

Congratulations Scramble Winners!

You have won a heifer in the Montgomery County Fair Association Calf Scramble Program and are now going into an important business - *LIVESTOCK!*

The main purpose of the Scramble Program is to teach 4-H and FFA members the fundamentals of managing a project involving the selection, caring, feeding and training of a registered beef heifer.

As a winner, you assume certain obligations and responsibilities upon the receipt of your Purchase Certificate and those are outlined in this booklet.

Review this booklet right away to prepare yourself for the year and keep it available for easy reference. Reporting and exhibition are your responsibilities and both are very important to the overall evaluation of your project.

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First Things First...

The calf you caught during a rodeo performance was a substitute calf. Your success entitles you to a \$1,750 Purchase Certificate which you should use to buy a registered beef heifer. A meeting will be scheduled in May in order for you to pick up your calf scramble certificates. A thank you note to your sponsor(s) MUST be turned in at this time for the Fair Office to mail. Payment will also be collected at this meeting for (2) scramble pictures.

Selecting Your Breed: Your County Extension Agent (CEA) or Agricultural Science Teacher (AST) can assist you in the breed selection and the purchase of your heifer.

The Breed Categories will consist of:

- a. American - Brahman, Brahmousin, Brangus/Red Brangus, Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, ABC and ARB.
- b. English - Angus/Red Angus, Hereford/Polled Hereford and Shorthorn.
- c. Exotic - Charolais, Chianina, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Simmental, ORB and AOB.

All Heifers must be polled or dehorned.

Calving Dates: Calves must have been born between July 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020.

Purchase Deadline: Your heifer must be purchased no later than **September 1st** following the 2020 Show and must be under the daily care of the participant by the MCFA Replacement heifer tag-in date (refer to page 14 for date).

Once You Have Selected a Heifer...

On or before September 1st you must complete the following:

1. **Purchase your heifer.** A few of you may choose to purchase a heifer that has not yet been weaned from the cow. If this is the case, you may choose to leave the heifer with the breeder after the date of purchase for a short time. When you get your heifer home, then your reports should begin.

All Heifers must be under the daily care of participant by MCFA Replacement Heifer tag-in date.

On or before November 1, 2020 you must complete the following:

1. Sign your name on the Purchase Certificate.
2. Have your CEA or AST sign and date the Supervisor's Certification on the Purchase Certificate.
3. Have the Seller print their complete name, phone number and mailing address on the Purchase Certificate.
4. If you are combining your MCFA Scramble Purchase Certificate with a purchase certificate from another Show, your original breed registration certificate should be mailed to the first show in which you plan to exhibit. Mail a copy of your registration certificate to the MCFA office with a letter stating the location of the original.
5. The purchase certificate should be given to the seller, who is responsible for transferring the registration certificate to the scramble winner's name. The transferred original registration papers, scramble certificate and health papers (which include bangs test or vaccination certificate by a licensed veterinarian) should be returned to the Montgomery County Fair Association Office, P.O. Box 869, Conroe, Texas 77305. Original transferred registration certificate must be filed in the Montgomery County Fair Association office by November 1, 2020.

Upon Receipt of Your Paperwork...

1. We will automatically mail you a copy of your MCFA Calf Scramble documentation stamped with a green MCFA logo. **Keep it in a safe place.** This documentation should be acceptable for your local Shows.



2. The check will be made payable to the Seller and mailed directly to them.

NOTE: Payment will not be made for more than the amount of the Purchase Certificate. If a heifer is purchased for less than the amount of the Purchase Certificate, a check will be issued to the Seller for the actual cost of the heifer. If you pay more than \$1,750 for your heifer, you are responsible for making sure the Seller receives the additional amount. If payment is combined with another Show, you are responsible for insuring the other Show has the correct documentation required to pay their portion. Personal additional payment is allowed.

3. The original registration certificate will be mailed to you after you have exhibited your heifer in the 2021 MCFA Scramble Show.

It is our hope this will be the opportunity of a lifetime! However, to make sure the obligations and responsibilities of the Calf Scramble program have been met, the MCFA will request verification from your CEA or AST when necessary. If the obligations and responsibilities have not been met, you may be required to return the \$1,750 or sell the heifer and return the proceeds to the Montgomery County Fair Association.

