



Young Producer Scholarship

2026 Scholarship Recipient

Shelby Sorensen

Goat • 5th Grade • 3 Years Experience



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

Why I think I should receive the young producers scholarship.

This will be my third year doing a Market goat. Each year has come with its own challenge, my very first year my goat had an accident and died before the sale, and I was unable to sell him. The second year my goal was to win the average daily gain, however, my goat was 6 pounds short of that goal. This year I have set the goal to win the market class with my goat. Which means feeding a lot more to ensure my goats makes the heavy weight market class and should help reach my last year goal of winning average daily gain. I have really enjoyed doing Market goat. Goats are very challenging and stubborn. Winning this scholarship would help me a lot because the supplements to help goats gain weight are expensive and I would really appreciate the help. Goats are sometimes tricky and won't eat some feed so you have to switch it up and try something different. I like to stand out from everyone else and be different, so I search for a goat that is different. My last 2 goats have been spotted and loud as one judge described last years. The patterns is called moon spots and I love it. The goat I have selected for this year is a black and white moon spots boar goat. I also plan to purchase an doe boar goat so that in the future I can be a young producer and breed my own project each year. The money I earn from my animal projects I plan to save to help me apply to college. I would like to either be a veterinarian or a family law lawyer when I grow up!

Thank you for the opportunity.

