



## **TRENT MESSERLE STARTER BEEF AWARD**

This award, sponsored by the Trent Messerle Beef Starter Heifer Endowment, provides 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to purchase an approved beef female in the breed of their choice. Animals obtained through the starter program must be shown at the Coos County Fair the following year.

Trent Messerle's involvement with cattle started at a young age. Born and raised on a working cattle ranch, Trent started raising orphaned bottle babies as soon as he was big enough to hold the bottle. When he became old enough to start 4-H, Trent began taking animals to the Coos County Fair. As the years passed, Trent became involved with the Coos County Youth Auction and started building his own herd of mama cows. By the time Trent graduated high school, he had a nice little herd of cows to help him start his adult life.

Throughout the years, Trent's involvement with 4-H and the Coos County Fair was a big part of his life. He made many lifelong friends, and learned a lot about cattle, ranching, people, and life. Trent was always one of the first to help someone else when needed and had the respect of many throughout the barnyard. After his 4-H career was over, Trent continued to be a part of the fair. He would return often to help other 4-Hers, usually younger kids, with their beef projects. Trent also returned every year to be ring man for the Youth Auction, and even helped support the auction financially. Although Trent was taken from us at a young age, his wish was to help out the next generation of kids at the Coos County Fair.

The purpose of this endowment is to award a youth that shows the spirit of Trent and looks at cattle as a way of life and not just a paycheck.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. This award is open to anyone who has been enrolled in a 4-H club or FFA program for at least one year.
2. Applicants must be entering grades 6-9 in the fall following the fair.
3. Previous winners of this award are ineligible to apply for this award.
4. Winners of this award must be enrolled in a 4-H or FFA beef project for one year after winning.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

5. Each applicant must complete a Starter Beef Award application, write an essay explaining why they wish to receive the award, have a parent or guardian approval, and have 4-H leader or FFA advisor approval.
6. Leaders/advisors must sign the application and write a paragraph about why they recommend the applicant for the award.
7. All award finalists will be interviewed by members of the endowment committee. Parent or guardian must accompany applicant during the interview.
8. Applications are due at the Coos County OSU Extension Office by **June 20**.

Mail applications to: Starter Animal Award Committee  
Coos County Extension Office  
Ohlsen Baxter Building  
631 Alder Street  
Myrtle Point, Or 97458

## PROGRAM RULES

9. The grant money will be made available toward the purchase of an approved starter beef female, the breed and age decide by the recipient, and approve by the starter animal committee.
10. If the starter animal dies, the applicant does not need to replace or reimburse the starter animal committee the amount of the grant. The animal cannot be sold or given away during the first year.
11. All applicants must be able to provide adequate facilities for raising beef.
12. Winners of the award and a parent or guardian must sign a contract which defines the program rules.
13. Winners of the award must be enrolled in a 4-H or FFA beef project for one year after winning the award and must have their animal by December 15.
14. Winners must show the award animal in a special Starter Beef Award class at the Coos County Fair the following year, and must participate in the Beef Showmanship contest.
15. Progress reports (signed by a leader/advisor and a parent/guardian must be made during the year. These reports will be sent to the OSU Extension Office. Two visitations will be made by the Starter animal committee. These visitations will be to assist the award winner with the care of the animal and to answer any questions the award winner may have.



**TRENT MESSERLE STARTER BEEF APPLICATION**

**Starter Animal Award-Coos County 4-H / FFA**

**RETURN FORM BY JUNE 20**

I herewith make application for the Starter Animal Award. I have read the rules and regulations on this application and agree to abide by them.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering in Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Leader/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H club /FFA chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SUBMIT AN ESSAY STATING WHY YOU WANT TO WIN THIS AWARD.

**Approval of Parent or Guardian**

I have read the rules and regulations for this application. I approve this application and agree to abide by these rules. I also understand that a Parent or Guardian must accompany the applicant to an interview to be held prior to the Coos County Fair.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval by 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor**

This applicant is a member of my 4-H club or FFA chapter and has been enrolled for this past year.

Signature of leader/advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H club or FFA chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a paragraph telling why you recommend this 4-H/ FFA member for this award. Include participation in 4-H/FFA activities, cooperation with others, and interest in seeing this project through. Also, include any special factors that will make this applicant deserving of this award. Attach this recommendation to the member's completed application.