



## 2023-2024 Klein Forest Agricultural Advisors

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# INTRODUCTION

## To the Ag Science Student:

We are glad to have you in the Agriculture Science Program and we sincerely hope that you enjoy your time in the ag classroom, and as a member of the Klein Forest FFA. This handbook will answer many questions that concern the coming year. There will be additions to this handbook during the year. We hope that you will refer to this as the need arises.

## Parents:

We have put together this booklet to help answer any of your questions or concerns that you may have through your child's experience in Ag. and the FFA. We feel that the Agriculture Science Program is probably one of the best programs offered today. We offer not only classroom work, but field work also. We teach leadership, cooperation, and responsibility. These are traits we want all out young people to acquire. Therefore, we ask for your help and cooperation in the coming year. Let's work together to learn together!

# FFA MEETINGS

Meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the New Dining Hall. Meetings are mandatory for students. Exhibitors for Klein Show can miss no more than 2 meetings leading up to the show. Parents/Guardians are welcome however a newsletter will be sent out following the meeting. Newsletters will be sent by email to the student/parent/guardian listed on the membership form the day AFTER the FFA meeting. However, please refer to the dates below to plan accordingly.

	<b>August 22</b>		<b>January 9</b>	
	Informative Parent Meeting		Animal Shelter	
			OD EVERYONE	
	<b>August 25</b>			
	FFA Push Day		<b>February</b>	
			Klein Show	
	<b>September 5</b>		OD EVERYONE	
	School Supply Drive			
	Ag Olympics		<b>February 23</b>	
		Hamburger Luncheon-must RSVP		
	<b>October 3</b>			
	Candy Drive		<b>March 5</b>	
	Costume Contest		Wear Green	
	<b>October 20</b>		<b>April 2</b>	
	Hamburger Luncheon-must RSVP		Award/Officer Applications Due	
			Park Clean Up	
	<b>November 7</b>			
	Canned Food Drive		<b>May 17</b>	
	Pot Luck-Invite Family		Banquet; OD EVERYONE	
	Freshman-Entree			
	Soph-Sides			
	Juniors-Desserts			
	Seniors-yourself			
	<b>December 5</b>			
	Ugly Sweater Contest			
	FFA Picture-OD EVERYONE			
	<b>December 8</b>			
	Food Bank			

## GENERAL RULES

1. Each student enrolled in the Agriculture Science class is encouraged to join the National FFA Organization. Dues of \$40 must be paid by the deadline set in October. Students that do not join FFA are not eligible to participate in any FFA activity, judging contest, and/or any livestock shows. Dues are non-refundable after the student completes the membership form.
2. All FFA meeting will be based upon democratic principles as outlined in "Parliamentary Guide for FFA," by Jarrell D. Gray, and the FFA manual.
3. Hauling of livestock shall be arranged by the Ag Science Instructors.
4. Students may NOT enter the teacher's office if the instructor is out, or without permission.
5. Scheduled workdays will be determined at the beginning of each school year.
6. Shop safety procedures will always be enforced for all individuals that enter the shop

## LIVESTOCK AND HORTICULTURE PROJECTS

When selecting a project, it is critical that the student have the parents' advice and support. There are many things to consider:

1. Can the student and/or parent afford the project?
2. Where the project will be kept?
3. Transportation to feed and care for the animal
4. Transportation for the animal when necessary
5. Time involved
6. Risk of losing money

You must keep in mind that these projects are a gamble and they can become a total loss. The gamble can be reduced by hard work and desire to learn and apply your knowledge.

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

The animal(s) purchased for students' projects must be an animal designated for either breeding or slaughter purposes. In addition, please refer to the facility rules.

Family domestic animals do not meet the required project criteria.

