**2020 Future 4 Ewe Program**

**Purpose**

To provide a worthwhile, rewarding family project, that every member can enjoy and contribute to.

**Eligibility**

Any youth, age 9 to 16 as of January 1, 2020, whose immediate family also commits to participate in the program.

**Starter Flock**

The winner will be awarded two (2) or three (3) mature ewes, confirmed bred, to lamb for the 2021 Box Elder County Fair.

**Policy and Procedures:**

1. An application and all supporting materials (listed below) must be emailed to future4ewe@gmail.com to F4E by September 1, 2020.
	1. An essay must be completed and included with the application. The essay should detail why the applicant and supporting family members would like this opportunity of raising their own show lambs. As well as any prior experience, community involvement and service, facilities available for raising the sheep, and intentions for the sheep.
	2. A signed letter from parent(s) or guardian(s) stating their approval and support of the application and all the responsibilities (feed, finances, time, etc.) that go along with the possible receipt of the award.
2. Receipt of application will be provided to the applicant via email.
3. Complete applications with supporting material will be reviewed by the F4E committee.
4. The winning applicant will be notified in writing by September 15, 2020 and will be awarded a starter flock.
5. The recipient will be assigned a “mentor” by the F4E Committee. The “mentor” will provide knowledge, advice, and support to the winner, and will also occasionally check on the welfare of the awarded animals.
6. Basic necessities (feed, water, shelter, etc) to grow and maintain the sheep in good health must be provided at all times. Failure to maintain the health and welfare of the animals (as determined by the mentor) will result in immediate surrender of the animals to the F4E at the cost of the recipient.
7. The recipient is encouraged to participate in Social Media, by submitting a monthly “blog” type entry to describe how the starter flock is progressing and any experiences associated with the project. Recipient will also receive a sign to display at the 2021 Box Elder County Fair.
8. The recipient will be required to exhibit at least one of the award animals at the Box Elder County Fair. A brief letter, including a picture, detailing the show must be submitted to the F4E Committee by September 15th 2021.
9. The recipient will also be strongly encouraged to donate animals back to the Future 4 Ewe Program once their flock is established.