



### **ANS STARTER BEEF AWARD**

This award, sponsored by ANS Cattle, provides 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to receive a Hereford or Shorthorn cross beef female. Animals obtained through the starter program must be shown at the Coos County Fair the following year.

Aaron Smith's involvement with cattle and the 4-H program started at a young age. Born and raised in Coos County, Aaron and his family have been involved in 4-H, the fair and the auction program for many years. Aaron started building his own herd of beef cows during junior high school and has expanded the business in his adult life.

Aaron has continued his involvement with the Coos County Fair and the Coos Youth Auction through the years and travels here each year to attend the fair. The ANS family would like to now help the next generation of 4-H and FFA members in Coos County.

The purpose of this award from ANS Cattle is to help a 4-H or FFA member with building a herd of their own.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. This award is open to any boy or girl who has been enrolled in a 4-H club or FFA program for at least one year.
2. Applicants must be entering grades 6-9 in the fall following the fair.
3. Previous winners of this award are ineligible to apply for this award.
4. Winners of this award must be enrolled in a 4-H or FFA beef project for one year after winning.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

5. Each applicant must complete a Starter Beef Award form, write an essay explaining why they wish to receive the award, have a parent or guardian approval, and have 4-H or FFA leader/advisor approval.
6. Leaders/advisors must sign the application and write a paragraph why they recommend the applicant for the award.



7. All award finalists will be interviewed by Aaron Smith and members of the starter committee the Friday afternoon of fair. Parent or guardian must accompany applicant during the interview.
8. Applications are due at the Coos County OSU Extension Office or the Davenport building by **Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm.**

Mail applications to: Starter Animal Award Committee  
Coos County Extension Office  
Ohlsen Baxter Building  
631 Alder Street  
Myrtle Point, Or 97458

#### **PROGRAM RULES**

9. The heifer will be available following the Coos County Fair. The successful applicant will arrange to travel and meet with Aaron Smith at the ANS property in the Philomath, Oregon area and choose their heifer from a selection of quality animals born early in the current year.
10. If the starter animal dies, the applicant does not need to replace or reimburse the starter animal committee the value of the heifer. The animal cannot be sold or given away during the first year.
11. All applicants must be able to provide adequate facilities for raising beef.
12. The winner of the award and a parent or guardian must sign a contract which defines the program rules.
13. Winners of the award must be enrolled in a 4-H or FFA beef project for one year after winning the award and must have their animal by September 15.
14. Winners must show the award animal in a special Starter Beef Award class at the Coos County Fair the following year, and must participate in the Beef Showmanship contest.
15. Progress reports must be made during the year. These reports will be sent to the OSU Extension Office. Possible visitations may be made by the Starter animal committee. These visitations will be to assist the award winner with the care of the animal and to answer any questions the award winner may have. The recipient will also be expected to have the heifer at the March auction steer weigh-in.



**ANS STARTER BEEF APPLICATION**

**Starter Animal Award - Coos County 4-H / FFA**

**RETURN FORM BY July 25**

I herewith make application to apply for the Starter Animal Award. I have read the rules and regulations on this application and agree to abide by them.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering in Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Leader/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H/FFA club currently enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SUBMIT AN ESSAY STATING WHY YOU WANT TO WIN THIS AWARD.

**Approval of Parent or Guardian**

I have read the rules and regulations for this application. I approve this application and agree to abide by these rules. I also understand that a Parent or Guardian must accompany the applicant to an interview to be held Friday of the Coos County Fair.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_

4-H leader/FFA advisor approval: \_\_\_\_\_ is a member of my 4-H club or FFA chapter and has been enrolled for this past year.

Signature of leader/advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H club or FFA chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a paragraph telling why you recommend this 4-H/ FFA member for this award. Include participation in 4-H/FFA activities, cooperation with others, and interest with seeing this project through. Also, include any special factors that will make this applicant deserving of this award. Attach this recommendation to the member's completed application.