The types of projects are as follows:

MARKET: steers, lambs, goats, swine, turkeys, chickens

BREEDING: chickens and rabbits

PLANT/HORTICULTURE: green house plants, garden crops (Projects involving crops that will be sold need to be approved by the agriculture teacher)

AG MECHANICS: All ag mechanics projects must be approved by the ag mechanics teacher(s)

**THIS SUPERVISED PROJECT CAN BE A DREADFUL PROBLEM OR THE GREATEST LEARNING EXPERIENCE. IT IS ONLY WHAT YOU MAKE IT!**

# PURCHASE OF PROJECT

1. The selection and purchase of an agriculture science project is a cooperative effort involving the student, parent, and teacher. The agriculture science teacher's role is advisory only.
2. The student and parent are responsible for the purchase of any and all agriculture science projects.
3. Projects purchased for the purpose of showing must meet the requirements of the show(s) intended. The agriculture science teacher will assist in providing the student and parent the necessary information regarding the care and grooming of the projects for each show.
4. All projects must be owned by the student
5. The student is responsible for validations and entries at all shows.
- 6 The students and parents will make arrangements for transportation when selecting projects.

## ESTIMATED ANIMAL PROJECT EXPENSES:

Animal	Avg. Time Required	Initial Cost	Feed Cost	Misc.	Total Estimate
<b>STEER</b>	<b>9-10 Mo.</b>	<b>\$2,500 plus</b>	<b>\$2,000-\$3,600</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$6,000-10,000</b>
<b>SWINE</b>	<b>3-5 Mo.</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$350-450</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$600-700</b>
<b>LAMB</b>	<b>5-10Mo.</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$300-350</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$700-900</b>
<b>GOAT</b>	<b>5-10Mo.</b>	<b>\$650</b>	<b>\$300-350</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$800-1000</b>
<b>CHICKEN</b>	<b>2Mo.</b>	<b>&gt;=\$30; min of 25</b>	<b>\$40-50</b>	<b>\$75-100</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>RABBIT</b>	<b>1-3Mo.</b>	<b>&gt;=\$200</b>	<b>\$20-30</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>TURKEY</b>	<b>4-6Mo.</b>	<b>&gt;=\$7; min of 5</b>	<b>\$150-250</b>	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$350</b>

## MANDATORY FACILITY FEE:

Fees must be paid by pen selection of the animal or students will receive last choice for selection of their animal's pen.

Animal	Fee (Barn Rent)
<b>STEER</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>SWINE</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>LAMB/GOAT</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>POULTRY</b>	<b>\$45</b>

If your student is exhibiting two animals, it will be the higher of the two.

**KLEIN SHOW ANIMAL PURCHASE DEADLINE IS: SEPTEMBER 9th**

## ADDITIONAL ANIMAL SUPPLIES:

<b>SPECIES:</b>	<b>SUPPLIES NEEDED:</b>	
<b>STEER</b>	Feeder, Water Bucket, Scotch Comb Etc.	
<b>SWINE</b>	Feeder, Showstick, Livestock Shampoo, Feces Bucket, Shovel, Broom, water tube for Klein Show	
<b>LAMBS</b>	Feeder, Water Bucket, Wool Card, Halter, Livestock Shampoo, Leg Wraps, Feces Bucket, Cat Litter Scoop, Blanket	
<b>GOATS</b>	Feeder, Water Bucket, Chain/Halter, Livestock Shampoo, Feces Bucket, Cat Litter Scoop, Blanket	
<b>POULTRY</b>	Feeders, Waters, Themometers, Heat Lamps, Shavings, Plywood	
<b>RABBIT</b>	Rabbit Hutch, Ceramic Crock Bowls, Travel Carrier/Cage	

## Recommendations for Feeding and Care of Animals

The feeding and care of the animals is a very important aspect of the livestock project. Many authorities believe it as important as purchasing a high-quality animal. All authorities believe it is responsible for at least 50% of the success or failure of a project.

Below is a list of several proven practices which if done consistently, will lead to success in the show ring.

### Daily Care/Feeding

The daily routine of feeding and care is very important. All animals respond well to an organized routine. They should be fed twice daily in most cases. Normally this will require at least 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the evening (6:00-7:00 a.m. and 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the school farm.) Your feeding program will be tailored to your particular animal as recommended by your ag science teacher. Your choice of feeds will be up to you based upon your particular situation. It is best to discuss with the ag. science teacher the feeding program you are going to use.

