

**Forward to Application**  
**Breeding Success with Nationwide Agribusiness**  
**And**  
**Marias River Livestock Association**

Nationwide Agribusiness and Marias River Livestock value the potential in our communities' youth and want to encourage them to be involved in agriculture. The purpose of the "Breeding Success Program" is to help youth get started in the livestock breeding business by awarding \$1000 towards the purchase and care of breeding stock based on applicants knowledge, future goals and the ability to care for the animal.

Youth Members of Marias River Livestock Association who are goal oriented and 18 years of age or younger are encouraged to apply for the "Breeding Success Program" award which is generously donated by Nationwide Agribusiness and administered by Marias River Livestock Association. One individual will be chosen annually to receive the award. The award funds are to be used towards the purchase of breeding livestock which would be entered and shown at the 2014 Marias Fair, Shelby, MT or 2014 Charging Home Stampede 4-H Fair in Browning, MT. The animal (s) would not be allowed to be sold at either Fair as the purpose of the animal(s) is for the individual to start a breeding program and build a herd.

The Award winning applicant would be responsible for the feeding, raising and housing of the animal(s) and would be responsible for arranging for the breeding of it (them), and complete record keeping. They would also be responsible for keeping in regular contact with the Marias River Livestock's Breeding Success Project Committee until the project's completion.

Applications will be available on November 15, 2013 and are due back January 25, 2014. Applications for Marias River Livestock Association membership and "Breeding Success with Nationwide Agribusiness " are downloadable from [www.MariasRiverLivestock.com](http://www.MariasRiverLivestock.com).

Questions may be directed to Carrie Sue Lerum Phone 406-432-3925 or [droughtsurvivor@yahoo.com](mailto:droughtsurvivor@yahoo.com).

Qualification:

- Applicant must be a Youth member of Marias River Livestock Association as of January 25, 2014 and maintain membership throughout project.
- Youth must be 18 years of age or younger at time of application.
- Youth must reside in Glacier, Liberty, Pondera or Toole County Montana.
- Breeding livestock purchased must originate in Glacier, Liberty, Pondera or Toole County, MT

Criteria for selection:

- Youth must have basic livestock knowledge.
- Clear goals for livestock production operation.
- Must have place to house, raise animal(s) and feed or funds for feed to maintain the animal(s) in good health.
- Incomplete, late or falsified applications will not be considered.

Application Consists of:

- 1-2 page essay
- Completed forms with all signatures requested
- Names and contact information for References that the Committee may call. References may consist of Parent, Teachers or Leaders in 4-H, FFA or other agricultural group deemed qualified by Committee.

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Application Form January 2014**

Deadline for entry: January 25, 2014

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of Jan 15, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a description of the facilities and location that the animal(s) would be kept at if you were selected to receive the Breeding for Success Award.

Please provide an essay with the following criteria:

Technical

- Minimum 1 page Maximum 2 pages typed
- 8.5 x 11 inch standard size white paper
- 1" margins top, bottom and sides
- 1.5 spaced lines
- Arial Font, 12 pt size
- Must be stapled to the completed Application and Judges' Information Form

Composition criteria: (The following topics must each be addressed in the essay)

- Why are you applying for the Breeding for Success Award?
- What experience do you have with animal care and management which would make you a good and ethical caregiver?
- How would receiving this award fit into your current goals and breeding projects you are participating in 4-H, FFA or other organization?
- No identifying fact such as applicants name or names of applicant's parents may be contained in the essay. This precaution is to keep the judges from knowing the identity of the applicant. The application and essay will be identified by the judges through an assigned number only.

Please provide three References that the Committee may call.

**Reference 1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ How are you associated with this person? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Reference 2**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ How are you associated with this person? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Reference 3**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ How are you associated with this person? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Testimony: I have read the details of the Breeding Success Project cover letter and the application and understand and will abide the criteria. I am 18 or under as of Jan 15, 2014. I am a current paid Youth member of Marias River Livestock Association and live in Glacier, Liberty, Pondera or Toole County, Montana. I understand that I must keep the animal(s) purchased for breeding project until shown as breeding stock at the 2014 Marias Fair or 2014 Charging Home Stampede 4-H Fair in Browning. If the animal is sold or slaughtered prior to that time you are expected to pay back the award. (Exceptions will be made for accidental death of animal)

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Testimony: I as a parent of guardian of the above Applicant who is a minor do grant permission for them to participate in this program. If they are selected I understand the rules and criteria and will encourage my child to abide by all rules. I on the behalf of my child, myself and heirs, wave all rights and claims for injury death, theft, loss or damage as a result of participating in this program,

Parent/ Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Advisor Testimony: The facilities for raising breeding stock and the ability of the applicant and his family to care for the animal(s) are sufficient to successfully complete this program.

Committee Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Committee use only)

**Applicant ID Number** \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ (for Committee use only)

## Judges' Information Form

### Breeding Success With Nationwide Agribusiness And Marias River Livestock Association

(Must be completed as part of application form and must be stapled to essay)

Your age as of January 25, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in: Town/city \_\_\_\_\_ Rural/non-farm \_\_\_\_\_ Working farm or ranch \_\_\_\_\_

Number of livestock currently owned by applicant: Cattle \_\_\_\_\_ Sheep \_\_\_\_\_ Swine \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

List individually how many years in: 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ FFA \_\_\_\_\_

or other youth organization \_\_\_\_\_

Offices or positions of leadership you may have held in these organizations or in school:

Projects have you taken in these organizations or in school:

What qualities are important for breeding stock to have on your current or planned ranching operation and why?

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**PROCEDURE FOR JUDGING THE APPLICATIONS:**

1. The administrator of the application process will receive the applications and determine if all the criteria has been met.
2. Reasons for rejection
  - a. Incomplete application
  - b. 3 References not submitted
  - c. Insufficient facilities available for care of animals
  - d. Application received after January 25, 2014
  - e. Falsification of materials of any kind
  - f. Applicant's name included on essay
  - g. Applicant is not a Youth member of Marias River Livestock Association
  - h. Applicant is not 18 years or younger
3. Method of Selection
  - a. All applicants will be assigned a number as received
  - b. A panel of 3-5 judges will determine winner
  - c. Judges will score each application with consideration of age and grade level
  - d. Each application will remain anonymous during judging process
  - e. Each application will be assigned a numerical weight based on the information submitted
  - f. The top numerically weighted application will be submitted to the Board of Directors for final review of the overall application.
4. Preference:
  - a. The MRLA Board of Directors will not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, or religion, nor will the recipient of the award be obligated to fulfill any contractual agreement established by the Marias River Livestock Association other than those stated in the application form and information sheets.
5. Final Note: The award will expire if it is not used as of June 1, 2014. However, the MRLA Board reserves the right to consider extenuating circumstances on a case by case basis. Please make certain the application is neat, concise and complete. All application materials become the property of the Marias River Livestock Association.

Marias River Livestock Board of Directors:

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Carrie Lerum, Secretary/Treasurer

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