



2026 Youth Beef Heifer Initiative Scholarship

Instructions to Applicant:

1. Age divisions based upon grade enrolled at time of application (***Youth Division*** 4th and 5th grades; ***Junior High Division*** 6th through 8th grades; ***Senior Division*** 9th through 11th grades)
2. Consult with your 4-H agent, FFA advisor, or parents if you have questions about your responses.
3. Former heifer initiative winners are eligible to apply, however, you are only allowed to win one time in each age division.
4. **NEW in 2025*** All applications must be submitted online using the application link on the TCA website.
5. Application must be submitted by **Monday, December 1, 2025.**

Program Details:

Heifer must be purchased from a Tennessee farm

Seller must be a member of TCA

Winners have one year to purchase

Funds will be distributed to farm/seller

The application consist of the following:

- Applicant Information (10 points)
- Cattle Program Description (10 points)
- Leadership Activities (40 points)
- Essay or Video (40 points)

Essays should be no less than 300 words

Videos should be 2-3 minutes

Topics:

Youth (Grades 4th and 5th)- Why do you want to be involved in the beef cattle industry?

Junior High (Grades 6th through 8th)- Who, or what, has influenced you to be involved in the beef cattle industry?

Senior (Grades 9th through 11th)- If you won a heifer scholarship, what would your goals be for your heifer project?

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The full application AND more details can be found by clicking on the application link on the TCA website.

Questions?

Contact the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association at info@tncattle.org or (615) 896-2333.