

To All Interested Persons and parents,

The Austin County Fair Calf Scramble Program is a great program for those who have an interest in beef cattle. This program is designed to help and assist youth in Austin County with a beef project that may not have an opportunity to raise beef cattle except through this program. There are a lot of learning experiences involved with the program, and we want every eligible child to have an opportunity to participate. If you are interested but have a limited knowledge of showing cattle, **we have numerous individuals on the calf scramble committee who have a tremendous amount of experience that are there to help you from start to finish.**

The **application, essay, and notarized** minor's release must be completed, signed, and turned into the fair office, county extension office, Ag science teacher or the calf scramble committee by **September 10, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.** Attached is a set of rules with which you must comply with prior to competing. Please make sure you are familiar with **ALL** rules before completing an application to participate in this event. It is a very extensive program with many benefits, but we ask that you review the rules before getting into the program. This event involves more than just simply feeding an animal. A full set of rules can be found online at Austin County Fair/Menu/Calf Scramble or in the Junior Livestock Catalog. **Also please be aware of the physical and financial aspects of this event.**

There will be a MANDATORY Informational meeting held after applications are submitted. The Scramble committee will contact you with the date and time of the meeting. This will be a high level overview of the expectations of the entire program prior to the Austin County Fair.

We look forward to your participation in the Calf Scramble. If there are any questions regarding the Calf Scramble program or the application, you may contact the chairman or co-chairmen at the below.

Thank you for your interest in the Calf Scramble Program and good luck!

LeAnn Hein – 979-885-9512 or Lee Compton – 979-676-1937

**Applications MUST BE TYPED, Use the Fillable Form Online at**  
<https://austincountyfair.com/calf-scramble>

# 2026 AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR BEEF HEIFER SCRAMBLE APPLICATION

Applicant MUST be 12 yrs. old by Sept. 1 2026

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE AS OF SEPT 1, 2026: \_\_\_\_\_  
T-Shirt Size (circle): Junior (S/M/L) \_\_\_\_\_ Adult (S/M/L/XL) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: (provide to fair office) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTHER'S CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FATHERS CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Father email: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLUB OR CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS INVOLVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ LEADER OR ADVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Referral Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you willing, and do you have a desire to own, raise & show a registered beef heifer? \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you have suitable facilities to care for and raise a registered beef heifer? \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address where the calf will be kept: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you are a winner, what do you intend to do with the animal you receive through this program? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Are your parent(s) willing to support you in this activity both physically & financially? \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you agree to submit regular monthly reports to the scramble committee? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you willing to invest and are you aware of the responsibilities of feeding & caring for this animal for a period of at least nine (9) months? \_\_\_\_\_ Please see page 6 of this application for a list of possible expenses.

(Please note that the monthly cost of this project can range anywhere from \$300 - \$700 or more) cost will include feed, veterinary services, medications, supplies and other miscellaneous items)

7. Are you willing to participate in beef project meetings during the months of March, April, May, June, July and August even if some are mandatory? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you have any medical, physical, social problems/difficulties or other special information which may affect your participation in the Austin County Fair Calf Scramble Program? \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I have answered all questions truthfully & to the best of my knowledge & I agree to follow all rules & requirements as set forth by the scramble committee of the Austin County Fair Association.

**THIS FORM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A NOTARIZED MINORS RELEASE!!!!**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Application Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of County Agent/Ag Science Teacher)

# AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR CALF SCRAMBLE

## RULES AND REGULATIONS PRIOR TO 2026 CALF SCRAMBLE

1. ELIGIBILITY – Any boy or girl who has reached his or her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday by or on September 1, 2026, and has not exceeded his or her junior year in high school. The boy or girl must reside in Austin County or be enrolled in a public school district; private school or home schooled in Austin County **AND** also be enrolled in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Austin County.

Applications, minor's release and essay forms may be obtained online. Participants may apply as many times as desired but will be ineligible to participate once he or she has been awarded two certificates to purchase an Austin County Fair Scramble Heifer.