Giving Thanks...

Your Sponsor cares about your progress with your heifer. As a responsible heifer owner, your success in raising your heifer will depend upon keeping accurate records of your expenses and income.

DUE, FROM YOU, BEFORE 5PM ON THE 10th OF EACH MONTH:

Monthly Reports: You have received Monthly Report forms. These reports should be sent to arrive in the Fair Office and to your Sponsor no later than 5 p.m. on the 10th day of each month, **beginning in October, for your September report.** Your first report is due in October, so you must start your record-keeping in September in order to report in October!

It is required to send a report each month even if no expenses were incurred. Reports may be handwritten or typed and should include photos and comments. Reports should be double checked for accuracy prior to submission, as they are an important part of your project's evaluation.

Reports Should Include the Following:

- 1) Monthly report form. **(Only use MCFA form)**
 - a) Charge pasture rent or hay every month. (If Incurred)
 - b) Include comments. If needed continue on separate page.
- 2) Letters to the sponsor and your AST or CEA

Once the monthly report is completed, send out as follows:

1. Original: to your Sponsor (with photos, letters and cards!)
2. **Copy of report, photos, letters and cards: (for judging)
Montgomery County Fair & Rodeo Association
P. O. Box 869
Conroe, Texas 77305
3. Copy: Your AST or CEA
4. Copy: Your file/scrapbook

The reports are considered late if they arrive at the Fair Office after 5 p.m. on the 10th day of each month, so send them in just as soon as you can after you have calculated your month's expenses.

An awards committee will judge the reports sent to the Fair Office. This committee checks for completeness, neatness, accuracy, timeliness and comments. Only reports that have been submitted on time will be eligible for competition. **Monthly reports are not eligible for email submission.**

Remember, this opportunity is yours only because of your Sponsor. Treat them, as you would like to be treated. We want them to know how much they are appreciated.

Suggested Guidelines for Scramble Reports

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER:

- *Expense report should be neat in appearance and received in the Fair Office on time
- *A Monthly letter, pictures and a copy of your expense report should be sent to the Sponsor
- *Keep your Ag Teacher or Extension Agent informed—share the expense report and any other information about your heifer
- *Remember to have the correct month and age of your heifer on each expense report
- *Record keeping is 60% of your project (treat it as if it was a major grade at school)

MONTHLY REPORTS SHOULD INCLUDE:

- *Expense report (have someone double check your report – you do not want to have careless mistakes)
- *Letter to sponsor (should inform your sponsor on the progress your heifer is making as well as what you are learning from raising this heifer)
- *Pictures
- *Remarks

ORGANIZATIONAL HINTS FOR YOUR SCRAPBOOK:

- *Keep a copy of everything you send to the Fair Office
- *Organize all your information by months (it is much easier to put the scrapbook together)

Wrapping It Up...

Essays: Essays may be emailed to the fair office, (amber@mcfa.org), prior to their respective due dates and times as either a Word document or a scanned PDF file. A confirmation email will be sent acknowledging fair office receipt. If the essay is mailed or delivered to the fair office, each essay is to be in a separate folder. **Put a word count total at the end of each essay.** If you quote someone else's work include the references on your essay.

Breed Essay: A 500 word essay entitled "Why I Selected a (Your Heifer's Breed) for My Scramble Project" is due by 5 p.m. on November 1st. This essay is mandatory. It will be judged. Please put your name in the top right corner of the first page and your word count on the bottom of the last page.

Year End Essay: A 1,500 word essay entitled "My Beef Calf Scramble Project" is due by 5 p.m. on February 1st. This essay is also mandatory. It will be judged. Please put your name on top right corner of the first page and a word count on the bottom.

Only Essays that have been submitted on time will be eligible for competition.

Scrapbook: Participants who wish to have their scrapbooks judged for awards presented during the banquet must submit them to the Fair Office, Sunday after the show. Your scrapbook can include anything pertaining to your heifer, school activities, hobbies, etc. The scrapbooks will be judged prior to the Banquet and awards presented at the Banquet. Scrapbooks will be judged on promptness, accuracy, neatness, originality and creativity. This is not a mandatory competition, but prizes are available to the winners.

