



## 2025 TCA/TCYA YOUTH BEEF INDUSTRY TOUR

Dates: July 23-25, 2025

Applications Due By: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

The Youth Beef Industry Tour, powered by the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association and Tennessee Cattlemen's Youth Association, isn't your average field trip. It's a behind-the-scenes adventure into the real-world cattle industry and all the cool careers that come with it. Whether you're into science, animals, business, or just figuring out what's next, this tour is your chance to explore what the beef industry has to offer. You'll visit top-notch cattle operations and industry hotspots, meeting professionals who actually do the work—think reproduction specialists, veterinarians, nutrition experts, meat scientists, and more. You'll learn what they do, how they got there, and how you could do it too. But it's not just about learning—it's about growing. You'll build leadership skills, make connections with other students and industry pros, and get a head start on whatever path you choose next, whether that's college, work, or somewhere in between. So, if you're curious about cattle, careers, or just want a cool experience that could shape your future—this tour is for you!

This year's tour is planned for July 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>. Tour stops include seedstock cattle operations in Kentucky, a farm equipment manufacturer, a livestock market, a bovine reproduction specialist, an animal health company, Western Kentucky University, and more! This program is open to incoming high school sophomores through second year in undergraduate study, participants must be a TCA youth member, and also be a Tennessee resident and/or enrolled in a Tennessee school. Participants will be selected through an application process. Hotel and travel will be covered by the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association. Participants will be responsible for some meals. **The application deadline is Wednesday, June 11, 2025.** After the application deadline, accepted participants will be notified and must pay a \$250 non-refundable registration fee. A formal travel agenda, permission forms, and more trip details will be released to those selected. For questions, please contact Melinda Hart at [melinda@tncattle.org](mailto:melinda@tncattle.org).

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (As it appears on your driver's license or other ID)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following sections. If you need extra room to expand in any of the below areas, please use another sheet of paper.**

### Extra-Curricular Activities:

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### Leadership Roles:

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### Achievements/Accomplishments:

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### Employment Experience (if applicable):

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### Hobbies:

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**ESSAY:** Please attach an essay of 500 words or less using the following prompt: How will you benefit from the TCA/TCYA Youth Beef Industry Tour?

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025**

Please email the application and all requested attachments to  
Melinda Hart, Director of Youth Programs & Outreach, at [melinda@tncattle.org](mailto:melinda@tncattle.org).

Please use the subject line  
“*APPLICANT NAME* – TCA/TCYA YOUTH BEEF INDUSTRY TOUR.”