

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 club leader of Windy Acres 4-H Club for 25 plus years and the Specie Chair of 4-H poultry for 25 years.

I have been an active member of the Livestock Council, I have attended most every meeting since becoming a leader. I attend these meetings to keep current on issues regarding 4-H, in general, to bring forth to my club.

I, also, attend these meetings to help and advise those families that are interested in Poultry.

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

I plan to continue to be available to all poultry families throughout the year, to answer their questions and concerns.

I will continue to hold clinics in the spring to advise 4-H'ers on how to select, show and market their poultry.

I encourage families to research poultry, specifically the type that they chosen to exhibit. I believe that this type of learning enhances their dedication to their project.

I live for Fair week, to me this the culmination of weeks and months of hard work that 4-H kids have put into their projects. Love the smiles, even the tears that are shed, from these kids!

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

I research many different University websites for ideas and updates around the country. (Some great info on all species to be had). I keep myself current with information at many levels, local and state with regards to poultry practices in the State of Michigan.

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

At this time, the most concerning issue for the poultry program, is the current talk of the USPS not shipping live poultry in the coming year. This could be devastating to the program. I am hoping that there will be an alternative means for children to obtain poultry.

I would also like to see, more promotion of the small animal programs, within the program itself and through the Livestock Council. The small animal program has come a long way, with the dedication of some great species folks and families!!! We need to continue this momentum. Many children do not have the desire or the accommodations to raise a large animal. I would like to find a way to make these kids receive more recognition for their hard work.

I would also like to stress that some 4-H'ers are not interested in marketing their animals, they like to "show only". They, too need to be recognized. We are not a "market" only Council.

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

Guest speakers would be a nice addition to educational training/credits.

Continue with clinics.

Continue with virtual educational learning and credits.

What additional information would you like to provide?

I am NO computer wizard, but after this "Virtual Experience" in 2020, I would like to see more flexibility in using the online ability to fill out forms, record books, etc.

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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