

# The VITAS HEALTHCARE Columbia County Youth Agricultural Citizenship Livestock Grant Program

**Vitas Healthcare** is proud to sponsor a **Grant** to an exhibitor in each of the 3 youth age divisions within the Florida Gateway Fair Youth Livestock Show (Junior 8-12yrs, Intermediate 13-15yrs, Senior 16-18yrs). The Grant will give an exhibitor designated funds of **\$250** towards the purchase of a terminal livestock project animal, or in the case of a high school senior funds towards a higher education. The grant is available to a 2019 Florida Gateway Fair Youth Livestock exhibitors 8-18yrs of age as of October 24, 2019. Exhibitors are only eligible to apply for the grant within the age division that they are assigned to show within and are eligible to win the Grant once. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of VITAS employees and a winner will be selected. Finalists will be selected for an interview, if deemed necessary. **No affiliate of VITAS HEALTHCARE will be eligible to receive this grant.** The winners of the Grant will present a bill of sale for a terminal livestock project animal or receipt of payment towards post high school education expense for the 2020 year and will be reimbursed the Grant funds at that time.

To be considered for this Grant, individuals must have the application turned in to the Florida Gateway Fair Office by **August 16, 2019**. If mailed it must be postmarked by **August 16, 2019**.

Application packets have to include all of the following to be considered complete. No incomplete packets will be considered for the Grant:

- 1) Application form to be **Handwritten** and completely filled out.
- 2) **Handwritten** Essay Titled **“How being involved with livestock has helped me become a better citizen”**
- 3) A letter of recommendation from **EACH**:
  - \* 4H Club Leader/County Extension agent, FFA Advisor, or Vocational Ag Teacher
  - \* Core curriculum teacher (Language Arts, Math, Science, or History/Civics)
  - \* Adult leader of none agriculturally related extracurricular activity (ex: Church group leader, sports team coach, STEM team advisor, Band instructor, Etc.)
- 4) The most recent copy of report card.

## Grant Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of Oct 24,2019): \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize your school achievements and activities: (use additional pages if necessary)

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Extracurricular activities include 4H, FFA, Sports, Church, etc. (use additional pages if necessary)

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How long have you been involved with a Youth Livestock Project? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been in 4H or FFA? \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all information provided in this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_