



## Helena McDonald's New 4-Her Sponsor

**INTRODUCTION:** Helena McDonald's Owner, Terry Gauthier, always wanted to raise an animal or live on a ranch. He would have loved to have livestock, but was raised in city limits. Not only is Terry a strong supporter of 4-H and the 4-H Livestock Auction, but he also wants to give NEW 4-H members a chance to raise an animal.

**Who:** Any new 4-H member (age range 9-18) that does not have a place to raise an animal

**What:** \$500 for hog, sheep, or goat projects OR \$1,000 for steer projects

**Where:** Lewis and Clark County 4-Hers exhibiting livestock at the Last Chance Stampede and Fair

**When:** **Applications due October 15<sup>th</sup>** to the MSU Extension Office

**Why:** To support new members joining 4-H

**How:** Submit your application to

Lewis and Clark County 4-H

100 W. Custer

Helena, MT 59602

Contact: Mary Meyer [mary.meyer@montana.edu](mailto:mary.meyer@montana.edu) or 406-447-8346



### How it works

- Fill out the application and submit by October 15<sup>th</sup>
- The recipients, after a vetting process will get to choose an animal to raise. Only (1) steer project will be awarded. Recipients will be announced within 30 days.
- Applicants may be interviewed.
- Lewis and Clark County 4-H will help you find a 4-H Club to join and connect you with the 4-H volunteer leader within your project area (hog, sheep, goat, or beef/steer)
- 4-H will help find a host location.

### As a recipient

- Raising an animal is a big commitment, but we have many people willing to help!
- As a new member, you along with your parent/guardian will meet with the host location's owner to see if it is a good match as far as housing and travel distance to care for your animal.
- McDonald's will provide the sponsorship up front so you can purchase an animal and buy some feed or supplies.
- Raising animals comes along with costs and risks. Costs associated with raising an animal from feed, supplies, vaccinations, healthcare, or vet services are the responsibility of the animal owner.
- The recipient, parent/guardian will sign an agreement with the host location/land owner.
- Logistics and transportation are the responsibility of the animal owner.

Recipients will be selected by a committee. The committee will be set up by the County Extension Agent. No family member of an applicant will be on the selection committee.

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Name:  
Address:  
Phone number:  
Email:  
Birthdate:



I would like to take a:  
(Circle One) Hog                  Sheep                  Goat                  Steer

Attach pages as needed

1. Explain why you would like to receive the sponsorship.
2. What do you think you will gain or learn from raising an animal?
3. What are the ups or downs you think might be related to raising an animal?
4. What are your goals?
5. Please enclose a letter of support from your parent or guardian.

If chosen as a recipient, by September 15<sup>th</sup> after the sponsored year is complete, I will submit my record book with the receipts for how the money was spent on a detailed spreadsheet to the Extension Office.

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Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Send this cover page and attached pages to:  
Lewis and Clark County 4-H  
C/O Mary Meyer  
100 W. Custer  
Helena, MT 59602*

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