



Aksarben Stock Show  
PO Box 130  
Grand Island, NE 68802

## **2023 Calf Challenge Rules - (Updated September 2022)**

The Aksarben Calf Challenge rules have been updated and more clearly defined for the 2023 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 emailed on or before October 31, 2022. 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 2023 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 youth ages 9-19 years of age as of January, 1 2023. 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, and Wyoming.
- Contestants must be eligible to compete at the 2022 Aksarben Stock Show and not have passed their 19th birthday as of January 1, 2023.
- Youth may not participate if you have previously received scholarship/premiums from a prior Calf Challenge Purple Ribbon Auction or Grand Drive Event. If ineligible, due to previously received scholarship/premiums, youth are allowed to apply in other Aksarben Challenge Programs.
- Contestants are not required to have previously shown at Aksarben.



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## Entry

To apply for the Calf Challenge Program, eligible youth may go to aksarbenstockshow.com under Exhibitors/Contestants — Calf Challenge Program — 2023 Calf Challenge Application. Return all applications to Tejlor Strobe via email at tstrobe@statefair.org on or before October 31, 2022.

## Scoring

All areas except ADG will be ranked 1-10 by a judge and given a set corresponding score. ADG will be ranked and given a corresponding score once calculated at the Aksarben Stock Show.

<b><u>Points</u></b>	
Record Book	150
Interview	100
Showmanship	100
Sponsor Letters	100
Average Daily Gain (ADG)	30
Live Placing	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	500

\*In case of a tie, the following tie breaker will be used: Record Book

## Awards

Top 3 overall individual scores qualify for the “Grand Drive”, where they are awarded scholarships/premiums. Additional Top 3 recognition will be presented at the live show in all areas.

## 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 100% 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.