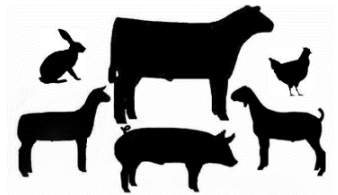




L.E.G. Up
Livestock Educational Grant
Application Information and Agreement

Please read the entire application before signing.
Applications that are incomplete or not legible may be disqualified.



Application Deadline: September 30, 2025 by 12midnight MT

Program Overview

The **Douglas County Fair Foundation** in partnership with the Douglas County Fair Board and Douglas County 4-H proudly presents the L.E.G. Up Program. L.E.G. Up offers 4-H members an opportunity to have a market livestock project and raise an animal sponsored by a generous partner.

The **Douglas County Fair Board** supports L.E.G. Up participants by providing knowledgeable animal industry advisors and the opportunity to show and sell their program animals at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. Grant recipients **MAY** be selected to sell their market animal in the Jr. Livestock Sale. Eligibility will be determined by market class placings in each species at the Douglas County Fair according to competition rules and guidelines.

Douglas County 4-H provides structured educational programs that teach participants about the animal industry and how to raise and care for market animals. Participants will learn by doing, how to care for, raise, feed, and sell a market animal. Sponsors will be able to support youth and contribute to the community by providing an opportunity to increase their education, learn responsibility, and improve their citizenship. Grant recipients will be required to enroll in the Douglas County 4-H program.

L.E.G Up participants will help form a bond between all the members of 4-H and any given sponsor to continue the spirit of agriculture in Douglas County. The success of this program is the responsibility of the participant and their parents, sponsors, program advisers, the Douglas County Fair Foundation, the Douglas County Fair Board, Douglas County 4-H, and those interested in supporting agricultural education in Douglas County. FFA members are encouraged to apply and are required to be enrolled in a Douglas County 4-H club. **All prize money and junior livestock sale proceeds earned will belong to the grant recipient in good standing.*

Application process:

- **Complete the application providing legible details and submit your application by the deadline to: Douglas County Fair Foundation via email DCLivestockGrant@gmail.com or the extension office.**
Application must include;
 1. Livestock Grant program application
*All required signatures of applicant, parents, and leader
**If you intend to house your animal at CALF, you must contact CALF before your grant interview.*
 2. Questionnaire completed – use a separate sheet of paper as needed
- **Upon receipt of the application, you will receive an email from the Fair Foundation with details for an interview.**
- **Applicants and a parent/guardian are required to attend an interview in person on **Saturday, October 4, 2025 in Castle Rock. No alternate dates for interviews will be available.****
- **Grant recipient winners will be announced at 4-H achievement night.**
- **Any special accommodations required for your interview must be submitted in writing WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**

Email the completed application to:

DCLivestockGrant@gmail.com by 9/30/2025

Or return the completed application to:

Douglas County Fair Foundation L.E.G. Up
c/o Douglas County Extension Office 4-H office
410 Fairgrounds Road
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104

Application Deadline: September 30, 2025 – no exceptions

L.E.G. Up - Participation Application

Please number in order of preference if applying for a grant in more than 1 species. If you are only interested in 1 grant, simply mark with an X. Only 1 grant per person will be awarded.

- _____ A sponsored Steer and up to **\$2,000** of reimbursed feed and care expenses.
- _____ Market Swine Project - **\$1,500** grant toward the animal purchase, feed, and care expenses.
- _____ Market Goat Project - **\$1,500** toward the animal purchase, feed and care expenses.
- _____ Two sponsored market Lambs and up to **\$400** of reimbursed feed and care expenses
- _____ Rabbit breeding trio and up to **\$400** of reimbursed feed and care expenses
- _____ Market Poultry – **\$200** reimbursement toward a Market Turkey or Chicken Meat Pen project.

