



The Georgia Junior Livestock Program

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December 14, 2023

TO: County Extension Agents and Agriculture Education Teachers

FR: Carole Knight Ben Lastly
4-H Extension Specialist, Livestock Executive Secretary, Georgia FFA Association

RE: 2024 Guthrie Dairy Youth Leadership Scholarship

We are incredibly pleased to announce the Guthrie Dairy Youth Leadership Award again. This cash award (max amount \$500.00) will be given annually to 4-H or FFA members involved in youth dairy programs or activities who need financial assistance to participate in workshops, conferences, field days, or any other dairy-related activities that would enhance their leadership abilities. Examples of these programs are Junior Dairy Breed Association Activities, Southeast Dairy Youth Retreat, or any other dairy-related program where leadership can be developed. **Exhibiting your Dairy Heifer Project is not considered a qualifying program for this scholarship.** Depending on the number of deserving applicants and the availability of funds, consideration may be given to awarding more than one scholarship. We are open to different possibilities, so be creative!

Dr. Guthrie retired from the Animal and Dairy Science Department at the University of Georgia in 2000, and it was his wish that he be remembered in this way. Dr. Guthrie was a major force behind the Youth Dairy Programs in Georgia for more than 20 years. Besides overseeing the 4-H and FFA Dairy Judging programs and developing the very successful Georgia Commercial Dairy Heifer Program, Dr. Guthrie is an unwavering supporter of developing leaders for the Georgia Dairy Industry through the 4-H and FFA Programs. He has been involved in all facets of these youth dairy programs, and many successful producers look back and recognize Dr. Guthrie and his efforts for at least part of their current success.

Enclosed is an application form which must be signed by the student's County Extension Agent and/or Agricultural Education Teacher. The signing teacher or agent must also attach a letter of recommendation. The completed application and letters of recommendation must be emailed to Carole Knight (clh@uga.edu) **no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, March 1, 2024.**

Thank you for your help in spreading the word about this scholarship and for your part in helping us identify these outstanding youth livestock producers. We look forward to receiving your applications.

cc: Billy Hughes
Melanie Biersmith

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of Georgia's Animal & Dairy Science Dept. and 4-H Program

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The Cooperative Extension Service offers educational programs, assistance, and materials to all people without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability.
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Guthrie Dairy Youth Leadership Award Guidelines

- The recipient must use the award money to attend the designated program, activity, or tour as indicated in their application by one year from the application deadline, i.e., no later than March 1, 2024.
- **Applicants must be enrolled in the 9th - 12th grade for the 2023-2024 academic year to apply.**
- Failure to complete the designated leadership development program or activity by March 1, 2025, will result in forfeiture of the award, and all monies will be returned to the scholarship fund.
- Upon completion of the designated activity, program, or tour for which the money was awarded, the recipient must submit a report of up to one page detailing how the Guthrie Youth Dairy Award enhanced their leadership abilities.
 - The written report and thank you notes due one month after the trip is taken.
- The recipient must send a written thank you note to Dr. Guthrie:
Dr. Larry Guthrie
1070 Mason Mill Road
Athens, GA 30606
- The recipient must also send a copy of the note to the scholarship selection committee in care of:
Carole Knight
Georgia 4-H
323 Hoke Smith Annex
Athens, GA 30602



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Guthrie Dairy Youth Leadership Award Application
(Please type this application)
(Only attach letters of recommendation, no additional sheets)
DUE: Friday, March 1, 2024, to Carole Knight, clh@uga.edu

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ County of Residence: _____

Applicant's E-mail: _____

Agent or Agriculture Educator's E-Mail: _____

Parents' Names: _____

High School(s) Attended: _____ Date(s): _____

_____ Date(s): _____

GPA: _____ (Attach a copy of your transcript)

To be verified by School Official:

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Are you a 4-H Member? _____ Club Name: _____

Are you an FFA Member? _____ Chapter Name: _____

Are you a 4-H Member? _____ If Yes, Club Name: _____

Are you an FFA Member? _____ If Yes, Chapter Name: _____

Please attach an essay explaining what program, event, activity or tour you wish to use this award to attend and why that would help you to develop or enhance your leadership abilities. Essay must be typed and not exceed 150 words.



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Describe your non-Dairy 4-H and/or FFA activities: _____

Discuss your extra-curricular activities (civic, church, etc.): _____

Honor, Awards, and Scholarships received: _____

EMPLOYMENT:

Employer	Dates	Type of Work
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What are your future plans? _____



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Explain how this event will contribute to your Dairy Leadership Skills: _____

Estimate of Expenses for this event:

Registration	
Motels	
Meals	
Travel	
Other (explain)	
Total Expense	

The amount you are requesting: _____

How will you fund the remainder: _____

Award amounts are based on the availability of funds and the number of applicants. Awards may cover all or part of the expenses.

Please attach a letter of recommendation from your County Extension Agent and/or Agriculture Education Teacher.

Signed: _____

Applicant

Parent or Guardian

County Ext. Agent

Title

Agriculture Education Teacher

Title

Applications must be complete to be considered. Complete applications must include the following:

- Transcript & signature from school for verification of grades.
- Letter from County Extension Agent and/or Agriculture Education Teacher
- Completed and signed application.