

Species Chair Application



Species Chair position for which you are applying *

- Large Beef
- Lamb
- Llama & Alpaca
- Poultry
- Swine

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County in which you are a registered 4-H volunteer *

- Grand Traverse
- Leelanau
- Benzie
- Kalkaska
- Antrim

Describe your experience with 4-H in general and with the 4-H Livestock Council in particular. What other experience do you have with this particular species?

I have been the Dairy Feeder specie chair for the last 2 years and have been able to work with the 4-H Livestock Council firsthand. I have been involved in 4-H since I can remember and it has always played a huge role in my life. I showed Jr. Beef for 3 years and the remaining years I showed steers. I have grown up around cattle and find myself to be very comfortable around them and truly love to help kids grow into great cattle showmen.

Describe how you will actively develop and promote your project area, both during the fair and the rest of the year.

I always want to see kids try something new and challenge themselves, so I always try to promote the cattle program as much as I can because it is great to watch these programs grow. Also, with education sessions we could potentially see growth within the program. Giving 4-Hers different types of educational information could draw in more kids.

What specifically do you plan to do to keep up-to-date on your species?

Attending as many shows and workshops as possible. Attending shows can give me a better outlook on what I could possibly change for the upcoming year when running a show, how cattle are being judged and simply keeping up my general knowledge of cattle.

What do you see as the two most important issues currently facing your species or the 4-H Livestock Council?

Hands on education I think is something that could definitely be brought into play. Kids I think learn better when they can actually touch and feel what it is like to, for example fit a steer/heifer or show a steer/heifer. This I feel would intrigue many 4-Hers to get more involved with their specie. Secondly, I think the organization of how shows are ran is another issue. I would really like to sit down and revamp the showing order and make it more efficient.

What specific ideas do you have for your species' program that you would like to implement during your term in office?

Definitely providing 4-Hers with more showmanship clinics and fitting clinic, I think these could really benefit the kids that don't have the ability to attend bigger shows, but overall be a good way to teach all the 4-Hers more about what goes into showing a steer or heifer. This would allow kids to ask questions and demonstrate what they have learned and overall make them a better showman come fair time.

What additional information would you like to provide?

In addition to this application, please be prepared to give a 2-3 minute speech at the October meeting of the 4-H Livestock Council. This should include comments regarding your willingness and ability to serve as a 4-H Livestock Council Species Chair, what you feel you can contribute to your particular species' program, and what you feel you can contribute to the 4-H Livestock Council in general.

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