

Share-a-Kid Application Information

Each year, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways we encourage our young people in this aspect of agriculture is through our Share-a-Kid Program. We award an average of 4 to 6 dairy goat kids to young people across the state each year.

This is a competitive statewide contest. The youth applicant guidelines are:

- Write an essay of 100 words or more about why you would like to have a dairy goat.
- Some things to consider sharing:
 - Have you ever raised a goat? (if not) Why do you want to raise a goat?
 - How you are going to take care of her (food, shelter, and medical care).
 - What do you love about goats?
 - If you are new to raising goats, please include who your mentor would be.
 - Can you tell us about the breed you would like to have?

This is a very competitive contest, and we want you to put effort into your essay. Spelling and content count. The essay can include drawings, photos, or anything special that you would like to include. Please keep a copy of your essay because no essays will be returned. If you are selected as a winner, your essay will be given to the donor. While we make every attempt to award winners one of their breeds of choice, if those breeds are not available, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association reserves the right to offer another breed to the winner. Share-a-Kid winners are not required to give a doe kid back to the program, but we encourage them to do so.

Rules:

- Youth must be between the ages of 10 and 17 by January of this year to enter.
- Entries are accepted January 1st until April 1st of this year.
- Entry form and all required signatures must accompany the essay.
- Youth must be a member of 4-H, FFA, WDGA, or other agricultural groups.
- Only 1 goat may be awarded per family per year, however, siblings are encouraged to enter.
- Youth may only win one time.
- Winners are required to show their goat at County Fair or in an open class goat show this Year or the following depending on when fair entries close.
- If under any circumstance the kid received through the program is to be sold or re-homed the individual or party who donated the kid will retain the first right of refusal.
- Youth who receive a kid must give updates to those who donated their kid at both 6 months and 12 months after the kid is received.
- A thank you of some sort (letter, card, etc.) should be given to the individual or party who donated your kid at the time of pick up.

The deadline to submit your application/essay is by no later than April 1, 2024. All applicants will be notified of results by no later than May 1st, 2024. If you have any questions on this process, please contact Share-a-Kid Chair Andrew Puetz @ ANDREW.PUETZ@GMAIL.COM.

Share-a-Kid Application

Please attach this application form to your essay. Entries will be accepted until April 1st, 2024.
Please submit application via email to ANDREW.PUETZ@GMAIL.COM **or** by mailing to Andrew Puetz at 6835 Curve Road, Lancaster, WI 53813. If mailing hard copy, please postmark by no later than April 1st, 2024 to allow for enough time to be received.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Breed 1st Choice: _____ Parent Agreement: _____

Breed 2nd Choice: _____ Parent Agreement: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Club/Chapter: _____

Club/Project Leader Signature: _____

Club/Project Leader Name (Printed): _____

Club/Project Leader Phone number: _____

If animal is housed at another farm:

Farm Owner's Signature: _____

Farm Owner's Name (Printed): _____

Farm Owner's Phone Number/Email: _____