### Halter Breaking or Teaching the Animal to Lead

One of the more important considerations that arise early in the feeding period is teaching the calf, lamb, goat or hog to lead. The animal must be worked daily. This is no easy task and sometimes can be very time consuming. Consistency is the key. Some animals learn more quickly than others do, but normally this can be accomplished in the first several weeks. The animal must also be trained to stand correctly and calmly. This is critical, as in some cases the judge may want to handle the animal. This practice will require several additional hours each week.

### Disease Prevention

Your animal's pen must be kept clean on a DAILY basis. This will help reduce fly problems and help in keeping the animal clean and healthy. Regular worming for internal parasites and vaccinations for more serious diseases is recommended. A close examination of your animal's feces, appetite, and attitude can help you assess its general health.

### Weighing on a Regular Basis

Knowing your animals' weight and weighing on a regular basis is very important. Weight gain or loss is a good indicator of how well the animal is progressing/regressing. Animals should be weighed as often as feasible. It is particularly important near show time, as weight limits and weight classes are sometimes critical to placing the animal. It is also important to know the minimum and maximum weight limits for the species you are showing and the show you are entering.

### Grooming Livestock for the Show

During the latter part of the feeding period, much time must be devoted to grooming the animal. Brushing and combing your animal are important daily routines. Washing and clipping will also be done on regular intervals to get a good view of how the animal is growing and progressing. In most cases, all animals will be clipped prior to the show to meet maximum hair requirements of the show that you are entering.

# USE OF DRUG PROCURING AND MEDICATION

The agriculture teacher or the Klein Independent School District will not be held liable for injury to livestock or poultry while assisting the student with their project. This includes such things as giving medication, castration, dehorning, docking, worming, trimming, and any other activity directly involving the agriculture science teacher with student's animals.

## **\*Important Notice\***

It is strictly prohibited to administer any type of vaccine, drug, spray, feed additive, or substance internally or externally without first receiving approval of the vet/ag science teacher. All students are expected to read and agree to abide by the Animal Welfare Agreement.

### **DNA Testing**

The purpose of DNA testing is to support the validity of ownership of the animal.

A. An initial hair sample will be collected from each animal (steer, lamb, goat and swine) at the time of the selection process. Exhibitors must remain with their animal during the collection process.

B. A legal guardian needs to be present when the sample is taken. If a legal guardian cannot be present a waiver form must accompany the student and be presented to show officials. Forms may be obtained from the Agriscience Teacher.

C. The hair samples will be sealed in a tamper-proof envelope identified by the animal's ear tag number. The hair sample collection process will be facilitated by the Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc. designee.

D. The initial hair samples will be stored under the supervision of the Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc. (Show Committee)

E. The Show Committee reserves the right to initiate a DNA comparison test on any animal in the steer, lamb, goat, and swine divisions if ownership is in question (i.e. when an ear tag is lost or there is a question of tampering).

F. If someone outside of the Show Committee wishes to submit a protest of ownership, it must be made with specific reasoning in writing, along with \$250 cash, to the Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc. The protest will be reviewed and considered by the Show Committee. If the protest is accepted, the \$250 cash collected from the person protesting will be used, in part, to pay for the DNA testing. The \$250 fee will be refunded if the protest proves to be valid (DNA does not match initial sample).

G. If the owner refuses the collection of the initial DNA sample or a sample to be compared to the initial sample, or if the sample comes back from testing and it does not match the initial DNA sample, the entry is disqualified and the exhibitor forfeits all awards and all sale money (auction, freezer, add-ons) collected through the Show Committee. In addition, any future Klein ISD FFA Livestock and Project Show entries of this exhibitor are subject to DNA testing.

### **Drug Residue Avoidance Policy**

A. Klein ISD FFA Livestock & Project Show maintains a Zero Tolerance Policy, which means if positive results are reported, we have an obligation to investigate.

- Zero Tolerance is based on the elimination period, rather than the withdrawal period.

