



REFUGIO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION/AUCTION ASSOCIATION

FIRST-TIME EXHIBITOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

To assist First-Time Exhibitors who are interested in raising an animal for the Refugio County Livestock Show who may not have the financial resources to buy, feed and shelter an animal by offsetting some of these expenses.

GRANT DESCRIPTION

The Refugio County Fair Association and Auction Association will award a grant of up to \$1000 to those selected to assist with their project. The number of grants awarded each year will be based on available funds from each organization.

GRANT APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. All applications will be reviewed by members of the Refugio County Fair Association, CEA, FFA leadership, and Auction Committee.
2. The exhibitor must be a current member of a 4-H organization or FFA and meet show eligibility requirements per Livestock Show Rules.
3. Applications must be signed by the applicant and parent/legal guardian.
4. First-Time Exhibitors may not have previously exhibited any livestock at the Refugio Livestock Show. This does not include Pee Wee participation.
5. Only one grant application per exhibitor/household/year will be accepted.
6. Grants will be awarded for the following species: rabbits, chickens and goats/lambs.
7. The grant will be paid in two phases. Phase 1 includes animal purchase and facility expenses to be reimbursed after proof of expenditure. Phase 2 will be paid for all other qualifying expenses at the conclusion of the Livestock Show. Total expenses paid to the exhibitor not to exceed \$1000. Expenditures can be turned in on December 1st, February 1st, and April 1st.
8. The Exhibitor must exhibit their project at the Refugio County Livestock Show to receive Phase 2 reimbursement. Exhibit includes those animals that have been disqualified at check-in.
9. Deadline to enter is October 1st of each year.

For questions, please contact the RCFA, CEA, or FFA Leadership.

Refugio County Fair Association and Livestock Auction Committee
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APPLICATION

DUE DATE is October 10, 2025

Legal Name_____

Email_____

Parent/Guardian Name(s)_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Phone_____ Birth Date_____

4-H Club/FFA Chapter_____

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

Rabbits

Chickens

Goat/Lamb

Please limit responses to the space provided.

Why do you have an interest in exhibiting livestock?

What is your plan for your project? (include housing, care, and nutrition)

List 2 goals for your livestock project.

What do you hope to learn from exhibiting in the county show? List 3 examples.

Create a potential expenditure budget for your project. Species: _____

Cost of:

Feed:

Equipment:

Purchase of Animals:

Health Care:

Other:

Send application to: Jonelle.Whitlow@ag.tamu.edu

You may also drop it off at the Agrilife Office or with your FFA or 4-H Leader.

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Acknowledgement

I hereby acknowledge that the Refugio County Fair Association/Auction Committee may use my name and photos in public press releases and social media in the event I am awarded financial assistance as a result of this application.

Exhibitor's

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's

Signature _____ Date _____