

Why I Want To Win \$ 1000 To Purchase a Heifer

Hello, my name is Walton Grider. I am 18 years old and currently a senior at Central Hardin High School in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. I was raised on a farm and have loved cattle all my life, ever since I was old enough to walk.

When I was 9 years old my grandfather and I joined the 4-H Club, where I was able to show my cattle. We raised and showed at different county, district, and preview shows throughout the summer. We never had anything real nice that we could take to the State Fair, but it was always a dream of mine to be able to show at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville, Kentucky at least once before aging out of the 4-H Club, (haven't been able to accomplish my dream as of today).

This was an important dream for my grandfather and I, but he had a stroke and was very ill for several years and unable to finish this dream with me as he passed away (a year and a half ago). This was very hard on me as we were very close. After he became ill my mother and I have been trying to finish this dream of ours for the last few years. I guess we only have this year to accomplish this as I will be aging out of the 4-H Club next year (my last year).

If I could get \$1000 dollars, this would be really helpful, as I would be able to purchase a real nice heifer to show this year at all of the different shows and hopefully be able to attend the Kentucky State

Fair. Showing cattle has really been a big part of my life, because it has taught me how to care, break, and work with them as a whole learning about their strengths and their weakness, what breeds of cattle are the best and which are the worst. Also, I have showed cattle for about 10-11 years and I have loved doing that more than anything. Lately, some of our heifers that we have tried to raise have not looked the best in the world to be able to show at the different fairs. If I was able to win the money to purchase a heifer, that would allow me the opportunity to purchase a nice looking heifer to help in my showing season this year.

I plan to attend college next fall after finishing high school and winning this contest could hopefully help me in applications for different scholarships. Being able to enter college is really important to me because this is my senior year and I wish to major in agriculture and music. If I should be fortunate enough to win this contest it would help me a lot to accomplish my goals as a person and hopefully reach my dreams as a person. I know in my heart that this would make my grandfather very proud of me to reach the accomplishments that he and I set out to exceed together, (which was not meant for us).

Thank you for the opportunity and your willingness to allow me as a young person the challenge to better my life in such a rewarding experience and the knowledge to learn the importance of responsibility. I deeply appreciate the opportunity that has been given to me to enter this contest as a young person. Thank you for all the support that your companies allow to the young people of today to further their futures as individuals . Without your support to help the young people to better their selves they would not be able to accomplish their

challenges and dreams as individuals.

Thank You,

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