The withdrawal period is the amount of time that must pass for consumed products to be safe. The elimination period is the amount of time it takes for all residue to be eliminated from an animal's system. For most drugs, the elimination period is longer than the withdrawal period.

- Unapproved drugs are prohibited.

<p>Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture for slaughter animals that may be destined for human consumption. This includes the use of all products that are not FDA approved including but not limited to any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication meant for human usage.</p> <p>NOTE: Products labeled “all natural” that are not FDA approved may contain ingredients that can result in a positive test.</p> <p>B. Drug residue testing: Exhibitors and guardians consent and agree that any market entries may, at the discretion of the Show Committee, be tested for unauthorized use of medications or drugs. They further certify that they will not administer their market entry with any substance not approved by the FDA and/or USDA for this species. (For example, they will not give a substance labeled as a swine feed supplement to poultry.) Their entry is not, nor will it be, within any elimination or withdrawal time relative to the administration of any drug, chemical, or feed additive approved by the FDA and / or USDA by the time the animal(s) is officially checked-in by the Show Committee. As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit their animal(s) for testing at any time after check in. The Show Committee reserves the right to perform any test, including but not limited to tissue, feather, blood and / or urine laboratory analysis, on the Grand and Reserve champions, along with a random group of animals from each division. Random selections will be drawn prior to exhibition of the projects and posted for the exhibitors The Show Committee President, Klein ISD Career &amp; Technical Education (CTE) Director, and KISD CTE Coordinator for Agriscience will do the random drawing. The exhibitor and his/her guardian must be present during the collection for testing and must witness the sample; thus verifying the sample to be properly collected and prepared for analysis. The Show Committee reserves the right to condemn and / or disqualify any animal, either alive or dead, found in violation of the use of any drug, chemical, or feed additive as described above and the exhibitor will forfeit all awards and sale proceeds and be subject to testing at future Klein ISD FFA Livestock and Project Show. If an animal is disqualified for testing positive and/or the carcass condemned at slaughter, the disqualification will not impact class or overall placing for that species.</p> <p>C. If a sample tests positive for illegal drug residue during the preliminary test, the guardian / exhibitor has the right to request a second test to confirm the results. The second sample taken from the same animal will then be sent to the state testing lab for further testing. The guardian / exhibitor will be responsible in advance for all costs associated with this second test. Should the results of the second test not confirm the findings in the first test, the cost of the test (minus shipping and handling) will be refunded. Knowledge of this pending information will only be made available to the Klein ISD CTE Director, Klein ISD CTE Coordinator, Agriscience Instructor and the two officers Show Committee for privacy purposes only.</p> <p>D. Emergency Treatment: If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the Show grounds, only a licensed veterinarian with the prior approval of the Show Committee will be allowed to administer a drug, chemical, or feed additive. Treatment Cost: All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.</p> <p>E. Exhibitors refusing to submit their animal/pen for drug testing will be disqualified and must remove their animal/pen from the show grounds immediately.</p> <p>F. Ultimate Care and Responsibility: By making entry into the Klein ISD FFA Livestock and Project Show, the exhibitor agrees and understands that ultimate care and responsibility for an animal / pen rest solely upon the exhibitor until such time that possession of the animal is turned over to the buyer and/or his agent(s).</p>
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a. Document all treatment records: If the animal is treated with an approved drug and withdrawal times are observed, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to maintain an official record in their AET record book of treatment from the veterinarian, including date of administration and dosage, as well as to inform their AST.				
G. Exhibitors are encouraged to stay with their animal / pen during the hours that the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center is open. No one other than the Klein ISD Police Department and Klein ISD representatives will be allowed in the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center when it is closed. The Show Committee is not responsible for the acts of third parties.				

# LIVESTOCK SHOW PARTICIPATION

1. Each student may choose to show or not to show his/her project. This is not an agriculture science course requirement

2. To show a project, a student must be a member of the FFA Chapter and enrolled in an agriculture science class.

3. In order to participate in a livestock, show, students must be passing all courses as determined by TEA rules.

4. Each exhibitor must pass Quality Counts by November in order to be eligible to show.

5. The agriculture science teacher will prepare an approved list of eligible students authorized to attend all livestock shows.

