



# Arkansas 4-H Livestock Leadership Class

## Eligibility and Purpose

The Arkansas 4-H Livestock Leadership Class (LLC) will be a yearlong program designed to increase 4-H'ers (ages 15-19) knowledge of professionalism, leadership, advocacy, Arkansas agriculture, and legislative affairs as it relates to animal agriculture. LLC will be comprised of 10-15 4-H'ers. LLC will take place through a series of 4 sessions from June - March. 4-H'ers must complete a total of 20 hours of livestock community service.

## Application and Selection

Applicants must submit the online application by the due date. Applicants must also submit a 2 minute introduction and justification video on why they believe they should be chosen to be a part of the Arkansas 4-H Livestock Leadership Class. County Extension Agent information will be collected in the application and agents must approve applications from their county.

## Need to Know

Those selected for the Arkansas 4-H Livestock Leadership Class must be able to attend all 4 sessions. Dates listed below. Additionally, after the first session, 4-H'ers must undergo a 100 question quiz and pass with at least an 80%.

LLC participants will be responsible for expenses associated with attending the sessions. Sponsors are solicited to help keep expenses to a minimum.

## Proposed Timeline

- April 1 – Applications due
  - Once applications are received an email will be sent to the county agent to either approve or disapprove the application.
- May 1 – Selections Announced
- June – 1<sup>st</sup> Session (Retreat)
- July – 2<sup>nd</sup> Session
- August – 3<sup>rd</sup> Session
- September/October – Organized Service Opportunity at District and State Fairs
- March (spring break) – 4<sup>th</sup> Session

## **Proposed Session Content**

### ***Session 1 – Retreat – Arkansas 4-H Center, June 1-4, 2020***

- Day 1 –
  - Introductions
  - Leadership Training
- Day 2 –
  - Livestock and the Real World
  - YQCA
- Day 3 –
  - Professionalism
  - Interview Skills
  - Public Speaking
  - Etiquette Training
- Day 4 –
  - Extension 101
  - Livestock Show Perspective
  - Statewide Livestock Community Service Challenge

### ***Session 2 – Arkansas Agriculture Tour, Statewide, July 7-10, 2020***

- Day 1 –
  - Farm Tours (Eastern Arkansas)
- Day 2 –
  - Farm Tours (South Arkansas)
- Day 3 –
  - Farm Tours (Western Arkansas)
- Day 4 –
  - Advocacy Training

### ***Session 3 – Farm to Table/WIIFM, Fayetteville, August 3-6, 2020***

- Day 1 –
  - Live Animal Evaluation
  - Harvesting
  - Food Safety
- Day 2 –
  - Careers in Animal Science/Agriculture
- Day 3 –
  - Carcass Fabrication
  - Sensory Lab
  - Etiquette Supper
- Day 4 –
  - National and Global Agriculture Awareness
  - National Ag Law Center

*Session 4 – Legislative Perspectives, Arkansas 4-H Center, March 24-26, 2021*

- Day 1 –
  - Meet with Arkansas Agriculture Department
  - Meet with Arkansas Farm Bureau
  - Meet with Arkansas Cattlemen’s Association
- Day 2 –
  - Capitol
- Day 3 –
  - Shaping the Future