



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



7. All award finalists will be interviewed by Aaron Smith and members of the starter committee on 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 by **June 20**.

Mail applications to: Starter Animal Award Committee
Coos County Extension
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 June 20

I herewith make application 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 club /FFA chapter _____

Signature _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ Date _____

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

Approval by 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 _____

Approval by 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor

This applicant 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.