6. The parents and student will make arrangements with the agriculture teacher for supervision, travel, housing and transportation of animals to the major shows in which students enter as a team.

7. Students and parents will be responsible for travel to and from livestock shows and for transporting their animals to and from these shows, unless prior arrangements have been made.

8. School policies will be enforced and discipline will be according to school policies

9. Students who are released from school to go to stock shows as an FFA member, whether supervised or not, must follow school rules or forfeit the right to participate in future shows.

## EQUIPMENT AND TRAILER USE

Arrangements must be made for the use of any equipment belonging to the FFA. Clippers, blowers, etc. must be cleaned and returned in a diligent manner so that others may be able to use them. The use of the livestock trailer will be limited to the agricultural science teachers. Any equipment lost, stolen or destroyed while in the possession of a student will be replaced at the expense of the student.

## ELIGIBILITY CALENDAR

## Fundraising and Community Service Expectations

Each month we will have a different community service project to give back to our community. Members are highly encouraged to bring at least 1 item to the meeting to participate with hours of community service. It is the responsibility of each student to log their hours in their AET record book to earn service hours.

<b>September</b>	School Supply	<b>January</b>	Animal Shelter
<b>October</b>	Candy Drive	<b>April</b>	Park Clean Up
<b>November</b>	Canned Food Drive		
<b>December</b>	Food Bank		

**Each FFA member is expected to bring a minimum of 1 bag of candy for the KISD FFA Fall Festival to the October FFA Meeting.**

*Each Member must obtain community service hours:*

<i>Greenhands- 5 hours</i>	School Supply	5 items=2 hours
<i>Chapter Farmers- 10 hours</i>	Candy Drive	1 bag=2 hour
<i>Lonestars-25 hours</i>	Canned Food Drive	3 cans=1 hour
<i>4th Year- 50 hours</i>	Food Bank	4 hours available
	Pet Supply Drive	3 items=1 hour
	Park Clean UP	4 hours available

## Fundraising

Each FFA member asked to participate in each fundraiser throughout the year. With each fundraiser we will have incentives and the overall top seller will receive a belt buckle. Failure to participate in fundraising could hinder a member's eligibility to participate in FFA competitions.

<b>Seitz</b>	September	<b>Fundraiser Incentives</b>
<b>Vertical Raise</b>	January/Feb	Overall Top Seller: Buckle
<b>Brisket/Turkey Leg</b>	Easter TBD	Top Seller (Each): Letterjacket
<b>Invitational Creed/Quiz Contest</b>	Friday, October 20; 4pm	Top Seller (Each): Apparel
<b>Invitational Speaking Contest</b>	March	Top Seller (Each): Apparel
<b>Prospect Show</b>	July	Top Seller (Each): Apparel
		Top Seller (Each): Apparel

## Criteria for Lettering in the FFA

**Letter jacket fittings occur during the following months: October, January, March, April**

To become eligible to receive a letter jacket from the Klein Forest FFA Chapter, student must always represent the FFA and Klein ISD in a positive manner. A student must show an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in the other organized activities of the chapter. A student must meet all of the following requirements:

- Student must maintain active membership in the Klein Forest FFA Chapter for 2 years.
- Student must actively seek all FFA Degrees such as Greenhand, Chapter, & State FFA Degree.

1. Received their Greenhand FFA Degree Advisor Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Received their Chapter FFA Degree Advisor Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Apply for their State FFA Degree Advisor Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Members must be enrolled in at least one Agricultural Science class per year,

4. Enrolled in 4 semesters of agriculture courses Advisor Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Student must raise or maintain an SAEP project at least 2 years.

5. SAEP for 2 years Advisor Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

a. SAEP #1/Year: \_\_\_\_\_ b. SAEP #1/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Student must participate on a leadership (at least 1) and career development team (at least 1) and qualify for area competition 3 times or qualify for state competition 1 time.

If you are on a team that has no area qualification ie. That team goes straight to state you must finish in the top 5 in state competition.

