Welcome to the
Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Earn-An-Animal Project

Program Introduction:

The 4-H Earn-An-Animal program allows for 4-H members (ages 8-18) as of the current 4-H Year to earn funding towards a project animal. This program requires dedication from the youth and support from their guardians. Youth must apply, prove that they have adequate housing for the animals, as well as, research, choose and purchase their animal and supplies. Through the 4-H Earn-An-Animal Project, 4-H youth will learn planning, time management, organization, and record keeping skills.
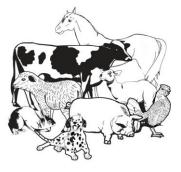
The program limit is one award animal per species. Once a species is won, that youth is ineligible to apply for that species again. No Lease Animals.

Requirements for the Earn-An-Animal Project:

(Scholarship winners will not receive re-imbursement until they have met all the requirements and approval of the Earn-An-Animal Committee.)

- Complete a Written Application, Interview, and Farm Visit. Applications are due by January 21st. No late applications will be accepted.

- Attend the Earn-An-Animal Orientation with a parent/guardian

- Large Animals (Horses & Cattle) must be owned no more than six month before the application deadline and no later than March 1st, 2020.

- All other species must be owned no more than three months before the application deadline and no later than May 1st, 2020.

- Youth are not to purchase animals from their own family farm.

- Provide adequate housing, and nutrition for my animal(s)

- Keep accurate Earn-An-Animal records

- Attend 4-H or non-4-H species specific clinic (at least one – local or regional events accepted)

- Show my animal at the Junior Livestock Show or at a 4-H Horse Show (Species specific - see species requirements hand out)

- Show my animal at the Fonda Fair

- Display a sign at the Fonda Fair with your stall decorations denoting an Earn-An-Animal entry.

- Send a thank you note to the Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Earn-An-Animal Committee and sponsors which will be done at orientation.

- Sign and return the Earn-An-Animal contract. This will be distributed at orientation.

- Submit a copy of the Bill of Sale for full or partial Re-imbursement (depends on species scholarship amount)

- Earn-An-Animal Complete Records due Oct. 15 to the 4-H Office (Same due date as the 4-H Project Record Book)

Failure to meet these requirements could result in forfeiting your re-imbursement and the right to apply for Earn-An–Animal.

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FULTON-MONTGOMERY
4-H EARN-AN-ANIMAL APPLICATION

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Therefore, in some instances partial amounts may be awarded from initial advertisement.
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To be *typewritten* or *printed in ink* by applicant
Applications due to 4-H Office by *Tuesday, January 21, 2020.*

NAME: _____ D.O.B. _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____
(If different from mailing address)

PHONE NUMBER(S): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be correct.

Date_____   Signed_____
                                                                    (Youth)

APPROVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

As parent or guardian, I understand that reimbursement will not be awarded until the full completion of the 4-H Earn-An-Animal program; therefore, I understand that my child and I are responsible for initial funding of this project animal including: land, housing, feed and supplies. I have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct.

Date_____   Signed_____
(Parent or Guardian)

As 4-H Club Leader or 4-H Advisor, I have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct.

Date_____   Signed_____
(4-H Club Leader-Advisor)

PLEASE CIRCLE THE ANIMAL SPECIES YOU ARE APPLYING FOR (Choose only one):

Beef Cattle   Dairy Cattle   Dairy Goat   Meat Goat   Sheep   Swine

Horse   Rabbit   Cavy   Poultry

Are you currently a 4-H member? Yes / No   If yes, how many years? _____

Do you live on a working farm? Yes / No

Do you own any other animals? Yes / No   Do you lease any animals?   Yes / No

If you answered yes to either question, what species and breed? Are they registered?

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Have you ever received a 4-H earn-an-animal?   Yes   /   No

Please Note: The program limit is one species scholarship award per year. Once a youth has been awarded a species scholarship, they may not apply for that same species again.

If yes, what species and breed?_____

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If yes, what happened to your animal? _____

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If no, have you previously applied?_____

Would you like to or did you recently purchase a registered or a grade animal? Why? (Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goats require registration to show at the Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show)

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Why would you like to receive this animal? _____

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What do you hope to learn and achieve? _____

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What do you plan to do with your project animal? _____

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Where would you house this animal?_____

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Where will you purchase the feed and what will you feed your animal? _____

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What daily chores would you need to do? _____

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What breed of this species would you choose and why? _____

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In what 4-H events and/or projects have you participated? (Be sure to tell about any that relate to this type of animal.)

