



Exhibitor Outreach Project- BEEF

The Maricopa County Fair is pleased and proud to announce the Exhibitor Outreach Project. The purpose of this program is to provide temporary funding for an animal project to a deserving exhibitor. The intent is to create opportunity for an exhibitor to raise a project of a different species from one previously raised by the exhibitor.

How does the funding part of the program work?

Once an exhibitor is accepted, the program will fund the following items:

Cost of animal (selected by the program committee), feed (recommended by the committee) and basic equipment (stanchion, clippers, blower, halters, show stick and comb). Cost of fees to show at other shows as required by committee.

At the conclusion of the program, the funds provided must be repaid to the Maricopa County Fair through the sale of the animal at the Youth Livestock Auction. Equipment must be returned in good condition or may be purchased if the exhibitor wishes. In the event the animal sells for less than is needed to repay the loan, the exhibitor will only be responsible for the sale amount.

Will the program provide support beyond the funding?

Yes. Each exhibitor will be assigned a youth and adult mentor. Your mentors will help ensure you are successful in your project.

Does participation require additional work beyond what I would be required to do if I didn't accept the funding?

Yes. This is going to be fun, educational and a great experience for you! You will be expected to document your project along the way and to do a summary after you are done. You are required to maintain a Facebook presence (Facebook post, to be made by exhibitor, are to be made no less frequently than once per week) You are highly recommended to attend Arizona State Fair and Arizona National Livestock Show. You will be invited and expected to attend Board of Directors meetings (usually held monthly) where you will be asked to provide an oral review of the progress of your project.

Who qualifies to participate?

To qualify you must be at least 12 years of age and have completed at least one other large stock animal project at a previous Maricopa County Fair. You may not apply or receive assistance with a specie you have previously shown. Family members of current (to include selection and project years) Maricopa County Fair Board of Directors, Management and Staff are ineligible to participate in this program.

How can I get selected?

First, you will need to complete an application packet including the attached application, provide an essay explaining why you would like to participate and why you need the assistance, provide three letters of recommendation and pictures of the area to be used to house the animal. The committee will review your application packet. If you qualify you will be required to do a personal interview, your parent/legal guardian will be interviewed and your club leader will be interviewed. One or more committee members may do an onsite inspection of the area to be used to house the animal, equipment and feed. Applicants may be asked to attend a work day to work with the species of animal so that they can determine the current level of ability. Acceptance into the program will be at the sole discretion of the committee and management of the fair.

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To participate, interested individuals should submit Application Part A and supporting documents no later than April 16, 2017. If you have additional questions contact the fair office at the number below.

MARICOPA COUNTY FAIR, INC.
Exhibitor Outreach Project
1826 West McDowell Road
PHOENIX, AZ 85007
(602) 252-0717

TO BE ELIGIBLE AN APPLICANT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

Application Part A due April 16, 2017

1. Complete a Maricopa County Fair Exhibitor Outreach Application.
2. Have an area to house the animal (Possible locations available depending on area of town)
3. Have participated in the Maricopa County Fair for at least one year and shown a large stock animal of another specie.
4. Meet the Maricopa County Fair residency requirements.
5. Be eligible to show at the Maricopa County Fair.
6. Be at least 12 years of age at the time of application.
7. Not previously participated in the Exhibitor Outreach Program.

Application Part B due April 28, 2017

1. Include three letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with you and your previous project. (Examples: 4-H leader, FFA advisor, school or community leader.)
2. Include one or more photos of the area to be used to house the animal
3. Provide an essay, 500-1000 words in length, describing why you deserve to be selected and why, without this opportunity, you might not be able to participate in a project of this species.

APPLICANTS ARE JUDGED BY:

The Outreach Project Committee and Management of the Maricopa County Fair

If accepted applicant must:

1. Along with their parents, agree to the terms of the program and sign a program agreement. Agree to accept the funding and equipment agree to repay any funds provided and return or purchase any equipment.
2. Agree to complete and abide by the Quality Assurance Program.
3. Agree to follow all rules of exhibiting an animal at the Maricopa County Fair
4. Agree to complete the project and sell the animal at the Maricopa County Fair Youth Livestock Auction
5. Agree to allow use of still and video images of the child and the project to be used for marketing, sponsorship and grant application purposes.
6. You are required to attend and present summaries of each months progress at regularly scheduled board mtgs.
7. You are required to maintain a Facebook presence (Facebook post, to be made by exhibitor, are to be made no less frequently than once every 2 weeks)

2018 Application Deadline

Applications Part A must be hand delivered to the Fair office no later than April 16, 2017

Applications Part B must be hand delivered to the Fair office no later than April 28, 2017

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2017 Exhibitor Outreach Program – Beef – Application Part A may be handwritten neatly, must be legible. Part B must be Typed. Use additional paper if necessary.

When returning application part A, include the following:

1. Application

When returning application part B, include the following:

1. Question response
2. Essay
3. Photo(s) of where the animal will be housed if selected

1. Application Part A – may be handwritten neatly, must be legible.– Use additional paper if needed

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Social Security Number:** _____

Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email Address: _____

Name of School: _____

Number of years you participated in the Maricopa County Fair: _____

Species/Exhibits Shown _____

Club Name: _____

What other youth activities do you participate in: _____

Applicants Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature
(If applicant is under 18)

Club Leader Signature

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Application Part B - Must be Typed or Printed – Use additional paper if necessary

2. Questions

Please answer all questions. The Committee will weigh heavily your answers to these questions. Please be detailed. You may attach additional sheets if necessary. Be sure to include the question letter with your additional information. (Example: B: What are your future plans and goals?) **All Answers must be typed.** **Do not** write on the back of this application. All information is subject to verification. Selectee's names will be released to the media. All decisions of the Exhibitor Outreach Program Committee are final.

A. What did you find most rewarding about your previous animal project?

B. How do you believe raising a project animal helps you?

C. What are your future plans and goals?

D. How do you see participation in this project enhancing your exhibitor experience?

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3. Essay.

Attach an essay, 500-1000 words in length, describing why you deserve to be selected, and why without this opportunity you might not be able to participate in a project of this species.