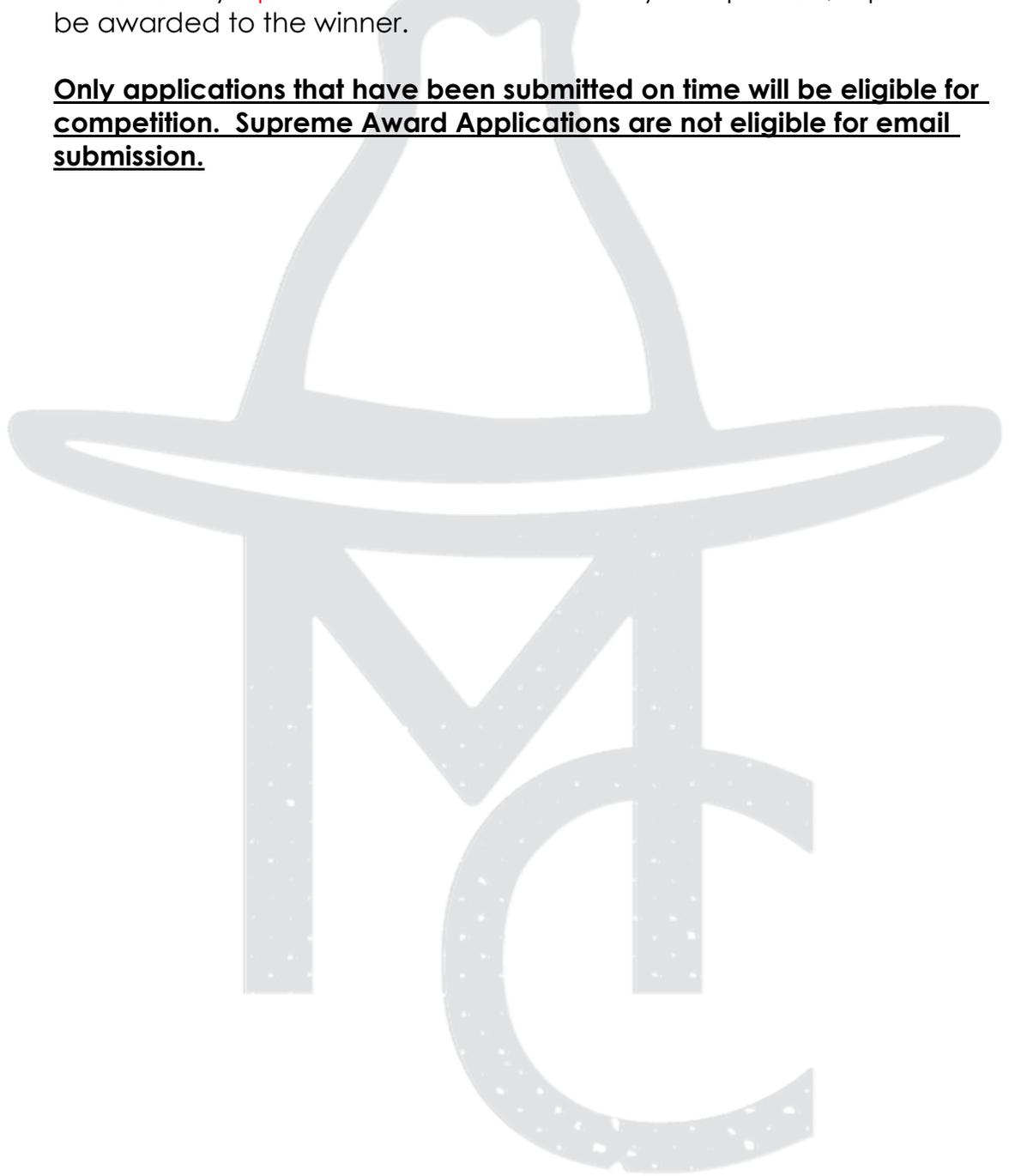
A few useful Scrapbook ideas

- *Have your name on the front (or on the 1st page) of your scrapbook.
- *It helps to have a Table of Contents and also to have dividers/tabs between subjects or months, however you choose to do this. Be creative with this. This helps to guide us through your year.
- *Bigger is not always better.
- *Creativity/theme is good.
- *Captions with your pictures.

