



Central Florida Youth in Agriculture First Time Exhibitor Grant Application

The **First-Time Exhibitor Grant** is designed to support and encourage youth who are participating in a livestock show for the very first time. This Grant aims to reduce financial barriers and promote involvement in agriculture by assisting with the initial costs associated with raising and exhibiting a market swine, market lamb, or market steer project.

This Grant is open to youth who have never previously shown livestock at a sanctioned fair or show. Selected recipients will receive funding to help cover expenses such as animal purchase, feed, supplies, entry fees, and educational resources. In addition to financial assistance, recipients will also receive mentorship opportunities through CFYIA or local agricultural leaders to help them gain confidence and knowledge throughout their project.

The Grant supports our mission to grow the next generation of agricultural leaders by providing equitable access to hands-on learning experiences in the livestock industry, responsibility, and community engagement.

Eligibility Requirements:

- First-time CFYIA Market Steer, Swine or Lamb exhibitor (no prior show experience at a county, regional, or state-level show).
- Commitment to care for and exhibit a market steer, swine, or lamb project in the 2027 CFYIA Livestock Showcase and Sale.
- Provide proof of enrollment in a Polk County School, Homeschool or Virtual School to the CFYIA Grant Committee by **6/19/2026** for Steer and Lamb applicants and **11/02/2026** for Swine applicants.
- You will be required to show a copy of your grades (a print-out showing grades for the past semester that includes your name, school name).
- Submission of a completed application form to include parent signature.

Applications will be evaluated by three judges based on the following categories: Project involvement 20%; CFYIA participation 20%; Plans for grant funds 20%; Project goals 20%; Extracurricular activities 20%.

Deadline: Completed application packet must be submitted by email to info@cfyia.org or given to a Swine, Beef or Lamb Committee member no later than 6:00PM on 06/19/2026 for Steer and Lamb applicants and 11/02/2026 for Swine applicants.

Exhibitor Name:

DOB:

Age as of 9/1/26:

Address:

City:

State: FL

Zip:

Phone:

School Name:

4-H Club/FFA/YLPA Chapter:

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Please note – applications will be blinded for our selection committee. Please only include your name on cover page.

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****Attach additional pages if needed.***

1. Describe your current market swine, market steer or market lamb animal and what you have learned from your project:

2. Why did you choose to participate in CFYIA?

3. If awarded the grant, what items do you plan to purchase with the funds? Please provide specific examples and explain why these purchases would be important to your project.



4. Describe future goals you hope to accomplish by exhibiting a market animal.

5. Describe any extracurricular activities you are currently involved in (school, 4H, FFA, YLPA, church, sports, etc.).

6. Please attach a picture of your current market animal.

CFYIA will award up to three (3) Grants in the following categories for each species.

- **Market Steer**
- **Swine**
- **Lamb**