Beef Northwest Youth Livestock Program Application 2027

At Beef Northwest Feeders, we are deeply committed to fostering the growth, leadership, and responsibility of the youth in Morrow County. We understand that the agricultural leaders of tomorrow are among the youth of today.

The Beef Northwest Youth Livestock Program is crafted for 4-H and FFA students who, due to lack of access or experience, are unable to participate in exhibiting livestock at the Morrow County Fair. Through this program, we are offering high-quality steers to eligible students, providing them not only with the livestock needed for participation but also with a valuable educational experience in cattle care and showmanship.

The following items are **mandatory** for the student to participate in. Exceptions only granted in extreme and extenuating circumstances.

1. Attend beef field day hosted by Morrow County Extension.
2. Attend the Desert Classic or Tygh Valley jackpot show and pursue other similar local opportunities.
    a. These experiences allow students to create a vision of proper showmanship, hair care, and animal behavior to work towards for county fair.
3. Identify goals
    a. At the beginning of the season, students identify goals that they hope to achieve during the program. Goals are frequently discussed and referred to throughout the season and reflected on at the end-of-the-year interview.
4. Follow clear directions on feeding

    a. Purchase feed from the feed store set up by Beef Northwest, and follow instructions on the **type** and **amount** of feed that is decided by the program coordinator.
5. Students will participate in weekly or biweekly check-ins, depending on their individual progress and their steer's development. As the county fair approaches, the frequency of check-ins may increase. A third-party ***must*** be present at all check-ins, such as a parent, guardian, advisor, or 4-H leader.
6. When Beef Northwest hosts presentations by their nutritionist or veterinarian, student attendance is ***mandatory***. These sessions provide valuable hands-on learning, and dates will be communicated well in advance to allow students to adjust their schedules accordingly.
7. Students ***must*** send buyer letters at least one week prior to county fair move-in. These letters are an important tool for building relationships with community members and agricultural leaders while also helping to maximize the final sale value of the steer.

Instructions for applying

1) Review the parameters for eligible applicants by thoroughly reading the program description.
2) Download this application and type or handwrite in your responses. Save the completed application and send it to youth.program@beefnw.com
3) Include at least one letter of recommendation from an FFA/4-H advisor, mentor, supervisor or instructor.
4) Including one letter from a family member or guardian is also required to express their support of the student's participation in this program.

Applications and other necessary information are accepted from November 1, 2026 - November 20, 2026

Please complete the information entirely.

Personal Information

Name:

Address:

Student Phone Number:

Student Email:

Parent or Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Phone Number:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Scholastic Information

School: Expected Graduation:

Current GPA (if applicable):

Essay Questions

In 500 words or less, explain your involvement with FFA/4-H and explain why you want to participate in this program.

What are your plans after graduation and how does this program help you in achieving those goals?

What character traits do you possess that make you the ideal applicant to be chosen for this program?

What are the two main objectives that you would hope to learn from participating in this program and how would they benefit you?

In 100 words or less, explain if you have the appropriate facilities to take care of this animal.