



Montana Hereford Association Heifer Grant

Grant Outline

This year the Montana Hereford Association will award one individual with a minimum of \$1,000.00 grant to purchase a Hereford heifer. This heifer must be purchased from a current Montana Hereford Association member. The purpose of this grant is to help individuals who want to pursue raising cattle and supporting the Hereford Breed. Showing your heifer is not a requirement to apply.

Eligibility

Applicants must be between the ages of 9-17, as of January 1, 2026

Current 4-H or FFA member

Must live in the State of Montana.

Judging Process

Evaluation of the application will be 50% activity in 4-H/FFA, 25% Essay, and 25% video.

Application Requirements

Essay-State why you deserve the heifer grant, how receiving the grant fits into your future goals in agriculture, why you are applying to receive the grant, and any previous experience taking care of livestock. (Minimum 1 page maximum 2 pages, Arial 12 point font, no larger than 1" margins all around.) **Showing the heifer is not a requirement.**

Complete application

Letters Reference-Provide three reference letters from those you think would give an honest evaluation of your character. These references cannot be related to you via immediate family. Must be different from the references listed on application.

Video-Submit a 3-5 minute video that includes an introduction, facility tour, current/past 4-H/FFA project(s) and why Herefords. The video must be voiced by applicant. Upload video to YouTube and provide link in email with application.

Applications are due September 1, 2026. Individual will be announced at MHA's annual meeting in 2026.

2026 Application

Deadline: Submit via email by September 1, 2026

Email to infomontanahereford@gmail.com

Name_____Phone_____Email_____

Address_____City_____State_____Zip_____

Birthdate____/____/____ Age on January 1, 2026_____ Grade in School_____

Name of Father/Male Guardian_____Occupation_____

Name of Mother/FemaleGuardian_____Occupation_____

Where do you live? _____Town/City _____Rural Non-Farm _____Farm/Ranch

Estimated Family Income Derived from Agriculture_____% County of Residence_____

Number of Livestock Already Owned: Cattle_____Sheep_____Swine_____Other_____

How many years in 4-H/FFA? _____4-H _____FFA 4-H/FFA Chapter_____

What offices have you held in 4-H/FFA:_____

What projects are you taking in 4-H/FFA?_____

Please give a description of facilities and location of where heifer will be kept:

Please list at least 3 timeline production goals for your project:

(Example: Breed heifer first cycle)

Please provide essay with the following criteria:

Essay Technical Criteria

Minimum 1 page Maximum 2 pages

No larger than 1" margins all around

Arial 12 point font

Essay Topics

State why you deserve the heifer grant, how receiving the grant will help you with your 4-H/FFA project(s), how receiving the grant fits into your future goals in agriculture, why you are applying to receive the grant, and any previous experience taking care of livestock.

Please give 3 References

Reference #1

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ How do they know you _____

Reference #2

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ How do they know you _____

Reference #3

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ How do they know you _____

Applicant's Signature

_____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature

_____ Date _____