



2026/2027

Date & Time Received _____

Application Number _____

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE OCEANA 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK BEEF/LOW LINE/DAIRY BEEF PROJECT

My birthday is: _____, _____, _____ 4-H age: _____ CLUB: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year) (as of 1/1/2027)

1. I understand that I may raise at least one (1) steer as my exhibit, show and selling animal for the 4-H Market Livestock Auction, or other method determined by the 4-H Market Livestock Committee.
2. Members may raise **one personal backup** or join a **backup pool** with others. A **\$5 fee for each animal I would like considered as a backup** is due by **4:00 p.m., December 1, 2026**. Pool backups must be listed on the **"Pool Backup Form"** with **photos, breed info, and RFID tags**. (Pool limit: **5 backups**) Personal backups can be listed on the currently used photo and ear tag form. If my primary steer becomes unfit, a **written explanation to use a backup** must be submitted to the **MSU Extension Office by August 2nd**. **Using a backup steer without approval may lead to disqualification.**
3. I understand a dollar amount and percentage of the gross sales will be withheld by the 4-H Market Livestock Committee to cover expenses of the project and auction. All other expenses will be assumed by me.
4. **Enrollment is first-come, first-served**, based on available space (max. 48 steers). **Applications available:** Oct. 11 – Dec. 1, 2026 at the MSU Extension Office. I may submit my application at the MSUE Office, through mail, email at wassonj3@msu.edu or fax (873-3710) during the appropriate time. Please note that signing up at the MSUE Office potentially may take precedence over mail delivery, email printed, or fax received. **Online enrollment at mi.4honline.com must be completed** before submitting any project paperwork.
5. **TIER 1 (Oct. 12th – 19th):** For members who completed the market steer project last year and met all requirements in the 4-H Automatic Enrollment Policy. Bring your **signed buyer's receipt (2025/2026)** as proof of delivering your buyer's picture and thank you for application to be accepted. **TIER 2 (Oct. 23rd – Nov 4th):** For those who *did not make weight* but: Completed 6 club meetings, Received a B or better on their notebook, requested and received both Livestock Committee and leader approval to stay in the same project area (*see Automatic Enrollment Policy – Additional Guidelines #4*).
TIER 3: For new members, high school graduates, or those who didn't complete last year's market beef project. Sign up: **Nov. 7, 8:45–9:00 a.m. only**, then resumes **Nov. 9–Dec. 1** during normal business hours. **Only the 4-H-er, parent/guardian, or sibling** may submit the application on Nov. 7. A **waiting list** of at least 5 members will be accepted—see project rules for details.
6. Animals must be on feed by **December 1, 2026**, and have a **15-digit RFID tag in the animal's ear** before the **mandatory Steer Weigh-In on Saturday, December 5**, held at the **Oceana County Fairgrounds Beef Barn, 8:00–10:00 a.m.** At weigh-in, steers will be weighed and photographed. All backup animals must attend Steer Weigh-In. A parent or sibling may bring the animal **only with prior approval** from the Executive Committee. **Attendance is mandatory** unless officially excused by the 4-H Market Livestock Committee. **Non-compliance will result in disqualification.**
7. This form must be signed by your parent and 4-H Club Leader for you to participate in the project. Forms will not be accepted without the proper signatures.

I have read the above, the project requirements attached, and the code of ethics rules pertaining to the steer project and agree to abide by them.

Steer #1 Breed _____ Steer #2 Breed _____

RFID Number _____ RFID Number _____

____ Steer ____ Heifer

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Please indicate if you are bringing a low line breed:

____ I am registering my primary ____ and/or my backup ____ as a low line breed. I agree to abide by the weight and height range of the breed as outlined in the rules.

____ I will be participating in a Backup Pool and have attached the Backup Pool form of the animals I intend to have access to for potential backup.

Member's Name – printed

Date

Address _____ Phone Number _____

(Please provide a complete mailing address) Email _____

I, parent of the above 4-H member, hereby guarantee performance of the above agreement, have read the attached project rules/requirements.

Parent Signature

Date

I, the leader of the _____ 4-H Club, agree to supervise and inspect the above member's project and performance and to report any violations to the 4-H Market Livestock Committee immediately.

4-H Club Leader Signature

Date