

2022 Calf Challenge Rules

(Updated 2022)

The Aksarben Calf Challenge rules have been updated and more clearly defined for the 2022 program. Youth, ages 9-19 years old will have the opportunity to get a more in-depth opportunity to learn about nutrition, health care, management, and showcasing their knowledge of beef production. The purpose of the Program is to provide an educational, interesting, and competitive event for youth at the Aksarben Stock Show.

Interested youth need to fill out an application to be eligible for the contest. All applications must be postmarked on or before November 15, 2021. A committee will review all applications with a maximum of 10 being selected to participate in the program. Once selected the individuals will need to attend the “draw” for the calf that will be their responsibility until exhibition at the 2022 Aksarben Stock Show. To successfully complete the project, participants have several requirements including record keeping, interview, showmanship, correspondence with an assigned sponsor/partner, average daily gain, and live placing.

Eligibility

- Open to your ages 9-19 years of age as of January 1, 2022.
- Eligible youth, with an established residence from the following 14 states may apply: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming.
- Interested youth are not required to have previously exhibited at Aksarben.
- Previous calf challenge participants are eligible to apply if they have not received scholarship/premiums from a prior Calf Challenge Purple Ribbon Auction or Grand Drive. If ineligible for the Calf Challenge Program due to previously received Challenge scholarship/premiums, youth are allowed to apply in other Aksarben Challenge species.

Entry

- To apply for the Calf Challenge Program, eligible youth will make entry (link) on the Calf Challenge Application Form provided at Aksarbenstockshow.com. Return all applications to Gary Kubicek via email gkubicek@statefair.org on or before November 15, 2021.

Scoring

	Points
Record Book	150
Interview	100
Showmanship	100
Sponsor Letters	100
ADG	30
Live Placing	20
TOTAL	*500

*In case of a tie, the following tie breakers will be used: 1) record book, 2) interview, 3) showmanship.

Awards

- Top 3 overall individual scores qualify for the “Grand Drive”, where they are awarded scholarship/premiums.
- Additional Top 5 recognition will be presented at the live show in the areas of record book, interview, live placing, and showmanship.

Additional Guidelines

- If I’m selected to receive a calf, I will pay back Aksarben 30% of the sale value (50% if calf is NOT shown in the 2022 contest for health issues and 65% if calf is NOT shown due to lack of proper management in feeding and preparing the calf for the show) to help keep the program perpetual. All health concerns need to be immediately communicated to show management.
- All Calf Challenge steers must enter and exhibit unless previously excused by Aksarben.

2022 Record Book

Record Book update will be coming soon!