



BRITISH WHITE CATTLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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Dear Youth,

Thank you for taking the time to show an interest in our British White Cattle Association of America (BWCAA) Youth Heifer Program. This program is designed to help youth get started in raising British White cattle while also spreading awareness and promoting our breed. A heifer calf will be awarded to one applicant based upon merit, future goals and the ability to care for the animal each year at our National Meeting Event.

Applications will be accepted from youth across America within the age group 8 to 15 years as of January 1st of that current year. They must also be a 4-H or FFA member who is in good standing with their club/chapter. Previous winners of the BWCAA Youth Heifer Program are ineligible. All applications must be received by the BWCAA office by July 15 of the current year and will be reviewed by an independent selection committee. The heifer will be owned jointly with the BWCAA until program completion. Completion of the program occurs when the heifer's first calf is reinvested into the Heifer for Youth program at which time the participant will receive full ownership of the heifer.

Each recipient will be assigned a mentor from the BWCAA active member list in their area or region. The mentor will assist with any questions regarding the breed or BWCAA and help in getting the heifer bred (either AI or naturally). They will also do checks to make sure all the guidelines are being met and help support the youth. Each recipient will need to give an annual report on the heifer at the National Meeting Event for three years.

Completed applications can be returned to:

British White Cattle Association of America
BWCAA Youth Heifer Program
6656 45th Ave SW
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If you have any questions feel free to contact one of the committee members below:

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Criteria:

1. Open to any youth in America (ages 8-15) as of January 1st of the current calendar year.
2. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA and in good standing in the club/chapter. Youth must also stay enrolled while participating in the project and in good standing.
3. Heifers must reside at the youth's home state until completion of the project.
4. Recipient must be interested in agriculture and willing to accept responsibility for the daily care of the heifer.
5. Recipient must be willing to promote the BWCAA breed at any shows or other events that present themselves.
6. Recipient will give an annual report on the health of the heifer, activities, and breed promotion each year for three years at the National Show/Sale.

General Requirements:

1. All expenses for nutrition and health of the heifer will be paid for by the participant.
2. Recipient will follow all vaccination/de-worming guidelines set by the BWCAA.
3. Liability insurance for the heifer must be covered under the participant or their family's insurance policy.

Showing of the Heifer:

1. Recipients of a heifer are required to show the heifer at 3 shows (2 local county or state shows plus at a National or Regional BWCAA Show) each year. However they are encouraged to show her at any additional shows.
2. Entry fee into a BWCAA show will be waived for the first 2 years the recipient has the heifer. Youth membership fees with the association will also be waived for the first 2 years.
3. Transportation and any other expenses associated with these shows will be at the recipient's expense. However, they will keep any prizes or money they receive from showing. The mentor and/or association will help to find transportation if needed to the National Show.

Breeding of Heifer:

1. All heifers must be bred to a BWCAA registered bull by either AI or live cover.
2. Mentors will assist in finding bull services to be donated to the member. If none are available then the recipient will pay all breeding expenses.
3. **No heifer should calve before 2 years of age.**
4. After 2 AI attempts and 2 natural service attempts, or 4 natural service attempts are made a vet exam will need to be conducted. The vet's recommendation will be followed. If the Heifer still remains un-bred, she will be considered a non-breeder. All other obligations will continue until the heifer is 2 years of age. At that time the Association requires a copy of the vet's recommendation as a non breeder and that the heifer is to be sold as a non breeder with the proceeds of that sale going to the recipient.

Heifer's offspring:

1. The 1st live calf from the heifer will be given back to the BWCAA to continue the program for future recipients. Calf conditions are listed below:
 - a. Heifer- weaned at 6 months of age and given back to BWCAA to go to next participant; must be halter broke.
 - b. Bull or steer-weaned at 6 months of age and will be sold with the proceeds going back to the Youth Program to purchase the next recipient a heifer; must be halter broke. If possible, the animal would be sold at a BWCAA Event in the fall. If not appropriate, the youth could sell it with the proceeds sent to the Association in the form of a cashier's check.
2. Feed and care of offspring will be paid for by participant until transferred to BWCAA. This includes calf-hood vaccinations.
3. Offspring may be shown by participant up until time to transfer to BWCAA. Show fees will be paid by the participant and all awards will be kept by the participant.

Completion of Project:

1. The Project will be completed when the recipient has transferred the heifer's first offspring to the BWCAA at which time the heifer becomes the sole property of the recipient.

Termination of Project:

1. Recipient will be responsible for the replacement cost in the event of the animal's death if caused by neglect or not being properly confined, at the cost of no less than \$1,000.
2. BWCAA guarantees the heifer through the birth of the first calf. In the event the heifer dies of a natural cause and not due to neglect of the participant in the first 12 months of possession, the committee will replace the heifer as soon as another animal becomes available.
3. In the event the BWCAA must reclaim the heifer due to the participant not being able to fulfill the guidelines OR is no longer able to care for, keep or want to continue the program, the heifer/cow will be returned to the project.
4. Recipients will not be reimbursed for any expenses they occurred.
5. **NO other registration papers can be issued on the animal other than what was originally issued by the BWCAA. If so this will result in immediate reclaiming of the heifer by the BWCAA.**
6. The BWCAA reserves the right to amend or change the procedures and rules of this program by Heifer for Youth Committee action at any time.