



## Young Producer Scholarship

2026 Scholarship Recipient

### Harper Maughan

Poultry • 4th Grade • 2 Years Experience



#### Essay: Why I Should Receive the 2026 Ward's ACE Young Producer Scholarship

Hello, I am Harper Maughan. I am in 4th grade and 10 years old. My parents are Aaron and Elsie Maughan. This is my second time showing chickens at the fair. I actually hate all chickens except for one. Her name is Pepper. She is 4 years old. She is an old English game bantam. She is a little cutie. She is a clean legged bantam, which means she has no feathers on her legs. Her eggs are really tiny like fairy eggs, and white. This year, my mom is ordering more of this breed. Pepper is brown and red with white spots. She won double grand champion last year at our fair. The judge loved her so much, she wanted to take her home. I thought she was serious and almost cried. Pepper is the boss in our flock, even tho she is the tiniest. She is always escaping the pen too. She can go under the coop where no other chickens can get out. My goals are to become not so afraid of chickens. I can

do this for my helping raise baby chicks for me and my siblings and hold them every day. Then they get used to being held and will show easier. I am excited this year because we can enter four chickens into the quality class. This is why my mom wanted to get more old English game bantams for me. Another goal I have is to learn how to show other chickens better, not just Pepper.

If I win the scholarship, I will use the money to help with feed. Since that can cost a lot. I also would like to get treats for my chickens if I win the scholarship. Thank you for your time to look over my application about my favorite chicken!