

**CARBON COUNTY DONOR HEIFER PROJECT
2026-2027 PROGRAM**

1. Any 4-H or FFA member passed their 13th birthday, but not their 17th birthday as of 1/1/2026 is eligible for the Carbon County Donor Heifer Program if they have successfully completed a 4-H or FFA Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat or Horse project. If a calf is received, the member must enroll in the Breeding Beef Project in either organization.
2. Applications are due in the Fair Office by October 13, 2025.
3. Those receiving a heifer are expected to show their animal and offspring at the 2026 and 2027 Carbon County Fair.
4. The number of calves presented will depend upon the number of donors. An alternate will receive a calf only if the winner cannot keep their obligation or comply with the rules of this program.
5. A drawing will be held to determine the match between the member and the donor.
6. Those receiving heifers must feed them as a breeding beef project during the 2026–2027 project years and show them at Fair as such.
7. Feeding will be under the direction of the Fair Board members, FFA Advisor, UW Program Associate or other person(s) as the Board sees fit.
8. **At any time, if the Board decides that the member is not taking proper care of or feeding the heifer correctly, they reserve the right to return the animal(s) to the donor(s).** No feed or other expenses will be refunded to the member if the heifer is returned to the donor. Unforeseen circumstances, not the fault of the member, will be given consideration.
9. Donors will provide a signed bill of sale with the member's name omitted. Upon completion of the two-year commitment, the Board will fill in the name and forward the A Form to the member. This is done in case an animal is returned from a member who fails to meet the requirements.
10. A written report will be written **each month** on the progress of the heifer and her calf and will be sent to the donor(s) during each of the project years. **The letters must be sent to the Carbon County Fair Board, P.O. Box 1414, Rawlins, WY 82301-1414 with a stamped envelope addressed to the donor.** The fair board will then forward the letters to the donors.
11. Each member and one parent or guardian must sign the attached agreement before application can be made to the Heifer Program.
12. If more applications are received than donors available, younger members will be placed on the alternate list. These members will be eligible for future programs.

**KEEP THESE RULES FOR FUTURE REFERENCE—SEND ONLY APPLICATION AND
AGREEMENT FORMS BACK TO CARBON COUNTY FAIR BOARD, P.O. BOX 1414, RAWLINS,
WY 82301-1414**

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1. Enroll in the Breeding Beef project in your club or chapter by January 1st and enter her in the appropriate division and class for fair before the deadline in July. We encourage entering showmanship as well.
2. Donor Relations **(30 points)**
 - a. Write 12 mandatory letters to your donor in the first phase (heifer)
 - i. Must send two (2) copies each time to the Fair Office (P.O. Box 1414, Rawlins, WY 82301)
 1. Original copy in an envelope addressed to your donor (with a stamp)
 2. Copy for Fair Board records on file
 - b. Write 12 mandatory letters to your donor in the second phase (cow/calf)
 - i. Must send two (2) copies each time to the Fair Office (P.O. Box 1414, Rawlins, WY 82301)
 1. Original copy in an envelope addressed to your donor (with a stamp)
 2. Copy for Fair Board records on file
 - c. Please make a special effort to keep in contact with your donor (other than the required times).
 - i. Find out what breed she is
 - ii. What vaccinations she has had, and what would they recommend for follow up, and when
 - iii. When was she born
 - iv. Etc
3. Record Book **(15 points)**
 - a. Fill out required record book (use your imagination for the record book cover)
 - b. Use the record book to maintain records of:
 - i. Veterinary
 - ii. Feed
 - iii. Equipment
 - iv. Travel
 - v. Anything else that pertains to the growth and development of the heifer
4. Interview **(10 points)**. Prepare yourself throughout the year for an interview at fair about your project:
 - a. What have you learned?
 - b. What are you feeding her, and how much?
 - c. When was your heifer bred? When will she calve?
 - d. What preparations have you made in case there is difficulty during calving?
 - e. What are some vaccinations that should be given to your heifer before breeding and calving?
 - f. What vaccinations should be given to the calf?
5. The week of fair:
 - a. We will try to have a space inside as well as outside but try your best to get her halter broke so that you can lead her in and around the other animals, as well as show her.