Applicant Name: _____ Applicant age on 12/31/2025 _____

Applicant date of birth _____ Applicant T-shirt Size _____

Applicant email address _____

Mailing address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Address where animal is housed if different: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ work phone: _____

email address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ work phone: _____

email address: _____

I hereby apply to participate in the L.E.G. Up Livestock Education Grant Program through the Douglas County Fair Foundation. I understand I will be required to be **actively enrolled in the Douglas County 4-H program and in good standing.**

I understand if I am awarded a livestock education grant, I must take possession of the animal from the sponsor on the announced date and immediately start to raise it as a 4-H/FFA market project for exhibit at the next Douglas County Fair and Rodeo.

If I receive a grant, I will be responsible for feeding, handling, training and caring for the animal. If I experience any concerns while raising the animal, I will communicate immediately with my species advisor at the Douglas County Fair Foundation. It is agreed and understood that the responsibility for the animal and its actions shall rest solely with the 4-H member awarded the animal. I understand that if the L.E.G. Up committee determines I am not providing adequate care to the animal, required and timely correspondence with the sponsor, or not fulfilling the L.E.G. Up Participation Requirements and Regulations I may be removed from participation in this program and forfeit the animal and all grant money. If I am removed from the program, I must immediately return the animal and all expense reimbursement money received to the Douglas County Fair Foundation.

All requirements and regulations of the current Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Requirements & Regulations, L.E.G. Up Participation Requirements and Regulations, Douglas County 4-H Program Requirements, and code of conduct will apply to participate in this program and to the eligibility and exhibition of this market project and exhibitor.

By signing below, I agree to have read the requirements and regulations of this program on the following pages and agree to abide by them for the duration of my participation in the L.E.G. Up Livestock Educational Grant Program.

Contractual obligations: I/We will meet all conditions of the program if awarded a grant. I/We hereby grant my/our consent and approval and agree to release and hold harmless the sponsor, the Douglas County Fair Foundation, the Douglas County Fair Board, and CSU Extension Office officers, directors, and staff from all loss, cost, and expense arising out of any liability for injury or damages to persons or property sustained or claimed to have been sustained by the applicant, or anyone whomever, by reason of the applicant above participating in this L.E.G. Up Livestock Educational Grant Program. *By typing your name below, you agree that your electronic signature is equivalent to your handwritten signature on this document.*

Applicant Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian 1 _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian 2 _____ Date _____

4-H Livestock Project Leader & 4-H Club information

Douglas County 4-H Club Name: _____

4-H Leader Name: _____

4-H Leader phone: _____

4-H Leader E-Mail Address: _____

4-H Livestock Leader Signature _____

Applicant Questionnaire

Why would you like to participate in the Livestock Educational Grant Program?

What personal qualities make you the best candidate for this program and recipient of the grant?

Please describe the housing facilities in detail where you plan to keep your market animal.

What equipment do you already have available?

List 3 people that can help you with your market animal 4-H project if you are selected as the recipient. How is each person qualified?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

Provide an itemized financial estimate for your market animal project expenses for this next year if awarded the grant. *Include feed, bedding, hay, grain, vet care & equipment. Please consult with a 4-H project member or leader and use a separate sheet of paper if needed.*

Photo release: I/We agree to allow the L.E.G. Up Livestock Educational Grant Program and the entities involved to use my child's photograph and/or image for promotional purposes related to the program.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

Keep a copy of the program regulations for your future reference. Any questions regarding the Program should be directed by participants to their L.E.G. Up Species Advisor.

Read and agree to the program regulations with your initials on each section.

_____ Participants must be familiar with and comply with all requirements and regulations of the current Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Requirements and Regulations, Douglas County 4-H Program Requirements, **and must be enrolled in Douglas County 4-H.**

_____ Participants are strongly encouraged to attend any/all informational sessions regarding your selected species as communicated by the Douglas County CSU Extension office.

_____ Participants selected for L.E.G. Up will be awarded the grant money as outlined above. Expense receipts must be summarized and submitted for reimbursement to the Douglas County Fair Foundation after **your weigh-in/tag in date for the Fair**.

