



OWYHEE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

"Serving Cattlemen Since 1878"

SPONSORED STEER PROGRAM

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association (OCA) is interested in promoting educational and financial opportunities, related to the beef industry, to Owyhee County youth. To do so, OCA offers the Sponsored Steer Program. Eligible youth can apply for, and if selected, be offered a market steer, by an OCA member, in exchange for a third of the sale price, at the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale. Youth who participate in this program will gain knowledge and experience in selection, feeding, exhibiting, and marketing livestock.

Youth Eligibility:

1. Youth must be Owyhee County 4-H or FFA members.
2. Priority will be given to youth who have not previously received a steer from the program; however, participants may reapply if they have already been awarded a steer.

Youth Requirements:

Failure to meet all requirements will result in disqualification and removal from OCA Sponsored class at the Owyhee County Fair.

Youth who wish to participate must -

1. Complete and submit the application to the Extension Office prior to or at initial weigh-in for Beef.
2. Become a youth member of OCA.
3. Have adequate facilities or a suitable location to house the animal.
4. Provide adequate feed for continuous growth, gaining an average of 1-2 pounds per day.
5. Pick up the steer from the donating producer.
6. Attend the OCA Summer Meeting, the year of application, to give a short presentation sharing your progress on the project and to highlight your sponsor.
7. Completion of 4-H or FFA record book is mandatory. Each exhibitor must maintain written records to document the management of their steer project and submit them to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association prior to exhibition at the Owyhee County Fair.
8. Exhibit the steer at the Owyhee County Fair and sell in the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale.
 - a. If the steer dies or is unfit for show at the Owyhee County Fair, the youth must contact OCA immediately. OCA will address each situation on a case-by-case basis, and the Board of Directors will make a final determination.

Note:

Steers will be awarded, depending upon the number of applications and availability of steers, subject to the discretion of the OCA Board. If the youth neglects to maintain their part of the contract, the steer may be returned to the donating producer. In this case, the youth will be ineligible to apply for the program again in the future.

Steer Eligibility:

1. Steers can be purebred or crossbred.
2. Must be structurally sound and up to date on all vaccinations, including Brucellosis.
3. Must be polled or dehorned.
4. Must not have any sign of dairy or rodeo breed influence.

Donating OCA Member Requirements:

1. Provide a Bill of Sale to youth and transfer registration papers, if applicable.
2. Provide steer information such as date of birth, dam ID, sire ID, breed, weaning weight and date, and vaccination records, if available.



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SPONSORED STEER PROGRAM APPLICATION

Instructions-

This application must be submitted prior to, or at, Initial Beef Weigh-In.

Complete pages one and two and submit to:

Owyhee County Extension

PO Box 400

Marsing, ID 83639

Page three needs to be completed by your 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor and submitted directly to the Extension Office.

Please Print-

_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>Applicant Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>	<i>Grade</i>	
_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>		

<i>4-H Club/FFA Chapter</i>			

Please read and initial-

If given the opportunity to raise a steer you agree to:

- _____ Follow all rules and guidelines set by the OCA Board of Directors.
- _____ Have adequate facilities or a suitable location to house the animal.
- _____ Provide adequate feed for continuous growth, gaining an average of 1-2 pounds per day.
- _____ Attend the OCA Summer Meeting to give a short presentation sharing your progress on the project and highlighting your sponsor.
- _____ Exhibit at the Owyhee County Fair and sell in the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale.
- _____ Submit updates on steer growth and progress to the donating producer.
- _____ If problems arise, I will immediately contact my 4-H Leader/FFA Advisor and OCA immediately.
- _____ If the project cannot be completed, I agree to return the steer to the producer.

Please Print-

Do you have an adult (producer, leader, advisor, friend) you would like to have as your mentor? If so, list the name and contact information.

Mentor Name

Address *City* *State* *Zip*

Phone *Email*

Write a brief paragraph-

Why you want to participate in the OCA Sponsored Steer Program? What do you hope to learn while you are in this project?

Youth Signature *Date*

Parent/Guardian-

As legal guardian of the above youth, I agree that he/she may participate in the Sponsored Steer Program and the above contract, and I will give him/her guidance and counsel.

Parent Name (please print)

Parent Signature *Date*

Phone *Email*