6. Participate in 4 LDE/CDE collectively and compete at District and/or Area contests Advisor Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

a. List 4 LDE/CDE & year

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

iii. \_\_\_\_\_

iv. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Student must participate in all fundraisers each year (sell a minimum of \$200; 25 items).

8. Participate in the planning/participation of 16 of the 25 activities:

KF Greenhand Camp \_\_\_\_\_

North District Greenhand Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Area III Greenhand Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Houston Food Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Community Service Items \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Harris County Fair \_\_\_\_\_

Ag Olympics \_\_\_\_\_

Fall Festival \_\_\_\_\_

Pumpkin Carving \_\_\_\_\_

Smores Night \_\_\_\_\_

Bingo Night \_\_\_\_\_

Welding Contest \_\_\_\_\_

Park Clean Up \_\_\_\_\_

Barn Clean Up \_\_\_\_\_

Klein Show Invitations \_\_\_\_\_

KF Progress Show \_\_\_\_\_

HLSR Calf Scramble \_\_\_\_\_

HLSR Tour Guiding \_\_\_\_\_

HLSR Program Sales \_\_\_\_\_

Major Show Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_

Speaking Event Contestant \_\_\_\_\_

Attend District, Area and/or State Convention \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter FFA Officer/Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

District/Area Officer Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Sponsorship \_\_\_\_\_

Earn Certification associated with an ag class \_\_\_\_\_

### IMMEDIATE QUALIFICATIONS:

If a Klein Forest FFA member meets any of the following qualifications he/she is immediately eligible for a Klein Forest FFA Letter Jacket endorsement:

Advance to Area LDE and SDE;

Advance to and compete as a participating member at the State level in CDE;

Top 15 individual at Area or Major Show\* Contest

Received an auction spot (Klein/Major\*); showmanship (both)

Ag Mech/Breeding: Division winners (Klein Show); Class Placings or Higher (Majors)

Welding Contest: 1-3 individual placing

Receive their Texas FFA State Degree (Lonestar)

\*Major show; Houston, San Antonio, State Fair, Fort Worth, Austin, Shoppas, Blinn

Student may not miss more than 2 FFA meetings a year.

Student must participate in a chapter committee each year.

Student must participate in 2 community service projects each year.

Members must not accumulate more than one P or U in conduct in any class per year.

The chapter will pay for the eligibility of the letter jacket after all requirements are met.

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

Signature of applicant's parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student applying: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Klein Forest FFA Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

# AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Students are encouraged to apply for the various scholarships and awards. The awards are presented at the FFA banquet that is held in May. Students shall fill out an application to receive an award.

## BANQUET AWARDS

CHAPTER DEGREES	PROFICIENCIES	
Greenhand	Market Broilers	Photography
Chapter	Breeding Poultry	Floral Design
Lonestar	Market Rabbits	Horticulture
Senior	Breeding Rabbits	Ag Mechanics
	Market Turkeys	Ag Science
	Swine	
	Goats	
	Lambs	
	Steers	

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### National FFA Scholarships

Available November; Due Jan

<https://www.ffa.org/participate/grants-and-scholarships/scholarships/>

### TX FFA

Available January; Due April

<https://www.texasffa.org/ffa-scholarships>

### Local Scholarships

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/scholarships-by-major/agriculture/>

<https://collegesofdistinction.com/advice/the-mega-list-of-scholarships-you-should-apply-for-class-of-2022-2023/>

<https://mikeroweworks.org/>

<https://www.lafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/student-scholarships>