_____ Applicants enter this program at their OWN RISK and acknowledge they could be injured by their participation. The sponsor, the Douglas County Fair Board, Douglas County Fair Foundation, CSU Extension, and all sponsors, directors, and staff will not be responsible for any injuries or damage connected with this program. In addition, these entities will not be responsible for any harm caused by the animal during the ownership period.

_____ Animals provided by sponsors are not trained as that is part of the 4-H member's project and responsibility.

_____ Grant recipients must be enrolled in Douglas County 4-H, be a member in Good Standing between the age of eight (8) and eighteen (18) who can prove access to adequate facilities to raise and handle an animal.

_____ Age is determined as of December 31 of the current year. It is highly recommended that a Participant not enter this program if they plan to be away at college or away from home during the time of raising the animal.

_____ Douglas County Fair Foundation Livestock Educational Grant Program committee will certify that these standards are met.

_____ Any 4-H member who has previously received a grant through this program MAY NOT be eligible to win again.

_____ **All** applications must be received by the deadline date to be eligible. Late applications will not be accepted.

_____ Participants must take possession of the L.E.G. Up sponsored animal on the designated date and start immediately as a 4-H project for exhibit at the next Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.

_____ Each month (from animal possession through August) Participants are required to write a summary with photographs to the sponsor of the animal and species advisor. Summaries are to be postmarked or emailed by the last day of the month. **Failure to write the monthly letter may result in forfeiture of the animal.**

_____ Participants agree to monthly prearranged visits from a representative of the L.E.G. Up committee.

_____ Participants will give permission for L.E.G. Up and the entities involved to use appropriate photographs for promotional purposes related to the program.

_____ Registration to participate in the Douglas County Fair completed by the designated deadline is required for all grant recipients. Failure to adhere will result in the loss of any unused reimbursable funds.

_____ A complete 4-H project record book including story, pictures, and activities must be submitted by the deadline determined by 4-H adhering to completion requirements.

_____ L.E.G. Up committee reserves the right to take the animal away from any Participant who does not abide by these requirements and regulations, including letters to sponsors, record keeping, does not properly care/feed the animal, or does not take full responsibility for the animal. Any Participant who forfeits their animal must immediately return any expense reimbursements received to the Douglas County Fair Foundation and no allowances will be made for any expenses incurred.

_____ Market animals must meet the competition requirements to be eligible for and exhibited in the Jr. Market Animal classes at Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. **Grant animals are NOT guaranteed to be chosen for the Jr. Livestock Sale.**

_____ If eligible, the grant animal must be the Participant's first preference for selection to the Junior Livestock Sale in the event multiple species are being shown unless the Participant has a Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion market animal. The sale order is determined by the method defined in the current Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Regulations and Requirements.

_____ All prize money and sale proceeds will belong to the Participant.

_____ Junior Livestock Sale "Thank You" notes must be sent to the sponsor by August 31.

_____ All other Junior Livestock Sale Participation Requirements and Regulations will apply.

_____ Animals not eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale may be sold through private treaty sale.

_____ In the event of death or lameness of the animal, the Participant assumes full responsibility for necessary care, disposal, and expenses.

_____ Grant animals received MAY NOT be used for breeding without written permission from the sponsor with the exception of market rabbits.

_____ Douglas County Fair Foundation reserves the right to temporarily or permanently remove a species from the program based on current events. As an example, contagious virus, and/or recommendations made by the Colorado Department of Agriculture would impact grants being offered.

_____ Douglas County Fair Foundation reserves the right to amend this grant program at the end of each year.

I/We have read, discussed, and agree to adhere to these program guidelines.

Applicant _____ Date _____

Parent _____ Date _____

**Please note that in person Interview questions may reference any of the above guidelines.*

Your Livestock Educational Grant Program Committee and Advisor responsibilities include:

- Counsel participants by reviewing the Requirements and Regulations of the program.
- Certify that the 4-H member is qualified for the L.E.G. Up Program and has signed this form.
- Counsel recipients regarding records, monthly sponsor letter, insurance, feeding/care, fitting, and showing.
- Assist Participant with entry form and preparation for exhibition at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.