



**Beef Project Grant**  
APPLICATION FORM  
Junior Level ( Ages 8-10)

*Hernando County Cattlemen*  
2025-2026



## Hernando County Cattlewomen Beef Grant Program Application

*The Beef Project Grant promotes the beef industry by supporting youth in agriculture. The Hernando County Cattlewomen (HCCW) grants support three youths' beef projects, each receiving \$500. The application provides details about the project, including its goals, implementation plans, and how funds will be used.*

### Overall Beef Grant Application Information and Procedures

**Due Date:** The application deadline is on or before February 1.

#### Who Qualifies:

A youth aged 8 to 18, not a current year graduate, is eligible if attending a:

1. Hernando County public, charter, private school, or a County homeschooler.
2. Public, charter, private school, or homeschooler in another County whose parent is an active HCCW member, or the student is active in a Hernando County agricultural club.

#### What:

1. This grant can be used for a breeding program or market show project.
2. There is one grant for each of the age levels: junior (ages 8-10), intermediate (ages 11-13), and senior (ages 14-18).
3. A graduating senior is not eligible to receive the grant.

#### Procedures:

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 blacking out any identifying information in the judges' materials.
2. Section 1, which includes the identifying data, is shared with the judges after the winner is selected. It is used to determine eligibility, collect the necessary information, and for tiebreakers.
3. **Tiebreakers** occur in this order: 1) the Section 3 Beef Grant Essay score, 2) the Section 2 Part A Beef Project score, and 3) active participation in 4-H, FFA, or an ag-type club.
4. The submitted application is to be handwritten, not a digital one, which includes the **Section 1 form** and your **Sections 2 and 3 separate papers** in that order.
5. The application is to be **hand-delivered in a sealed envelope** to the Hernando-Citrus Farm Bureau office at 617 Lamar Street, Brooksville, FL, on or before **February 1 of the current year.**



## General Directions for Completing the Beef Grant Application Form

1. The application must be **handwritten** according to the directions. All Sections are to be completed with all the questions answered and the essay written.
2. In Sections 2 and 3, do not include your or your parent/guardian's names in your answers, as the "blind review judging" is used to ensure a fair and impartial evaluation.
3. The answers to Sections 2 and 3 are **to be written on copies of the forms following the application's directions**. You write your answers on the front and back of the pages, as needed.
4. Your response to each question will be evaluated on its **clarity, originality, and relevance to agriculture**.
5. The quality of your answers is also judged by your use of correct grammar, complete sentences, age-appropriate writing, following directions, and neatness.
6. Your research may use artificial intelligence (AI). However, all your responses should show your original thoughts and wording regarding the AI research information and be cited appropriately as needed. Plagiarized and AI-generated answers can result in point deductions, exclusion of sections, or disqualification of the applicant.



### Section 1: Applicant Information

**(Required)**

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

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.



**Section 2: Short Answer Questions (60 Total Points)**

Directions

1. You must **handwrite** your answer to each question in at **least 15 words and at most 75** on the **copies of the forms on pages 6 – 13**.
2. If you are under or over the word limit on a question, then **three (3) points will be deducted for that question**.
3. The original or a copy of your Section 2 answers is to be attached to your Section 1 form for submission of your application. **Digital applications are not accepted**.
4. *Reminder:* 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 one.

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**Section 2 Part A: Beef Project Questions (45 Points Total)**

*Forms for you to write your answers on follow this section on pages 6 - 13.*

1. Describe your proposed Beef Grant project and its purpose. (10 points)
2. Describe the activities you plan to use to achieve your purpose. (10 points)
3. In some way, share your projected timeline labeled “*Question 2: Timeline,*” and include major activities. (10 points)
4. How will you use the grant’s funds, such as buying livestock, pens, etc.? (5 points)
5. Please explain why your beef project is important to you. (10 points)

**Part B: Agricultural Experiences (15 Points Total)**

1. What livestock shows, clinics, and related activities or projects do you plan to participate in this year? (5 points)
2. Please list 2-3 Junior Florida Cattlemen’s Association (JFCA), 4-H, and FFA projects or *related experiences* you have participated in and the years you were in each. (5 points)
3. Describe two (2) important ideas or actions you learned from your JFCA, 4-H, FFA activities, or *related experiences*. (5 points)



**FORMS TO WRITE YOUR SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

***Section 2 Part A: Beef Project Questions ANSWER FORM***

Write your answers on a copy of this form using the front and back as needed.

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| 1. Describe your proposed Beef Grant project and its purpose. | (10 points) |
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***Section 2 Part A: Beef Project Questions ANSWER FORM***

Write your answers on a copy of this form using the front and back as needed.

2. Describe the activities you plan to use to achieve your purpose. (10 points)



**Section 2 Part A: Beef Project Questions ANSWER FORM**

Write your answers on a copy of this form using the front and back as needed.

3. In some way, share your projected timeline labeled “*Question 2: Timeline,*” and include major activities. (10 points)



**Section 2 Part A: Beef Project Questions ANSWER FORM**

Write your answers on a copy of this form using the front and back as needed.

4. How will you use the grant's funds, such as buying livestock, pens, etc.? (5 points)



***Section 2 Part A: Beef Project Questions ANSWER FORM***

Write your answers on a copy of this form using the front and back as needed.

5. Please explain why your beef project is important to you. (10 points)



***Part B: Agricultural Experiences ANSWER FORM (15 Points Total)***

Write your answers on a copy of this form using the front and back as needed.

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***Part B: Agricultural Experiences ANSWER FORM*** \_\_\_\_\_ **(15 Points Total)**

Write your answers on a copy of this form using the front and back as needed.

3. Describe two (2) important ideas or actions you learned from your JFCA, 4-H, FFA activities, or *related experiences*. ( 5 points)



### Essay Directions

You are to write your essay on the front and back of a copy of the form on page 15.

#### Essay Prompt (Total 40 Points)

**Why do you think it is important to raise beef?**

**You are to include these *Beef Industry Topic Points* in your essay:**

1. Share 2 reasons you think the beef industry is important. (10 points)
2. Talk about 1 challenge you think a rancher has in raising beef. (10 points)
3. Describe one challenge you might face in raising your project animal. (10 points)
4. How does raising beef make a difference in your life? (10 points)

#### **Directions for Writing Your Essay:**

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

- a) You are to **handwrite a 1 ½ to 2-page essay** on a copy of the form on page 15. using both sides, to express your thoughts to answer the Essay Prompt.
- b) If you are under or over the page limit, then three (3) points will be **deducted**.
- c) Each of the Topic Points is to be discussed.
- d) **Three (3) points will be deducted for each Topic Point not written about.**
- e) Attach your original or a copy of the Essay Pages to your Section 1 and 2 answer papers.
- f) Reminder: 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.



ESSAY ANSWER FORM. Write on the front and the back.

***Why do you think it is important to raise beef?***