



The “Aunty Mary” Animal Livestock Scholarship

Mary Phelon, known to many of us as “Aunty Mary” dedicated her life and passion to youth throughout the 4-H program and her family. Her values were strong in volunteering, patience, caring and supporting her family. Over the years, Aunty Mary was always known to take in stray animals, support her nieces and nephews with acquired animals as well as raising and caring for any animal she came in contact with. Throughout her life, she was especially fond of the cattle raised on their family farm and her beloved sheep. With her passion for animals and her dedication to supporting youth being so strong, our family would like to offer an opportunity for youth between the ages of 8 and 18 as of January 1 (current year), who might not otherwise be able to afford it, to have the ability to expand a current herd or start his or her own. With that, we have decided to offer a scholarship in Memory of Mary Phelon for those chosen by the scholarship committee to purchase a sheep, goat, beef or dairy cow to compete in honor of her and her support of agricultural events and shows over the years. The number of scholarships given will reflect monies raised.

The winner will receive an award according to the funds necessary to purchase a qualified show eligible animal. If awarded for the purchase of a sheep or goat the recipient will receive \$500.00. If awarded for the purchase of a beef or dairy animal the recipient will receive \$1000.00.

Qualifications:

- Must be between the ages of 8 and 18 as of January 1 of the current year.
- Must be eligible to compete at local youth and/or 4-H shows during the current show season
- Must be a member of a 4-H club in Hampden County OR have exhibited at the Hampden County 4-H Fair in the past 3 years

Requirements of purchase:

- Must exhibit the purchased animal at least one 4-H show in the year the award is received
- We ask that, when possible, to support a 4-H sale or family when purchasing the animal
- If you do not need to use the entire award we request the remainder be used to purchase feed for the animal or donated to sponsor an award at a local 4-H show
- Photos of your show season with your scholarship animal along with a brief written review of the season must be submitted by November 1st to mofreniere@gmail.com .
- Animals must be of show age for current show year and registered/eligible to show

On behalf of the Mary Phelon Family, we wish you good luck and thank you for supporting your local youth and 4-H shows.

**Thank you,
The Family of Mary Phelon**

Application: DUE APRIL 1st

Name: _____ **Age (As of Jan 1):** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Club Name: _____ **County:** _____

Club Leader: _____

Have you exhibited at the Hampden county 4-H Fair in the past 3 years? YES NO

Applying For (Please circle one): BEEF DAIRY SHEEP GOAT

On a separate paper or typed, please answer the following questions:

- 1. What type of animal would you like to purchase and why? (This question refers to the breed, age, gender etc.,)**
- 2. If you or your family currently own animals, why do you want or need to purchase?**
- 3. Without this scholarship, would you be able to purchase this animal?**
- 4. Do you or your family have the financial ability to care for an animal's health and well-being if the costs of future care extend beyond the amount awarded?**
- 5. How will the animal be cared for? Worked with? Where & how will it be housed?**
- 6. What 4-H show will you exhibit your animal at?**
- 7. If you could volunteer for any organization what would it be and why?**

REQUIRED: Please include a brief letter from an adult confirming your ability to house, feed & care for the animal on a daily basis.

Mail To:

**Maureen Freniere
209 Pochassic Road
Westfield MA 01085**

Email:

mofreniere@gmail.com

Thank you,