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Who will be your advisor for this 4-H Project? _____

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Is there anything else you would like to share regarding your experiences? _____

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Fulton-Montgomery
4-H Earn-an-Animal Reference Form

Reference Name: _____
(4-H Club Leader, Teacher, Veterinarian - non-family)

Earn-an-Animal Applicant Name: _____

A. How do you know this youth?

B. What interest and knowledge does the youth have in the species they would like to earn?

C. Do you think the youth would be responsible for caring for the animal on a day-to-day basis?

D. What will this youth gain by raising an animal?

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Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Program
4-H Earn-an-Animal Project Timeline 2020

Early December	Applications available
January 21	Application deadline
January 28	Interviews
February 25	Earn-An-Animal Orientation
March 1	Large Animal Ownership Deadline (Horse & Cattle)
May 1	All Other Species Ownership Deadline
June 1	Jr. Livestock Show Registration
July 12-14	Jr. Livestock Show
TBD – July	Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Horse Show
August 1	Fonda Fair Entries Due
August/September	Fonda Fair
October 15	Earn-An-Animal Project Records Due
November 6	4-H Recognition Night - Reimbursement for those that completed all the requirements and were approved by the Earn-An-Animal Committee.

🍀 Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Earn-an-Animal Program Description

Purpose
The purpose of the 4-H Earn-An-Animal Project is to: 1) give youth the opportunity to get started with a 4-H livestock/agribusiness project, 2) purchase a quality animal, 3) learn business practices

Method
Youth receive grant money they will apply to the purchase price of an animal(s) that they will raise and show. The hands-on experience of this project allows youth to learn important life and science skills it takes to complete a 4-H livestock project. Species awarded in the 4-H Earn-an-Animal Program: Cattle, (beef and dairy), goats (dairy & meat), swine, sheep, horses, rabbits, cavies and poultry.

How does it work?
Any Fulton-Montgomery enrolled 4-H youth, ages 8-18, as of the current 4-H Year may apply for a 4-H Earn-an-Animal project animal/agribusiness grant.   Unaffiliated youth must enroll in the Fulton-Montgomery 4-H program to be eligible to apply.

Youth must complete an application including a reference check, have a face-to-face interview (with the Earn-an-Animal Committee) and formally agree to the requirements of the 4-H Earn-an-Animal project. Applications are due **January 21st, 2020** and can be downloaded from the CCE Fulton-Montgomery website, or picked up from the 4-H office. Youth may only apply for one species per year. The limit is one award animal per species. Once a species is won, that youth is ineligible to apply for that species again.

How is this program possible?
Generous financial donations of area businesses and individual supporters of this 4-H program.

What is expected of the selected youth?
Youth are expected to be the primary caregiver for the award animal(s). Award animals must be exhibited at the Fonda Fair, the Jr. Livestock Show or a 4-H Horse Show (if applicable for the species – see species requirement handout). Contracts with the award winners will specify the details. Youth work with a mentor to find and purchase an animal, if they have not already purchased their animal prior to application. Upon completion of the project requirements (must include a copy of the bill of sale) and approval of the Earn-An-Animal committee, scholarship winners will be reimbursed for the agreed amount. In all cases, the family will be required to cover the initial purchase cost of the project animal.

For more information, contact the 4-H office, 518-853-2135

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Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Earn-An-Animal

Species of Animal	Requirements	Contribution
Poultry (Purebred – no pets)	Show at the Fonda Fair. Complete 4-H Earn-An-Animal Record Book and Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Project Record Book.	Contribution $75
Rabbit and Cavy (Purebred – no pets)	Show at the Fonda Fair. Complete 4-H Earn-An-Animal Record Book and Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Project Record Book.	Contribution $75
Goat (Dairy or Meat)	Show at the Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show and the Fonda Fair. Complete 4-H Earn-An-Animal Record Book and Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Project Record Book. Dairy Goats must be registered.	Contribution $150
Swine (Market or Breeding)	Show at the Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show and the Fonda Fair. Complete 4-H Earn-An-Animal Record Book and Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Project Record Book.	Contribution $150
Sheep (Market or Breeding)	Show at the Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show and the Fonda Fair. Complete 4-H Earn-An-Animal Record Book and Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Project Record Book.	Contribution $150
Beef Cattle (Market or Breeding)	Show at the Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show and the Fonda Fair. Complete 4-H Earn-An-Animal Record Book and Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Project Record Book.	Contribution $500
Dairy Cattle (Registered)	Show at the Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show and the Fonda Fair. Complete 4-H Earn-An-Animal Record Book and Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Project Record Book.	Contribution $500
Horse	Show at a 4-H Horse Show (other than Fonda Fair) and the Fonda Fair. Complete 4-H Earn-An-Animal Record Book and Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Project Record Book. Must complete a riding and/or driving evaluation. Miniature Horses are exempt from evaluations.	Contribution $500

In addition to the specific requirements, all 4-H'ers are required to provide adequate housing, nutrition, and keep accurate records. Participants must also be willing to allow the 4-H Program Committee, mentor or other designee to complete an onsite visit This program is offered pending business sponsorship.
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