



Dustin Worthington "I Love Cows" Essay Contest

Application Deadline - March 3rd
Award Presentation - April 4th



Name (First) _____ (Middle) _____ (Last) _____

Address: _____

Gender _____ School _____ City _____ Zip _____

Birth date _____ Age _____ Home Phone Number () _____

Email Address: _____ 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

What breed would you prefer? _____

Winners may receive a **Commercial Heifer**. Will this be **OK**? **Yes (OR)** **No**

Write an essay that includes answers to the following (minimum of 1 page, maximum of 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 for herd and please explain).
- F) Please attach three letters of recommendations. Try to avoid having relatives give recommendations. One should be from your County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor.

Name: _____	Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____
years known this person _____	years known this person _____	years known this person _____
Type of reference: (Please circle one)	Type of reference: (Please circle one)	Type of reference: (Please circle one)
Personal, Teacher or Other _____	Personal, Teacher or Other _____	Personal, Teacher or Other _____

Questions regarding this program please contact:

~Dennis or Dena Worthington, Dustin's Parents, 859-612-7260

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

Please complete this form and attach essay. Then return to you County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor:

Note to Agents & Advisors, after receiving all forms please make yourself a copy then mail originals to:
Dustin Worthington "I Love Cows" Essay Contest 436 Arrowhead Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330

-Please mail no later than March 3rd. Judging will take place second week of March.

-Participants are encouraged but not required to donate back to the program. * With the exception of Counties with Donor's, That requires the winner to donate back to that county, check with your agent or advisor.

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 Memory of Dustin Worthington. Dustin worked in 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. The purpose of the program is to share the passion Dustin had for working with cattle. The goal is for youth to develop their heifer and to potentially start their own herd. Someday become a profitable business that will aid in paying for education or starting his or her own herd. Each year the awards are presented on April 4th. Current winners and past winners are encouraged but not required to give back to the program by donating the first-born heifer to continue the program for future years.

Rules:

- A. Youth must be active participants of 4-H or FFA to participate.
- B. Statewide Awards - Any youth in KY 4-H and/or FFA programs may apply with the exception of counties that have an ongoing county contest. In order to start an ongoing county contest, a donor must be secured. Large farms in your area may want to become involved. Please contact us for more information.
- C. Youth from all Counties in Kentucky are eligible to compete.

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- D. Participants who win may not apply for future awards.**
- E. Forms must be completed in the participants’ own handwriting or typed.**
- F. All participants and their families are invited to the Awards Presentation on April 4th at 6:30 PM at the Mercer County Extension Office at 1007 Lexington Rd., Harrodsburg, KY. Winners will be presented with a plaque. The animal will be delivered if possible to the winner’s farm within a week of the awards presentation.**
- G. A counties donor may require the winner to donate an animal back to the program, a chain heifer.**

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

Contributions to the Memorial Fund please mail to:

Dustin Worthington “I Love Cows” Memorial Fund, 436 Arrowhead Road, Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330