

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Le Grand FFA Livestock Application

Complete application fully. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the LGHS Livestock Show Team.

Below please designate what animal and fair you would like to apply for.

Animal: _____ Fair: _____

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Have you shown an animal with Le Grand FFA before? If so, what animal(s) and what did you learn from the experience?

Will you be keeping your animal at the school farm? If not, where will your animal be housed?

The Le Grand FFA can provide housing for your market animal at the LGHS school farm facilities. If you wish to be considered for keeping your animal at the school farm please explain what you believe your expectations for responsibility would be while on the farm property?

Why do you want to show a market animal this year?

What are the expectations of your work and behavior as a student showing a livestock animal with the Le Grand FFA?

Have you ever had or been addressed for a behavior issue by Le Grand High School or Le Grand FFA in the past? If so, explain what the situation was.

Raising a market animal comes with extra responsibilities that go beyond feeding twice a day. Can you commit to attending showmanship practices, farm clean-up days, wash and shearing/clipping workshops, and weigh days that may occur during the week and on weekends?

Is there any other information that you would like to share about why you are qualified or should be afforded the privilege of keeping your animal at the Le Grand FFA school farm facilities? Please explain.

I understand that if I am approved to raise an animal with the Le Grand FFA that I am being held to high expectations of hand feeding my animal twice a day, attending all showmanship practices, acting responsibly and exercising good judgment and good decision making during my time spent with my animal or at the involved facilities. If I do not live up to these expectations, a meeting will be called with my guardians and I may not be allowed to show my animal at the Chowchilla/Merced County Fair as per the decision of the advisors and the school administration. I also understand that if my behavior, care for my animal, or attendance to mandatory events (practices, meetings, fair awards, etc.) is poor, then I will not be allowed to show an animal in the future.

Student Signature

Date

As a guardian of a student applying to raise a market animal with Le Grand FFA I understand that the expectations for my student are high for responsible behavior in caring for their animal as well as personal behavior and decision-making. I understand that if my student exercises poor judgment/behavior and/or is not in attendance for showmanship practices, not feeding regularly, or not properly caring for their animal that they will be disqualified from the project and not able to show at the Chowchilla/Merced County Fair and that I will have to take personal responsibility for the animal and any costs associated with it. If my student has shown a lack of respect for rules, proper behavior, care for their animal, or authority in the past, I understand that they may not be selected for the privilege of showing an animal with Le Grand FFA this year or in the future.

Guardian Signature

Date

General Rules for Le Grand FFA Fair Exhibitors

(Parents and exhibitors please read both sides carefully)

1. Because of the importance of scholastic achievement, the Le Grand Agriculture Department requires its livestock exhibitors to maintain a satisfactory scholastic record, **which means 2.0 or better in his/her classes and no D's or F's in their Agriculture Classes at the time of fair.** Therefore, if any exhibitor fails to meet his/her requirement, **he/she may lose their show privileges. Check your GPA or grades PRIOR to purchasing an animal.** It is **NOT THE AG TEACHER'S JOB** to check on your grade or GPA.
2. All livestock students **WILL** complete an **AET RECORDBOOK, which will be checked before students are able to pick up their checks.** Updating your recordbook during your project will prevent you from getting your check held by the Ag. teachers.
3. Last day to purchase livestock insurance through The Hartford Insurance Company is **FIVE** days after you receive your animal. *(Cash or money order made out to Le Grand FFA)*
4. All exhibitors are to follow the directions and advice given to them by their advisor. The advisor's directions are to be followed for the whole length of time the project is eligible for show and during the fairs where the project is being exhibited.
5. FFA members are required to obtain their homework from all their teachers in advance of missing School/Summer School for attending fair days.
6. All exhibitors are expected to help haul their animal and tack to the fair with the advisors. If you would like to haul your own animal or tack please make arrangements with the advisor(s).
7. All rules and regulations of Le Grand High School will apply to the students who participate at fairs, since showing is a school activity.
8. Each exhibitor must read and understand the rules and regulations in the Merced/Chowchilla Fair's Premium Book.
9. Each exhibitor is responsible for feeding, watering, grooming and keeping a close eye on his/her animal(s) for the entire length of the fair unless prior arrangements are made through their advisor.
10. Each exhibitor will participate in showing his or her animal in its market class even if it is over or underweight. **Student's fair passes will be taken away if they choose not to participate.**
11. All Students **WILL** participate in both Market, Showmanship, and Chapter Group (**NO EXCEPTIONS**). **If a student fails to participate they will be stripped of their fair pass and animal pulled from livestock auction.**
12. **ALL** exhibitors are required to serve barn duty as assigned and specified by the advisor. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of additional barn duty, farm clean up, or withholding of fair check until time is made up.
13. All FFA exhibitors will be required to wear an official FFA uniform while showing their animals.
 - a. **FFA Uniforms**
 - i. White pants, white collared shirt, FFA jacket, FFA tie/scarf and boots or all black or brown closed toed shoes.
 - ii. Skinny jeans/ripped pants are **not** acceptable show attire.
14. Market animal exhibitors are required to write "Thank You" letters to their buyers prior to receiving their fair check.
15. All exhibitors **must attend** assigned meetings designated by the Advisor(s) unless prior arrangements have been made.
16. Students are to follow the schedule and time given to them for the week of the fair by the advisor.
17. When students pick up their checks from their advisor(s) all dues must be paid back within one week. Failure to do so will result in school obligation or withholding of high school diploma for seniors until payments are re-paid.
18. Students are required to deliver a thank you note/gift to their buyer at the market auction immediately after the sale and return of their animal to the pen.
19. **Any advisor of any species will have the authority to take whatever disciplinary action deemed necessary toward any student that fails to comply with these rules. This includes scratching an exhibitor from any fair or show.**

(Parent Signature)

(Student Signature)

(Date)

GENERAL RULES FOR Le Grand FFA FAIR EXHIBITORS 2020-2021

(Parents and exhibitors please read carefully)

Because exhibiting an animal for the Le Grand FFA Chapter is a privilege, students are accountable for their actions. The Le Grand Agriculture Teachers have put together a “**THREE STRIKE**” system, which repeated violations could result in an exhibitor not showing, selling, or participating at the Chowchilla/Merced Fair.

These are some of the things a student can do to earn a strike.

The Student:

1. Does not attend the mandatory livestock meeting or workdays held before fairs.
2. Does not attend all Species Meetings at the Fair or is late for the meetings.
3. Is late or a no-show for feeding in the morning/evening.
4. Is late or a no-show for barn duty.
5. Neglects care of animal(s) (e.g. animal goes without water, has a dirty pen, is not being cared for, etc.)
6. Does not re-pay payments owed
7. Does not participate in the group activities such as chapter group, photos, etc.
8. Does not participate in the market show, feeders show, heavy weights show, showmanship, or chapter group.
9. Does not attend the Awards Banquet on Sunday morning.

(If the student does not attend the awards banquet on Sunday morning or complete an FFA Recordbook on AET, payment checks will be held by the school until appropriate action is determined by the administration and advisors.)

The **first** strike will be a verbal warning with documentation; the **second** strike will result in a phone call to a parent or guardian with documentation and the **third** strike will result in the livestock animal being pulled from the livestock auction with fair wristband being stripped and/or removal of animal from School Farm Facilities.

Student with light or heavy market animals will continue to participate in all market, showmanship, and Chapter Group classes for their species regardless. Fair wristband will be stripped from students if the **Third Strike** is applied while being at either of the County fairs and animal scratched from the junior livestock auction.