



## Hernando County Cattlewomen Beef Project Grant Application

*The Beef Project Grant Application provides essential information about your project, helping us know its goals, implementation plans, and how you intend to use the funds.*

### Overall Application Directions: **Due Date is April 1.**

1. Each **eligible** entry is rated using a **blind review judging process**, ensuring a fair and impartial quality assessment. This process involves keeping the applicant's name anonymous by blocking out any identifying data on the materials. In Sections 2 and 3, the anonymous review requires the applicant **not to include their or their parents' names** in their answers.
2. The **entire form** must be **completed** and **handwritten** according to each section's directions. The answers to Sections 2 and 3 are to be written on separate numbered papers, with each question copied, numbered, and attached to the application.
3. Your research may use artificial intelligence (AI). All responses are to reflect your original thoughts unless properly cited. The answers will be checked for plagiarism and AI-enhanced writing. Plagiarized and AI-generated answers can lead to point deductions, sections being excluded, or applicant disqualification.
4. When submitting a digital application by email or in person, you must include files with scanned, etc., copies of the Section 1 form and your Sections 2 and 3 separate papers. A hand-delivered printed application is to be organized in order by sections, and the pages for Sections 2 and 3 are attached. Keep the Information Sheet for your files and reference.

### Section 1: Applicant Information (Required)

*Directions: Please **handwrite all** the requested information in the space provided.*

Name of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information – **Required:** Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Is your parent/guardian an active HCCW member? \_\_ Yes \_\_ No - Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you are or have been a member of any of these groups:

\_\_\_ 4-H \_\_\_ FFA \_\_\_ Jr. Cattlemen \_\_\_ Other Agricultural Club \_\_\_\_\_

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School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior (Ages: 8-10) \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate (Ages: 11-13) \_\_\_\_\_ Senior (Ages: 14-18) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Beef Project: \_\_\_\_\_ **Market/Show Project** or \_\_\_\_\_ **Breeding Program**

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Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Parent or Guardian signature is required no matter the student's age unless legally declared independent.

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**Section 2: Beef Project Questions (60 points)**

Directions

- You must **handwrite** your answer to each question in at **least 15 words and at most 50 on a separate paper** labeled “Section 2: Beef Project Questions.” Copy and number each question onto separate numbered pages. Then, the paper must be attached to your application in print or digital format with files labeled and organized similarly.
- Your response to these questions will be evaluated based on their clarity, originality, and relevance to the agricultural industry. You also earn points using correct grammar, complete sentences, age-appropriate writing, following directions, and neatness.
- Please **do not include your or your parent/guardian’s names** in your answers, as this is a “blind review” judging process to ensure fairness for each applicant.
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**Part A: Beef Project Questions (40 Points)**

1. What is the purpose or goal of your project? (10 points)
2. What is your implementation plan to accomplish your purpose and objectives, including a description of your project activities and a timeline? Attach your timeline to the application, and clearly label it “*Question 2. Timeline.*” (10 points)
3. How will you use the funds from this grant (buying livestock, pens, etc.)? (10 points)
4. What knowledge do you hope to gain by doing this project? (10 points)

**Part B: Agricultural Experiences (20 points)**

1. What livestock shows, clinics, and projects will you participate in this year? ( 5 points)
2. Please list all Junior Florida Cattlemen’s Association (JFCA), 4-H, and FFA projects or *related experiences* you have participated in and the number of years you were in each project or activity. ( 5 points)
3. What knowledge have you gained from your JFCA, 4-H, and/or FFA activities or *related experiences*? (10 points)

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**Section 3: Beef Project Essay (40 points)**

Directions:

- **Handwrite a 2-page essay** expressing your opinion on the following Essay Prompt: “Why is the beef industry important?” Your response must include your thoughts about each “*Beef Industry Issue*,” not necessarily in the order listed below, as you connect them to your overall opinion in answering the essay’s prompt. Be sure to refer to each *Issue* in some way in your writing, as the judges will rate how well you connect these issues to your overall opinion when answering the prompt.
- Please **do not include your or your parent/guardian’s names** in your essay, as this is a “blind review” judging process to ensure fairness for each applicant.
- Your response to this will be evaluated based on its clarity, originality, and relevance to the agricultural industry. You also earn points using correct grammar, complete sentences, age-appropriate writing, following directions, and neatness.
- **Handwrite** your 2-page answer on separate papers attached to the application or **copy for your digital files**. Label your pages with the heading “Section 3 Essay,” number the pages, and attach your Section 3 pages to the print application. Or, for a digital application, label and organize your files similarly.
- Your research may use artificial intelligence (AI). All responses are to reflect your original thoughts unless properly cited. Plagiarized and AI-generated answers can lead to point deductions, sections being excluded, or applicant disqualification.

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***Essay Topic Prompt***

***Why is the beef industry important? (40 points)***

Beef Industry Issues:

1. Describe some ways the public thinks about the beef industry. ( 5 points)
2. Explain how your beef project relates to why you think the beef industry is important. (10 points)
3. Talk about challenges you think a rancher has in raising beef. ( 5 points)
4. Describe challenges you might face in raising your animal for your project. (10 points)
5. Please explain why your beef project is important to you. ( 5 points)
6. Please explain how you will use your project to educate others. ( 5 points)