock projects including sheep, goat, cattle or swine for a total of 3 years relatable experience.

If selected to be a mentor, members will be expected to complete the following:

- Show in their respective showmanship and market or breeding class at a Kansas 4-H sponsored livestock showcase event.
- Create a 5-10-minute presentation to present at the Johnson County Livestock Association Annual Meeting and the Johnson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting at the completion of the program
- Meet with the 4-H grant award winner a minimum of 6 times throughout the year, to help teach and encourage their success. As the mentor, it is your responsibility to contact the grant winner and schedule meeting times. *Beef mentor will meet a minimum of 2 additional times during the Fall of your mentorship year.*
- Send thank-you notes to ADM and Johnson County Farm Bureau for their support.

There will be a Mentor Check-In meeting with JCLA and Johnson County Extension representatives for all the mentors during the Spring of your mentorship year. This check-in will be held to allow mentors to share their experiences they have had so far with their grant winners, their plans for the upcoming months and ensure they are on track to completing the above expectations.

Announcement of winners for the 2022/2023 grant program will be made at the 2022 Johnson County Fair (following Round Robin contest). Payment to mentors will be made at the completion of the project at the following year's county fair.



The application deadline is June 1, 2022 by midnight.

[Apply online here](#) or fill out the application below and return to the Extension Office:

Johnson County K-State Research and Extension

Attn: Juju Wellemeyer

11811 S. Sunset Drive, Suite 1500

Olathe, KS 66061

Financial Sponsors include ADM and Johnson County Farm Bureau

Johnson County 4-H Livestock Mentor Application

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

4-H CLUB _____

Years in 4-H _____ Grade in School _____ 4-H Age _____

Describe your 4-H livestock project experiences.

What other 4-H projects are you involved in?

What have you learned from your 4-H projects that you would like to share with your Mentee Grant award winner?

How would you educate consumers about the importance of their food supply?

Why should you be selected to be a mentor?

You will be expected to spend time with a Mentee Grant award winner. How will you travel to their location?

Why is mentoring a livestock grant winner important to you?



Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

4-H Community Club or Project Club Leader's Signature

Date

4-H Member's Signature

Date