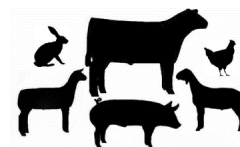




L.E.G. Up Livestock Educational Grant Application Information and Agreement

*Please read the entire application before signing.
Incomplete or Illegible applications may be disqualified.*



Application Deadline: September 30, 2026 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 livestock project and raise an animal sponsored by a generous partner with grant money to cover a portion of the expenses.

Our Mission

L.E.G. Up intends to provide financial support and equitable access to livestock projects, ensuring motivated youth an opportunity to participate in agriculture while developing responsibility, leadership, animal husbandry skills, financial literacy, and lifelong appreciation for the agricultural industry.

The **Douglas County Fair Board** supports L.E.G. Up participants by providing knowledgeable livestock 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 depending on how they place in their species' classes according to the Douglas County Fair competition rules and guidelines.

Douglas County 4-H offers structured educational programs that teach youth about the animal industry and how to raise and care for both market and breeding animals. Participants will learn by doing-caring for, feeding, raising, and selling a market animal. Sponsors help youth grow by providing opportunities and building knowledge, responsibility, and citizenship. All grant recipients must 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 participants 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.

**Any 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 **September 30, 2026**, to: Douglas County Fair Foundation via email DCLivestockGrant@gmail.com**
Include:
 1. Livestock Grant program application including signatures of applicant, parents, and leader
**If you intend to house your animal at CALF, you must contact CALF before your grant interview.*
 1. Questionnaire completed – use a separate sheet of paper as needed
 2. **Only scanned copies** or originals will be accepted. **NO PHOTOS of APPLICATIONS** permitted.
- **Upon receipt of the application, you will receive an email from LEG Up with details for an interview.**
- **Applicants and a parent/guardian are required to attend an interview in person on **Saturday, October 3, 2026**, in **Castle Rock. No alternate dates for interviews will be available.****
- **Grant recipient winners are announced at 4-H Achievement Night.**
- **Any special accommodations required for your interview must be submitted in writing WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**

Submit application to: DCLivestockGrant@gmail.com by **September 30, 2026 – no exceptions**

Applications can be mailed to:

**DCFF – LEG Up
P.O. Box 1557
Castle Rock, CO 80104**

L.E.G. Up - Participation Application

Please number your species choices if applying for more than one. If applying for only one, 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.

_____ A breeding heifer and up to **\$2,000** of reimbursed feed and care expenses ~ **NEW** ~

_____ 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 Market Turkey, Market Duck or Chicken Meat Pen project.

Applicant Name: _____ Applicant age on 12/31/2026 _____

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 am applying 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 a member 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 begin raising it as a 4-H/FFA project with intent to exhibit at the next Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.

If awarded a grant, I agree to 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.** I agree and understand that the responsibility for the animal and its actions shall rest solely with me as the grant recipient. I understand that if the L.E.G. Up committee determines I am not providing proper care of the animal, not communicating as required with the sponsor, or not fulfilling the L.E.G. Up Participation Requirements and Regulations, I may be removed from participation in the program. If removed, I must forfeit the animal and any reimbursed grant money to the Douglas County Fair Foundation.

I agree to follow all rules and requirements of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, the LEG Up Program, the Douglas County 4-H Program, and the code of conduct. These rules apply to my participation, eligibility, and exhibition of this animal project.

By signing below, I confirm I have read the program requirements and agree to follow them for the duration of my participation.

Contractual obligations: If awarded a grant, I/we agree to **meet all program conditions.** I/we consent to release and hold harmless the sponsor, the Douglas County Fair Foundation, the Douglas County Fair Board, and CSU Extension Office along with their officers, directors, and staff from any liability for injury, property damage connected to my participation in the 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 animal project expenses. *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 these regulations for reference and direct questions about the program to your L.E.G. Up Species Advisor.

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

Submitted application that is a scanned copy or original. NO PHOTOS of APPLICATIONS will be accepted.

_____ Recipients must understand and comply with all current requirements and regulations of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Rules, Douglas County 4-H Program, **and must be enrolled in Douglas County 4-H.**

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

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

_____ Recipients enter this program at their OWN RISK and acknowledge possible risk of injury by their participation. The sponsor, the Douglas County Fair Board, Douglas County Fair Foundation, CSU Extension, 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.

_____ 4-H Age is determined by December 31 of the current year. It is recommended that if you plan to be away at college or away from home during the time of raising the animal, that you not apply.

_____ Douglas County Fair Foundation L.E.G. Up Program committee will certify that these requirements 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.

_____ Recipients must take possession of the L.E.G. Up sponsored animal on the designated date and immediately begin caring for it as a 4-H project with intent to exhibit at the next Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.

_____ If the animal housing location provided on the application changes, the recipient must notify the committee immediately.

_____ From animal possession through Fair, recipients are required to submit a monthly summary by the 15th of each month with photographs to be shared with the animal sponsor and species advisor. **Failure to write the monthly letter may result in forfeiture of the animal.**

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

_____ Recipients will give permission for L.E.G. Up and 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 completed 4-H project record book must be submitted by the deadline determined by 4-H adhering to completion requirements.

_____ L.E.G. Up committee reserves the right to take possession of an animal from any recipient who does not abide by these requirements and regulations, including letters to sponsors, record keeping, improper care/feeding or does not take full responsibility for the animal. Any recipient who forfeits their animal must immediately return all expense reimbursements received to the Douglas County Fair Foundation and without any exceptions for cost incurred.

_____ Project 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 applicable, the grant animal must be the recipient's preference for selection to the Junior Livestock Sale in the event multiple species are being shown unless the recipient 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 recipient.

_____ **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 recipient assumes full responsibility for necessary care, disposal, and expenses.

_____ Grant animals shown in the market class MAY NOT be used for breeding without written permission from the sponsor with the except 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 may impact grants 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 recipients 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, feeding/care, fitting, and showing.
- Assist recipients with entry form and preparation for exhibition at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.