



First-Time Youth Livestock Exhibitor Grant 2023 Grant Guidelines

The Missouri State Fair Foundation is on a mission to cultivate the next generation of Missouri agriculture. Our members recognize the important life lessons learned by exhibiting livestock. They also understand exhibiting livestock at the Missouri State Fair can be costly. This grant is an effort to encourage more youth exhibitors to show for the first time at the Missouri State Fair. It is our hope that by offsetting some of the costs incurred by exhibiting livestock, more young people will be able to benefit from this invaluable learning experience.

1. The exhibitor must be a Missouri resident and a current member of 4-H or FFA and be between the ages of 8 and 18 **by December 31, 2022**.
2. Application must be signed by the applicant and parent/legal guardian.
3. Exhibitors may not have previously exhibited **any** livestock (horse, cattle, swine, sheep, goat, chicken, or rabbit) at the Missouri State Fair (this includes open, 4-H, and FFA classes). The exhibitor may have entered projects to be displayed in the 4-H or FFA Building.
4. Only one grant per exhibitor will be accepted.
5. Only one grant per household will be accepted. The **ONLY** exception will be in the case of twins.
6. Grants will be awarded for the following species: Horse, Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Rabbit & Chicken.
7. The exhibitor must attend AND exhibit their project in a 4-H or FFA premium eligible class at the 2023 Missouri State Fair to receive payment.
8. If selected as a grant recipient, you will be expected to do the following:
 - a. By the 15th of each month prior to the Fair (May, June, July), provide us with a brief project update via email to moexhibitor@gmail.com. The update will include a **high-quality** picture of you and your livestock entry with a few words describing what you and your livestock have learned, accomplished, etc. These will be used for media and promotional purposes.
 - b. Provide a **high-quality** picture of you exhibiting at the Missouri State Fair with a brief report about what you learned from the experience no later than September 1, 2023.
 - c. All recipients will be **strongly encouraged** to participate in the 2023 Peer to Peer Fundraiser that will take place on Giving Tuesday in November (typically conducted on Facebook).
9. The grant will be paid to the exhibitor after they have finished showing at the Missouri State Fair AND provided the picture and essay as listed in requirement 7b. All checks will be mailed after the conclusion of the 2023 Missouri State Fair.
10. **Deadline to enter is March 15, 2023.** Winners will be announced April 7, 2023. Applications must be submitted to the Missouri State Fair Foundation via email (moexhibitor@gmail.com) or mail with a postmarked date **no later than March 15, 2023**.

For questions or more information please contact Maria Birdsong at 660-483-0573 or moexhibitor@gmail.com.



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Grant Application

Application Deadline: March 15, 2023

Legal Name _____

Birth Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

4-H Club or FFA Chapter _____

Please circle which species you will exhibit: (circle one)

Horse

Cattle

Sheep

Swine

Goat

Rabbit

Chicken

Please limit responses to the space provided.

Why do you have interest in exhibiting livestock?

Tell us about your 4-H or FFA Project:

What goals do you have for your livestock project this year?

What do you hope to gain from exhibiting at the Missouri State Fair?

Briefly describe your financial need for this grant:

Send application to either:

moexhibitor@gmail.com

Missouri State Fair Foundation
c/o: First Time Exhibitor
2503 W 16th St
Sedalia, Missouri 65301

Acknowledgement

I hereby acknowledge that the Missouri State Fair Foundation may use my name and photos in public press releases and social media in the event I am awarded a grant as a result of this application.

Exhibitor's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ **Date** _____