2. PARTICIPANT APPLICATIONS – Application for participation **MUST** be submitted by interested persons to: Austin County Fair Office or Austin County Extension Office, located at 803 East Wendt St., Bellville, TX 77418. All applications for participation are DUE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 10, 2026. The Scramble Committee reserves the right to determine the number of calves, number of participants, and awards to be given on the basis of committed sponsorships.
3. MINOR'S RELEASE - A completed and notarized minor's release **MUST** be submitted along with the application. An incomplete minor's release **WILL NOT** be accepted. All information must be complete, and the form must contain the signature of both parents. However, one signature will be sufficient in the event the parents are divorced or if one parent is deceased. It must be noted if one of the above situations applies. **THE APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A COMPLETED AND NOTARIZED MINOR'S RELEASE.**
4. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS – Participants will be selected on the basis of adequate facilities, availability of resources and desire to raise and show a registered beef heifer. The selection process will also include the review of a written or typed essay. The essay will be required to contain information regarding the above-mentioned special requirements.
5. LIABILITY – The Austin County Fair Association of the State of Texas and any person associated with the Calf Scramble Committee will not be held liable for any accidents, which may occur to any participants of the Calf Scramble, before, during or after this event.

6.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT: A calf can be purchased as early as August 1, 2026. It can be purchased from a breeder, relative or out of your herd. Refer to the current Livestock Catalog for more details.

Please familiarize yourself and understand what is required of you both physically and financially should you enter into this program.

For more information on rules and regulations regarding the Calf Scramble project, please refer to the rules in the 2026 Junior Livestock Catalog, contact the fair office, agricultural extension office, the Calf Scramble Committee, or the Calf Scramble Committee Chairman, LeAnn Hein or Lee Compton.



# AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR CALF SCRAMBLE

## MINOR'S RELEASE

I, or we, parent(s) or guardian(s) hereby grant permission and give our consent for my/our child

\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in any and all activities involved with and pertaining to the calf scramble of the Austin County Fair Association.

I, or we, further give permission to have emergency first-aid administered by any qualified person in case of injury to said minor child and to have said minor child transported by the most expedient means of conveyance to the nearest available physician, hospital, clinic, or medical facility and to them receive such treatment as is medically prescribed by a physician(s). In case of extreme injury, I or we, do further agree that the members of the calf scramble committee, the Austin County Fair Association, its agents or employees, individually or collectively, shall NOT be held responsible or liable for personal injury or loss resulting either on the premises of the Austin County Fair Grounds or in route to said facilities.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ ADDITIONALPHONE NUMBER(S) WHERE PARENTS MAY BE REACHED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY PHYSICIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ANY KNOWN MEDICAL PROBLEMS AND/OR PAST MEDICAL HISTORY WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF NEAREST RELATIVE NOT LIVING WITH YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT(S): \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,

Known to me to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that such person(s) executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVE UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public for the State of Texas

Signature of Notary: \_\_\_\_\_

# INFORMATION TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE TIME AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT NEEDED IF YOU CATCH AND RECEIVE A SCRAMBLE HEIFER:

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Costs are ranges or averages and can vary:

- Heifer - most will pay \$1,000-\$5,000 - Average cost is \$2,500
- Feed - \$90 - \$250 per month - Obviously the older and bigger the calf gets the more they will eat.
- Hay - \$50 - \$100 per month
- Hoof Trimming \$40/hoof trimming - Recommend at least twice. Once around 6-12 months of age and 3-6 weeks before the show
- Clipping: \$40 - \$100 Need to have them clipped prior to any show you attend and must be clipped for the pictures taken at the progress show in August, if you don't have a professional backdrop picture available.
- Blower (Mainly for haired heifers) - \$400
- Show Halter - \$40
- Everyday Rope Halter - \$8
- Neck Tie - \$8
- Show stick - \$30
- Rice Root Brush - \$20
- Scotch Comb - \$20
- Show box - \$50 - \$800
- Pooper Scooper - \$20
- Feed Pan - \$20
- Water Bucket - \$20

Typical Day at the barn working with your heifer:

- Catch the heifer – 1 min
- Tie her up and love and pet her for 5-15 minutes – 5-15 min
- Rinse her – 15 min
- Brush her – 15 min
- If haired animal – blow her dry with a blower (mega size hair dryer) - 30 min
- (Haired animals are your British and Exotic breeds – Non-Haired animals are your American influenced breeds)
- Work feet – 10-15 min
- Walk her – 10-15 min
- Leave her standing another 2 hours (once she is halter broke and gentle)
- You should work your heifer 3-7 times a week taking about 30 min – 1 ½ hours each time to work her.

BE SURE AND CONTACT YOUR AG TEACHER OR COUNTY AGENT AS THEY MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU SELECT A CALF, CLIP, OR HOOF TRIM FOR A REDUCED COST.