

## **One Heifer – My Future**

By: Auburn Anderson

As the largest cattle producing state east of the Mississippi River, Kentucky cattlemen have something to be proud of. I want to be one of the many youth to continue this successful cattle industry, which has motivated me to enter this contest. There are three reasons why I want to win \$1,000 to purchase a heifer. As you will see, each reason is a productive and beneficial one.

First of all, I would like to use the money I make from the heifer's calves to help pay for college. I plan to go to college to become a veterinarian, which would benefit Kentuckians. Since rural Kentucky is at a shortage for large animal vets I would giving back to my home state. If the money went toward college rather than frivolous purchases, the heifer would benefit me more in the long run.

Furthermore, this heifer would help me to build my money management and business skills. By breeding the heifer and using her calves to establish a small herd, I would need improved business skills. The buy-sell-trade aspect of the cattle industry takes common sense and precise money management. I plan to own cattle as an adult and this heifer could give me a "jump-start" on the business end of farming.

Finally, the heifer could help me with my SAE project. SAE (supervised agricultural experience) is a graded project I will complete individually in my first year agriculture class at Pulaski County High School. The two categories of SAE are entrepreneurship and employment. I plan to complete an entrepreneur style SAE plan and the heifer would allow me to work for myself, rather than be employed by others. It would also keep me from having a purchase cost, which would allow me to spend money on her in other ways (such as higher-grade feeds).

In conclusion, I feel that you should pick me as the winner of your heifer contest. I believe you should choose me because I plan to use the money made from the heifer in the future for college, I will be improving my business skills by raising the heifer, and she will help me successfully complete my SAE project. I will properly feed and care for the heifer, so that she remains healthy. I do not want the heifer so that I can have spending money. Instead my ideas for her are truly productive. This is why I believe I am the one you should choose as the winner of your 2009 KCF/Farm Credit heifer Initiative.

# 2009 KCF/Farm Credit Heifer Initiative

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**Why do you want to win \$1000  
to purchase a heifer?**

**Pick up a form at your local Farm Credit Service office. Visit the  
following website for a location near you at:**

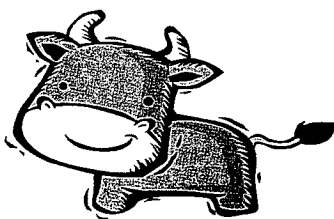
**<http://www.e-farmcredit.com/>**

**To enter fill out above information and send typed essay on question above to:**

**KY Cattlemen's Association**

**Att: Brandy Graves**

**176 Pasadena Drive Lexington, KY 40503**



## **Divisions:**

- Division 1 ages 9-13
- Division 2 ages 14-17
- Division 3 ages 18-21

\* 427 words

- Essay written from above question must be no less than 300 words and typed!
- Must be received in KCA office by **December 16, 2009**
- If you have won the heifer initiative before preference will be given to those who have not won.
- Must purchase heifer in state of Kentucky from a KCA member.
- Essays will be judged on originality from participant.