



APPLICATION INFORMATION

High school youth from across the state are invited to participate in the University of Missouri Animal Science Youth Leadership Academy hosted by the MU Division of Animal Sciences and University of Missouri Extension. The goal of the academy is to discover Missouri's young leaders in agriculture and facilitate their growth and impact on the livestock industry.

In 2017, the intense four-day event will focus on increasing knowledge of Missouri's diverse and dynamic livestock industry, as well as building participant's leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate in the session based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process.

Students will be welcomed to the Division of Animal Sciences at MIZZOU, with on-campus housing provided for a "college life" experience. Participants will have the opportunity to enhance their leadership development, discuss current issues regarding livestock production (all species), tour industry leading operations and businesses, and interact with University of Missouri faculty and staff; while networking with other young leaders from across the State.

Applications Requirements:

- Participants must be currently (as of January 1, 2017) enrolled in high school.
- Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2017. No late applications accepted.
- Delegates must be able to participate in the entire academy and attend all conference sessions.
- Students must complete all areas of the application.
- The application should be paper clipped including application form, resume and one letter of recommendation.
- Applicants will receive an email confirmation that their application has been received.
- Please allow 2-3 weeks for review and selection after the April 1 deadline.

Sponsorship:

The academy is sponsored by the Division of Animal Sciences, MU Extension and by "Friends of the MU Animal Science Youth Leadership Academy." Cost to attend is \$500 per student. If selected, students will pay only \$100 of this fee, with the balance provided by sponsorships. Students are responsible for transportation to and from the Academy.

Please Return Applications To:

University of Missouri Extension – Cass County
David Hoffman
201 W. Wall Street
Harrisonville, MO 64701

Contact Information:

For additional information, please contact

David Hoffman, MU Extension Regional Livestock Specialist at hoffmand@missouri.edu,
Marcia Carlson Shannon, MU Extension State Swine Specialist at carlsonm@missouri.edu.



Application must be postmarked by April 1, 2017

Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Current Year in High School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

County: _____ Gender: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

High School Currently Attending: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ on a _____ (i.e. 3.75 on a 4.0 scale)

Specie Interest (*Mark all that apply*)

Beef Dairy Swine Sheep Goat Equine Poultry Other: _____

Essay Questions

(Please answer the following essay questions on a separate sheet of paper and keep responses to 200 words or less for each question)

1. Briefly explain why you would like to attend the MU Animal Science Youth Leadership Academy?

2. Please describe your current involvement in the livestock industry.

3. Describe your careers goals and plans after high school graduation.

4. What do you see as the greatest challenge facing the livestock industry in the next five years?

I certify that all the information provided on this application is complete, true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my misrepresentation may be sufficient cause for denying selection to or participation in the University of Missouri Animal Sciences Youth Leadership Academy. I understand that if selected, I will attend the academy and all of its activities for all four days.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be considered for review the following materials must be included:

- ___ Fully Completed Application
- ___ Resume (any format, maximum length of one page)
- ___ One letter of recommendation from an individual not related to the applicant

Mail completed applications to:

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