On or before **April 2, 2021**:

Points: Keep track of your show points from county fairs, local shows and major shows. Included in this packet you will find a Texas Supreme Award application. Record your points on this form and return it to the Fair Office by **April 2nd**. This is not a mandatory competition; a prize will be awarded to the winner.

Only applications that have been submitted on time will be eligible for competition. Supreme Award Applications are not eligible for email submission.



It's Time to Show off Your Work...

- 1. Entries:** Winners are required to exhibit their heifer at the 2021 Montgomery County Fair. ****You are required to submit an entry online at mcfa.org for the Calf Scramble Show**; there is no entry fee for this show.
- 2. Breeding Beef Show:** A Scramble Show exhibitor is encouraged, but not required, to enter the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show. A \$20.00 entry fee is required for this show.
- 3. Replacement Heifer Show and Sale:** A Scramble Show exhibitor may participate in the Replacement Heifer Show and Sale; however, you **must** tag in your heifer on the scheduled tag in date. If you tag your heifer in, you can decide later whether you want to show your heifer. All Replacement Heifer Show and Sale rules must be followed in order for you to participate in this division. A \$20.00 entry fee is required for this show. * The heifer is required to be sold if you participate in the show.
- 4. Stalling:** There is a special section in the livestock barn for Scramble Heifers, and stalls will be assigned by the Scramble Committee.
- 5. Stall Information:** Stall size is 4' x 8' outside dimensions. (A sheet of plywood works well with this). Stall decorations are optional and should be constructed taking into account the safety of your heifer and others around you. All animals should be tied directly to the cattle panel, which means you should have an access hole in the front panel of your stall decoration. The tie bar is approximately 48" from the ground and your access hole should be at least 12" x 12". All decorations should be tasteful and non-offensive. MCFA reserves the right to remove any questionable decorations. All stalls should be inspected for protruding objects that might injure you or your animal. Stalls will not have gates or any electrical items. Fans are okay and outlets are provided for same. Stalls should not be fully enclosed to allow full viewing of the heifer.
- 6. Reports and Scrapbook Pickup:** Please remember to pick up your scrapbook after the Banquet. They cannot be returned to you by mail but will be available immediately following the Scramble Banquet.

Please review all General Rules and Regulations for All JR. Livestock Shows and those specific to the Scramble Calf Division. Your CEA or AST will have a copy, or you may look on the MCFA website at www.mcfa.org or e-mail amber@mcfa.org for a copy.

What Are We Working For....

The following scholarship money will be awarded:

- \$3,000 for First Place overall
- \$2,000 for Second Place overall
- \$1,000 for Third Place overall

Exhibitors will be judged to determine overall placement as follows: **10% - Calf Placement in Show; 30% - Presentation of Heifer and Personal Interview; 60% - Essays and Monthly Reports.** The overall placement may be determined by the following weighted factors, including but not limited to: Completeness, Neatness, Accuracy, Timeliness and Comments of Monthly Progress Reports; Photographs; Sportsmanship; Presentation of Heifer; Calf Scramble Show placement; Personal Interview; Essays; and Showmanship. The scholarship money will be funded directly to the College, University or institution of secondary education of the exhibitor's choice upon satisfactory proof of enrollment. Scholarship must be used within one year of date of graduation of high school.

Project Completion Incentive:

Scramble exhibitors who successfully complete all phases of their project to the satisfaction of the Calf Scramble Committee Leadership and the Fair Association, will be awarded \$250.00 at the completion of all fair activities. **Successful completion includes compliance with all requirements set forth in the MCFA Official Rule Book including Calf Scramble Division Rules, the timely submission of all required monthly reports, scrapbook, 500 and 1,500-word essays and exhibiting the heifer at next year's Fair will be confirmed as part of the Committee's decision to determine award eligibility.** The decision of the Calf Scramble Committee Leadership and the Fair Association is final. This reward check will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair.

And Now For A Pat On The Back...

SCRAMBLE BANQUET INFORMATION

A Banquet to honor your Sponsors, you and your AST, VAT or CEA will be held Thursday following the Scramble Show. You will receive an invitation in the mail prior to the Show. Everyone involved will receive an invitation.

