

2018 Share-A-Kid Contest Entry Form

Each year, the Iowa 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.

Winning applicants are selected from the essays they send in. This statewide contest is open to 4th to 12th grades, and who are a member of IDGA, 4-H, FFA, or other agricultural groups. We can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply.

The entry form, as seen below, must accompany the essay. Be sure to complete the form with all required signatures.

The essay, of 100 words or more, should tell why the applicant would like to have a dairy goat, how they are going to take care of her (food, shelter, and medical care), if they have ever raised a goat before and if not, who will help them, why they love goats, and what they love about goats. Photos of the planned goat accommodations are requested. Spelling and content count. The essay can include drawings, photos, or any other creative touches. No essays will be returned, and if your essay is selected, it will be given to the donor, so be sure to keep a copy for yourself.

Goats are herd animals; potential homes with no current companion goats will need to make plans to acquire a companion for their Share-A-Kid doeling, and should note how they plan to do this in their application. Also, dairy goats are disbudded and can be at a serious disadvantage when housed with horned animals; potential homes with horned goats should demonstrate readiness to house their Share-A-Kid doeling separately from the horned herd, and with an appropriate companion goat.

Breeds available are: Toggenburg, Oberhasli, LaMancha, Saanen, Alpine, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, and Recorded Grade.

Within the first year, winners are required to show their animal at a county fair or open class goat show, submit regular health updates to their assigned mentor/donor, and write a brief article for the IDGA newsletter, Last'N News, about their doeling. If within one year of receiving their goat, the winner finds that they cannot keep their doeling, the donating party is to be contacted concerning the goat's future. Winners are not required to give a doe kid back to the program, but are encouraged to do so.

Everyone will be notified by late April about the status of his or her entry. Questions? E-mail Guinevere McIntyre at jasperfarm@live.com.

Entries will be accepted postmarked from January 1st to March 15. Please mail your entry to:

Guinevere McIntyre 4853 Hwy T-38N Grinnell, IA 50112

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ email _____

Breed 1st Choice: _____

Breed 2nd Choice: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Club/Chapter: _____

Club/Project Leader Signature: _____

Club/Project Leader Phone number: _____

Veterinarian Signature: _____

Veterinarian Phone number: _____