Siskiyou County Cattlemen and CattleWomen

**DONATION HEIFER APPLICATION**

**DUE July 30, 2018**

Email your completed application to ckrivers@ucanr.edu or mail/hand deliver to

1655 S. Main St., Yreka, CA 96097

**BACKGROUND**

The Siskiyou County Cattlemen and CattleWomen have each generously decided to donate a heifer to an exhibitor for the Siskiyou Golden Fair and the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair to be exhibited in 2018. Livestock projects can be financially challenging, especially when getting started. The purpose of this new heifer project is to provide an opportunity to 4-H and FFA members interested in showing a heifer and that would benefit from the opportunity of being relieved of the initial purchase cost. Application information and project responsibilities are below.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

* Any Siskiyou County (including Tulelake 4-H clubs) 4-H or FFA member who is 9 years old or older and eligible to show at the Siskiyou Golden Fair or Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair.

**PROGRAM SUPPORT**

This project will be supported by the University of California Cooperative Extension Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor in the form of:

* Coordinating a visit and pick up of the heifer from the participating producer.
* Coordinating scheduled project visits with the recipients to check heifer project.
* Continued availability to the recipients for any questions or concerns.

**BINDING FACTORS OF THE PROJECT**

* The heifer must be properly cared for and adequately fed according to her nutritional needs.
* She will need to be halter broke, exhibited and sold at your local fair in Siskiyou County in 2019 as a bred heifer.
* The recipients will need to schedule regular project visits with the UCCE Livestock Advisor through the duration of the project.
* The recipients are expected to give a presentation to the local Cattlemen and CattleWomen focusing on a cost summary, time commitment overview, and knowledge gained from the project. The presentation will be following the 2019 fair.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications will be evaluated by members of the SCCA, SCCW and the UCCE Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor. Once the two heifer recipients are selected, they will be notified by the county UCCE livestock Advisor and will coordinate a time to visit with the breeder and pick the heifer up.

Applications can be emailed to ckrivers@ucanr.edu, mailed to Carissa Rivers at 1655 S. Main St. Yreka, CA, 96097 or dropped off in person at the same address.

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

**Please include the following information (it may be typed or hand written):**

1. NAME:
2. AGE:
3. 4-H/FFA CLUB:
4. Have you raised an animal for a fair before? If so, what species?
5. Do you have a safe facility close to you with adequate water to keep the heifer, halter break her safely and feed her twice a day? (Please provide a brief description)
6. Please include a basic budget outlining your financial plans for successfully raising this heifer.

**For the following questions, please answer each completely with the most information that you can (expand your response to a minimum of three sentences).**

1. What would you hope to learn from this project?
2. Why do you think you should receive this heifer?
3. What do you think will be the most challenging part of raising a heifer?

Contact Carissa Rivers at 530-842-2711, ckrivers@ucanr.edu with any questions regarding this application.