Awards to be presented for the Calf Scramble Program

<u>Place</u>	<u>Award</u>
First Place Overall Scrambler	\$3,000 Scholarship
Second Place Overall Scrambler	\$2,000 Scholarship
Third Place Overall Scrambler	\$1,000 Scholarship
Grand Champion Scramble Heifer of Show	Belt Buckle
Reserve G. C. Scramble Heifer of Show	Belt Buckle
Grand Champion Brahman	Leather Breed Champion Ribbon
Reserve Grand Champion Brahman	Leather Breed Champion Ribbon
Grand Champion English	Leather Breed Champion Ribbon
Reserve Grand Champion English	Leather Breed Champion Ribbon
Grand Champion Exotic	Leather Breed Champion Ribbon
Reserve Grand Champion Exotic	Leather Breed Champion Ribbon
All others will receive satin placing ribbons	

Additional Prize Categories

Showmanship 1st Place
Showmanship 2nd Place
Supreme Champion Award
Most Original Scrapbook
Best Overall Scrapbook
Herdsman Award
Best Overall Scrapbook Runner-Up

What Does It Take To Be a Scholarship Winner?

Being a First Place Scholarship Winner is the Montgomery County Fair Association Calf Scramble Program's highest honor. In order to compete for this title, you must complete the following list of mandatory tasks and optional tasks. You must also complete all of these tasks **ON TIME AND CORRECTLY**.

Mandatory Tasks:

1. Purchase your heifer by September 1st (Refer to Page 2 for details.)
2. Paperwork due by November 1st (Refer to Page 3 for details.)
3. Mail all your monthly report forms to be received in the Fair Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 10th of each month, beginning in September (Refer to Page 5 for details.)
4. Breed Essay due November 1st (Refer to page 6 for details.)
5. Year End Essay due February 1st (Refer to page 6 for details.)
6. Complete your online entry for the Calf Scramble Show (Refer to page 9 for details.)
7. Return to show your heifer in 2021 Calf Scramble Show.
8. Complete a Calf Scramble Scrapbook (Refer to page 6 for details.)
9. Keep track of your points for the Texas Supreme Award and return by **April 2nd** (Refer to page 6 for details.)

Got Questions?

If you have any questions that are not covered in this booklet:

Refer to the MCFA Exhibitors Rule book

OR

Refer to our Website: www.mcfa.org

OR

Email the Calf Scramble Coordinator: amber@mcfa.org

OR

Call the Fair Office: Phone 936-760-3631

Our mailing address is:

Montgomery County Fair Association
PO Box 869
Conroe, Texas 77305

Reference to Rules and Regulations for All Jr Livestock including Scramble Calf Division Rules herein is for convenience only; to the extent there are any discrepancies between the language herein and the Rules, the language of the Rules controls.

CALF SCRAMBLE TIMELINE

<u>ITEM DUE</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
HEIFER PURCHASE DATE	BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
REPLACEMENT HEIFER TAG-IN	OCTOBER 6, 2020
COMPLETED TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION DUE TO MCFA	NOVEMBER 1, 2020
BREED SELECTION 500-WORD ESSAY	NOVEMBER 1, 2020
2021 ONLINE ENTRIES	JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 5, 2021
YEAR END 1500-WORD ESSAY	FEBRUARY 1, 2021
SUPREME AWARD APPLICATION	APRIL 2, 2021
MANDATORY PARENT/EXHIBITOR MEETING (STALL ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN)	APRIL 7, 2021
2021 MCFA ARRIVAL	APRIL 9, 2021 (10AM – 4PM)
2021 SCRAMBLE CALF SHOW	SUNDAY APRIL 11, 2021
2021 SCRAMBLE BANQUET	THURSDAY APRIL 15, 2021 (5:30PM)
MONTHLY REPORTING:	
SCRAMBLE REPORT #1	OCTOBER 10, 2020
SCRAMBLE REPORT #2	NOVEMBER 10, 2020
SCRAMBLE REPORT #3	DECEMBER 10, 2020
SCRAMBLE REPORT #4	JANUARY 10, 2021
SCRAMBLE REPORT #5	FEBRUARY 10, 2021
SCRAMBLE REPORT #6	MARCH 10, 2021

****FIRST REPORT COVERS SEPTEMBER, LAST REPORT COVERS FEBRUARY****