<http://www.ctat.org/awards-and-scholarships/student-scholarships-application/>

Professional Grounds Management Society	January	Varies	For students interested in pursuing higher education in landscape and grounds management, turf management, irrigation technology or a closely related field. Must be sponsored by a Professional Grounds Management Society member	<a href="http://pgms.org/about-us-2/education/pgms-scholarship/">http://pgms.org/about-us-2/education/pgms-scholarship/</a>
Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society	February	Varies	For college students pursuing degrees in programs that will prepare them for careers in natural resource conservation.	<a href="http://tctws.org/">http://tctws.org/</a>
Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees - 4-H Beekeeping Contest	TBD	\$250 - \$750	Contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. Essay topic: Beekeeping in Colonial Times	<a href="http://www.georgia4h.org/beekeeping/">http://www.georgia4h.org/beekeeping/</a>
National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship	January	\$250 - \$10,000	3.0 GPA. Must support the preservation of the hunting tradition and actively participate in hunting sports. Must hold a current NWTF membership.	<a href="http://www.nwtf.org/jakes/scholarship.html">http://www.nwtf.org/jakes/scholarship.html</a>
Garden Writers Association Scholarship	TBD	\$250 - 42,000	For full-time college students majoring in Horticulture, Plant Science or Journalism with an interest in garden communication, including garden photography.	<a href="http://www.gardenwriters.org/gwa.php?p=gwafoundation/student_scholarships.html">http://www.gardenwriters.org/gwa.php?p=gwafoundation/student_scholarships.html</a>
Houston Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation	January	\$2,000	Graduating Senior. 3.0 GPA. Student must support the preservation of the hunting tradition and actively participate in hunting activities. Essay required.	<a href="http://www.nwtfhouston.org/">http://www.nwtfhouston.org/</a>

CTAT Scholarship Program	Deadline March 31st	several \$1,000 scholarships awarded	Scholarship is for students actively enrolled in CTE throughout their high school career. Students must have successfully completed at least three credits in two or more CTE courses.	<a href="http://www.ctat.org/awards-and-scholarships/student-scholarships-application/">http://www.ctat.org/awards-and-scholarships/student-scholarships-application/</a>
Certified Angus Beef Brand - Colvin Scholarship	TBD	\$1,000 - \$5,000	For Junior and Senior college students who demonstrate a commitment to the beef industry. Essay required.	<a href="http://www.certifiedangusbeef.com/press/colvin/index.php">http://www.certifiedangusbeef.com/press/colvin/index.php</a>
Chick and Sophie Major Memorial Duck Calling Contest	Contest in late Nov	\$500 - \$2,000	Students throughout the United States have the opportunity to compete for a scholarship in the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest. Qualifying contests deadlines vary according to State. Contest is in November of each year.	<a href="http://www.stuttgartarkansas.org/duck-festival/scholarship_contest.aspx">http://www.stuttgartarkansas.org/duck-festival/scholarship_contest.aspx</a>

# CODE OF ETHICS

**Agriculture science students will honor the FFA code of ethics. They will conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting their organization, chapter, school, and community by:**

1. Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
2. Showing respect for the rights of others and being courteous.
3. Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others.
4. Respect property of others.
5. Refraining from loud, boisterous talk, swearing, and other unbecoming conduct.
6. Demonstrating sportsmanship in show ring, judging contests, and meetings.
7. Attending meetings promptly and respecting the opinion of others in discussion.
8. Taking pride in their organization, activities, supervised experience programs, exhibits, and in the occupations of agriculture.
9. Sharing with others experiences and knowledge gained by attending National and State meetings.