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- b. First phase projects will be entered and shown according to the breeding classes set up in the Fair Book.
 - c. Second phase projects will be shown as a cow/calf pair on halter or in the pen.
 - d. Second phase projects are expected to enter your calf in the feeder calf classes listed in the Fair Book.
 - e. All project animals will be evaluated when you pick them up and then each year at the fair. They will be scored according to how well they developed from heifer calf to replacement heifer to cow
 - i. **35 points**-first phase (heifer)
 - ii. **25 points**-second phase (cow)
 - iii. **10 points**-second phase (calf)
 - f. Herdsmanship (**10 points**)
 - i. Keep your pen clean and your animal presentable. Put up pictures and extra recognition of your donor.
 - ii. Check on your project throughout the day, being available to answer questions that people walking through might have about the program.
 - g. Providing that you took proper care and met the requirements set forth by the Carbon County Fair Board, you will receive the A Form (title of ownership) to your cow during the fair (after you have completed the second phase). If there is question or reason to believe the total attention was not given to the project at anytime during the program the animal(s) will be returned to the donor and no compensation for your time and expenses will be reimbursed to you.
6. The Fair Board will be visiting the applicant's facilities to be sure they are suitable for the project. They will also be making visits throughout the two-year span to check on the health and welfare of the animal(s). Donors may or may not be present as well.
7. In the event of death of your animal(s) you must notify the Fair Board within 72 hours.
8. In the event that your heifer does not get bred during the first phase, you are able to continue to try to breed her to continue onto the next phase or you may return the heifer if you choose.

Good Luck with your heifer and never be afraid to call upon someone for help. That is the primary reason for this program, and the reason there are so many willing Donor Ranches. They want to see you succeed and have the opportunity to learn.

Please remember that this is an educational project and we encourage anyone who wants to participate but also remember that you are responsible for a living, breathing animal that depends on you for everything. If you are not willing or able to commit to taking exceptional care of her then please wait to apply for this program. The Fair Board does not want to be forced to take a heifer away from a child because her health and welfare are below acceptable conditions.

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NAME:_____ CLUB/CHAPTER NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

BIRTHDATE:_____ AGE AS OF 1/1/2026:_____

PARENTS NAME:_____

PHONE:_____

Due to the Carbon County Fair Board by October 13, 2025
PO Box 1414, Rawlins, WY 82301

Please feel free to use other paper to answer questions at length if you need

1. Why do you want to receive a heifer?

2. What type of things do you plan to do with your heifer and cow/calf pair? What are your long-term plans with her?

3. What do you want to learn from this project?

4. Do you understand the rules and requirements thoroughly?

5. What kind of facilities do you have to care for a heifer? (Barns, corrals, etc)

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6. How do you plan to feed her? (Kind of feed, how much, how long, etc)
7. How much do you expect her to weigh when you have her bred? Why is this important?
8. What kind of bull do you plan to use to breed her? Why does it matter what bull you breed to?
9. When do you want her to calve? _____
When do you plan to breed her? _____
10. How do plan to gentle and/or break her to lead?
11. What other communication avenues would you use to maintain contact with your donor?
12. Do you have someone you can quickly refer to as a mentor with questions or problems you may encounter during this project? Yes _____ No _____
a. If yes, who? _____

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MEMBER:

I hereby agree to enter the donated heifer at the 2026 Carbon County Fair as a yearling, and the 2027 Carbon County Fair as a “cow/calf” project. I agree to feed and care for the heifer as a “breeding beef project” under the direction of my 4-H leader, FFA advisor, UW Program Associate and/or the Fair Board Members. I understand and agree that the sponsors reserve the right to take the calf back, returning none of the feed or other expenses I have incurred, should I fail to feed or care for the heifer properly.

Member Signature

Date

PARENT(S):

I hereby agree to allow my son/daughter to enter the 2026 Carbon County Heifer Program. I also have read and agree with the rules of this program.

Parent Signature

Date