

Dustin Worthington "I Love Cows" Essay Contest

Application Deadline - March 1
Award Presentation - April 4

Name (first) _____ (Middle) _____ (last) _____

Address: _____

Male _____ Female _____ School _____ Grade _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____ Home Phone Number () _____

County _____ Membership (please circle one) 4-H FFA

Residence (please circle one) Farm Out in the county Town/Subdivision

How do you plan to use this animal? (please circle one) Breed Show

Write an essay that includes answers to the following (minium 1 page, maximum 2 pages) :

A) Briefly describe yourself, hobbies, family, 4-H/FFA membership/activities, personal goals after high school.

B) Why do you want to own a cow?

C) What care do you plan to provide the cow (facilities, feed, etc.)

D) What do you hope to learn from this project?

E) How do you plan to use this animal (show or breed/herd & please explain).

F) Please provide three references, one should be your County Extension Agent or FFA

Advisor:

Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____

_____ Address: _____ Address: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

_____ # years known this person _____

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Type of reference: (please circle one) Personal, Teacher or other _____

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Questions regarding this program please contact:

~Dennis Worthington, Dustin Worthington's Father 859-734-6962

~Jerry Smothers, Founder of Dustin Worthington Memorial Fund

~Dana Anderson, Mercer County Extension Agent for 4-H/Youth Development 859-734-4378

Please complete this form and attach essay and mail/return to your County Extension Agent or FFA

Advisor:

(Note to agents/advisors, after receiving all forms please make yourself a copy and mail them to Dustin Worthington "I Love Cows" P.O. Box 520, Harrodsburg, KY 40330) Please mail ASAP

Visit the Dustin Worthington "I Love Cows" Web site for more information: <http://www.dustinworthingtonmemorial.org/>

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

A memorial award has been established in the name of Dustin Worthington. Dustin worked full time with the cattle industry, until his death on April 4, 2000. Dustin's main interest in life was working with cattle. The award established is a heifer calf that is presented to a 4-H or FFA member in Mercer, Boyle, Garrard, Bath, Washington, and Lincoln Counties. Each year the awards will be presented on April 4. The 2000 award winners were Adam Gordon, Boyle County 4-H Member and Josh Jackson, Mercer County 4-H Member. The 2001 award winners were: Boyle County -Catherine Rowland, Mercer County - Clay Westerfield, Lincoln County - Brandon Griffith, and Washington County - Jillian Warren.

The program was established by Jerry Smothers and Dennis Worthington, Dustin's father. A local committee of volunteers assist in the promotion and judging of the essay's. The program relies on donors for the program. When the program was developed Mr. Rick Dees of SweetBrier Farm donated two heifers. In 2001 the following donated heifers: SweetBrier Farm, Davis on the Highlands and Anderson Circle Farm. 2002 Donors include: Cliffside Farm, SweetBrier Farm, Davis on the Highlands, S & K Farm, Josh Jackson and Adam Gordon, 2000 “I Love Cows” Winners. Winners and past winners are encouraged to give back to the program by donating the first-born heifer to continue the program for future years.

RULES:

1. Contest open to Mercer, Boyle, Washington, Lincoln, Garrard, & Bath County Youth. Youth must be active participants of 4-H or FFA to participate.
2. Participants who win may not apply for future awards.
3. Form must be completed in members own writing or typed.
4. All participants and their family are invited to Awards Presentation on April 4. Winners will be presented with a plaque and animal will be delivered to the winners farm within a week of the awards presentation.
5. Winners will be asked to sign a contract of care and keep the donor updated.

Anyone who has interest in cattle or 4-H/FFA is asked to make a contribution to the fund.

The program has hope of being expanded to other counties in the state

Contributions to the Memorial Fund go to:

Dustin Worthington I Love Cows Memorial Fund

P.O. Box 520

Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330