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## **Taylor Helm, receives 4-H Scholarship at AKSARBEN Stock Show**

### **Plattsmouth, Neb. native wins 2016 Calf Challenge Program**

*Omaha, Neb.* (October 25, 2016) – Taylor Helm received a \$5,000 4-H Scholarship through the AKSARBEN Purple Ribbon Auction. Helm won the 2016 Calf Challenge Program in Sept. during the annual AKSARBEN Stock Show.

The top five Calf Challenge Program winners were: Taylor Helm from Plattsmouth, Neb., Champion; Neleigh Gehl from Ericson, Neb., Reserve Champion; Paige Schroeder from Fremont, Neb., placed third; Erica Champman from Tipton, Iowa, placed fourth and rounding out the top five was Leah Crock from Mechanicsville, Iowa.

The AKSARBEN Calf Challenge Program, held annually in conjunction with AKSARBEN Stock Show, provides 4-H youth an opportunity to showcase their knowledge of the beef industry and their ability to raise a market steer. Fifteen 4-H Exhibitors competed in the 2016 Calf Challenge Program.

Each was chosen via an application and skill-a-thon process, and received a calf in early November 2015 from AKSARBEN Foundation. Each exhibitor is assigned a sponsor to whom they communicate and provide updates about their calf's progress throughout the year. To select a winner, judges interview each 4-H Exhibitor and review their record book and sponsor correspondence in addition to evaluating showmanship skills, animal health and quality in the ring.

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### **About AKSARBEN Foundation**

Established in 1895, AKSARBEN Foundation represents the premier employers in Nebraska and western Iowa. AKSARBEN Foundation works as a unified network to influence change for the betterment of youth, the economy and Heartland communities. We advance our mission *to leverage collective business leadership to build a more prosperous Heartland* by funding and guiding best practice, needs-based scholarship programs, awarding over \$1 million annually; promoting the Heartland's cultural heritage through top-ranking community celebrations, attended by over 100,000 annually; and honoring community leaders who carry on the Heartland's tradition of philanthropy and volunteerism.

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