## 2022 Garfield County Bred and Owned Producer Beef Premium MANDATORY Assignment

With the goal of youth learning more about Holy Cross Cattlemen’s (& Cattlewomen’s) Association (HCCA) and beef production; the board of HCCA has established requirements for the HCCA Garfield County Producer Beef Premium Awards as of Spring 2017. **The following activities are required beginning in 2017.**

In order to receive an award check at the Holy Cross Cattlemen’s Association 66th Annual Meeting to be held in January 2023 youth need to complete the activities as detailed in 1-4 below. **The application and a copy of thank you notes sent, need to be completed and submitted by October 15, 2022.** These can be mailed to Holy Cross Cattlemen’s Association, c/o Ginny Harrington, PO Box 1369, Carbondale, CO 81623 or scanned and emailed to ginny.a.harrington@gmail.com. For questions call Ginny at 970-318-0076.

The submission will be judged based on completion, accuracy, and originality. The participant or participants judged to have the best report by HCCA board members may be rewarded an extra monetary amount along with the premium check for participation. All those completing the activities satisfactorily will receive a premium check.

1. The requirement of cattle being purchased from a Holy Cross Cattlemen’s Association (and/or Holy Cross Cattlewomen’s Association) member is and will remain in effect. Only one of your animals needs to be from a HCCA member to be eligible and monies are not multiplied if you have more than one animal. Generally, the checks have been from $125 to $400 per youth depending on the number of participants and the amount of funds raised in our fundraising efforts. One or more outstanding applications may be chosen and applicant/s awarded a higher premium than other participants completing the program.
2. A second requirement will be to fill out a sign-up sheet at the time of the first weigh-in (see page 2), or shortly thereafter, indicating you plan to be a participant in the program, your name, contact info, and the name of the HCCA member where you purchased your cattle. Please have a leader or Extension Office sign the sheet. This will allow us to confirm your eligibility and provide you with a stall card (see #6 below) prior to the fair. **Sign-up sheets need to be mailed to Ginny Harrington at the address above no later than May 21. (Note: If you filled out a form and submitted through the Extension Office, that form will be accepted for participation in the program.** However, you may be contacted with further questions and ALL participants are required to complete 3-6 below.)
3. Youth are asked to prepare a report to turn into the board of HCCA. (to be mailed or emailed to Ginny Harrington by Oct. 15th
	1. Youth are asked to interview a member of HCCA, other than the member from whom they purchased the cattle. This can be by phone or in person. You may interview a board member or ask the board member for the name of a general member near you, or choose a member you know. A list of board members will be provided after the HCCA January 22, 2022 meeting. You may also contact Ginny Harrington for a list of HCCA general members. Contact info is above in the introduction.

Potential Questions: What does it mean to the producer to be a HCCA member? How does being a member benefit you as a livestock producer? What are the biggest challenges you face as a livestock producer and what are the biggest rewards? You may include other questions of your choosing. Youth should write two or more paragraphs detailing what they learned. Please list the member that you interviewed. (Please choose a different Holy Cross Cattlemen’s member to interview, if at all possible, if not please expand on the questions asked. Past submissions are saved.)

* 1. Youth are also asked to research two to three issues facing the cattle industry and prepare two to three paragraphs for each issue, explaining what you have learned. (Again, please select different issues than you did in past years or expand on those issues. All past submissions are saved.) These can include challenges or opportunities that cattlemen face; such as water and resource/land issues – including public lands, increasing water demands, range management, noxious weeds; livestock health and feeding – including nutrition and supplementation, vet feed directive, livestock diseases; marketing – including opportunities like direct marketing, such as farm to table and retained ownership; ecosystem services provided by ranching; international trade agreements; innovations that are helping producers to be more profitable and sustainable; government regulations and how they impact cattle producers -- including water, endangered species, reintroduction efforts of endangered species such as wolves, environmental challenges, etc… or other….(for younger participants under 12, they can choose to do any of the topics above or general care of livestock, livestock health and nutrition/nutritional needs are acceptable topics.) To be eligible for the checks presented at the January, Holy Cross Cattlemen’s Assoc. meeting you must complete your project at fair.
1. Youth are asked to send the HCCA board a thank you letter. Thank you, letters can be mailed to the address, at the top of the page. Also choose three of the youth programs sponsors and auction buyer names, (list will be provided at sign-up) and send thank you notes. It would be a nice gesture to divide these names between youth

participants to make sure that all supporters receive a thank you. Copies of thank you notes must be submitted with your report to the address at the top of this letter.

1. HCCA will provide a stall card before the fair to be displayed on your livestock stall at fair. This stall card will list sponsors of the program and that youth are participating in the Holy Cross Cattlemen’s Assoc. Garfield County Producer Beef Program. The stall card will only indicate you are eligible for the program, not that you have completed requirements and will receive an award/check.
2. Highly recommended: Participating youth are asked to attend the HCCA annual meeting in January or provide a legitimate excuse. The excuse could be sports or school activities or traveling to such events, that conflict with the time of the meeting, or illness, etc... You may reach Ginny Harrington at 970-318-0076 to provide excuse.

# Garfield County Producer Beef Premium Sign-up Sheet

**Participant Name:**

**Participant Signature:**

**Parents Name:**

**Parents Phone:**

**Parents email:**

**Address:**

**Cattle Purchased From:**

**Leader or Extension Office Signature:**

**Date:**