Ruby Valley FFA Merit Heifer Application

**Purpose:**

This is a live animal scholarship that will be awarded to a Ruby Valley FFA member to further their SAE project.

**Eligibility:**

This scholarship will be awarded to a student who is in good standing with the Ruby Valley FFA program, and participates in chapter activities.

**Requirements:**

The successful recipient of a Merit Heifer will jointly own the heifer with the FFA Chapter for one year beginning Jan 1. After successfully completing the requirements of the program during the year, a bill of sale will be completed signing the heifer into the student’s name. The student will be required to complete the following by December 31, during the one year of joint ownership:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Application submitted by Dec 1 with $100 application fee check. Must be your own check from applicants checking account. (Returned if not selected)
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Complete care and feeding of the heifer.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Breeding the heifer- Must make one attempt with A.I. (you may have someone do this for you). Further attempts may utilize natural service.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Halter breaking clipping and showing at the Madison County Fair in Showmanship and Heifer classes.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Complete current records on theaet.com
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Completion of on-site SAE visit with the FFA advisor in Spring
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Completion of on-site SAE visit with the FFA advisor in Summer
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Pregnancy Testing- Need to have the heifer pregnancy tested. If not pregnant but reasonable attempt to breed has been made you may keep the heifer.
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Complete a service project that you choose, design and carry out to benefit the Ruby Valley FFA.

At the end of the year (Dec 31), all requirements must be completed to receive full ownership of the heifer. If not all requirements are met, the heifer will be returned to the Ruby Valley FFA. In the case of a discrepancy, a committee of the FFA advisor and FFA Alumni will interview the member to decide if the requirements have been satisfactory.

**Procedure:**

Submit a typed application by Dec 1 with a $100 check and make a YouTube video and explain the answers to the questions on the application. Also show the facilities you have available to you to raise the heifer. A committee will be established to review the applications.

**Application:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parents Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ YouTube Video Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

FFA Degree Held: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GPA:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

FFA Activities involved in:

Describe your current SAE project:

Describe other livestock experience you have:

Describe the facilities/transportation you have available to raise your heifer:

Describe what you would do for breeding your heifer:

Describe your planned feeding program for your heifer:

Describe your future goals and plans and how the cattle business fits into them:

Describe your plan for an FFA service project that you would complete to benefit the Ruby Valley FFA.

Merit Heifer Scoring Criteria

1. Application Complete and on time. 1 2 3 4 5
2. Plan for care of animal 1 2 3 4 5
3. FFA Involvement 1 2 3 4 5
4. Future Goals with Cattle 1 2 3 4 5
5. Service Project level of benefit 1 2 3 4 5