## Klein Forest FFA Dates 2023-2024

Klein Forest FFA Dates 2023-2024			
<b>August:</b>		<b>January:</b>	
Community Service: School Supply Drive		Community Service: Pet Supply Drive	
7th: Freshman Orientation		3th - Broiler Pick-UP	
9th: 1st Day of School		5th: Elite Conference	
22nd: Parent Meeting		9th: FFA Meeting	
25th: FFA Push Day		12th: Smores Night	
		30th: KISD Show Meeting	
<b>September:</b>		<b>February:</b>	
5th: Open House		5-11th: KISD Livestock Show	
6th: FFA Meeting		Week of 2/12 Barn Clean Up	
9th: Klein ISD Animal \$ Due		19-23rd: National FFA Week	
9th: Ag Olympics		21st: Loteria Night	
14th: Slip N' Slide Kickball		23rd: Hamburger Luncheon	
16th: Area 3 Greenhand Camp			
19th: North District Greenhand Camp			
22nd: KF Greenhand Mtg		<b>March:</b>	
28th: Barn Clean-Up		1st: Thank You Letters Due	
		5th: FFA Meeting	
<b>October:</b>		22nd: 1st Steer Deposit	
Community Service: Candy Drive		29th: Officer Applications Deadline	
3rd: FFA Meeting		**HLSR Dates will be announced later**	
4th: KISD # Draw			
5th: Non-Group Buy Dealine		<b>April:</b>	
7th: KISD Lg Animal Selection		Community Service: Park Clean-Up	
18th: KISD Turkey Pick Up		6th: A&M Area CDE's	
20th: Last day to pay FFA dues		9th: FFA Meeting (Officer Elections)	
20th: Hamburger Luncheon		10th: Video Voting During AG	
31st: Fall Festival		10th: Officer Interview and Test	
		19th: Picasso with Ice Cream Social	
<b>November:</b>		27th: A&M State CDE's	
Community Service: Canned Food Drive		29th: District Convention, Degree Check, and Speaking Contest @KMPC	
3rd: Major Stock Show Entries DUE			
8th: FFA Meeting		<b>May:</b>	
10th: North District LDE's		7th: New Officer Meeting	
15th: Area LDE's		8-10th: Area 3 Speaking and Convention	
		17th: FFA Banquet	
<b>December:</b>		24th: Last Day of School	
Community Service: Houston Food Bank			
1-2nd: State LDE's		<b>June:</b>	
5th: FFA Meeting; FFA Picture OD EVERYONE		4th: Steer Number Draw	
8th: Food Bank		6th: Steer Selection	
9th: Progress Show		11-13 Area 3 Camp	
13th: Show Invitations Due		TBD- NORTH District Camp	
14th: KISD Rabbits Pick Up		TBD KF Officer Retreat	
		<b>July:</b>	
		8-12th: State Convention	

# Klein Forest FFA Officer Candidate Requirements

**DISTRICT OFFICER GUIDELINES**

Officer Candidates must:

**1. Provide a complete application, officer profile (resume), officer contract and requirements (signed), by April deadline at 3:00pm to Mr. Guerrero. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

**2. Attend an Officer Elections Speech at the April FFA Meeting in official dress.**

*An election speech will be presented at this time for popular voting*

*(Voting will also be held at a later date). Taping of your speech will be done prior to the Elections Meeting with only 2 attempts. Campaigning by poster only which will be provided by your AST.*

**3. Attend a test, interview, in official dress in April beginning at 3:30pm.**

*Test will consist of questions from the FFA Manual and Parliamentary Guide*

**ALL PHONES AND BELONGINGS WILL BE IN A SEPERATE ROOM**

5. Tried out for an LDE or CDE team during the previous school year.

6. Had no more than 2 failing grades for the previous school year (low expectations!!!!)

*D-Hall, ISS, N, U, P in conduct are not acceptable.*

*Agree to Officer Election Procedures set forth in the Klein Forest FFA Constitution*

**7. Voting will be held during the April FFA meeting and the day following the April FFA Meeting. Videotaped speeches will be shown for voting purposes. Members not present during school, or at the FFA meeting will forfeit their right to vote.**

8. Agree to serving on the officer team in any Officer position, and with any person that is elected.

One more time:

Speeches will be given during the April FFA Meeting

Test and interview will be administered after school in April

*Test will be over FFA Manual & Parliamentary Procedure*

*Voting will be held during school FFA meeting and the day following the April meeting.*

*Only paid members will be allowed to vote. Each member may only vote once.*

*No candidate will be allowed to manipulate the members' votes.*

*(If suspected, candidate will be removed from voting)*

Application	10%
Test	30%
Interview	30%
Vote	30%

Tie Breaker                      Interview

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

NAME HERE

for

KLEIN FOREST FFA  
CHAPTER OFFICER

Headshot photo of yourself here

This space is for your resume list. List out LDE, CDE, SAE, Leadership Rolls, etc. Limit your information to the space given. You may format as you wish.

Place your message to the members in this area and you may format it as you wish.

# KLEIN FOREST FFA OFFICER CONTRACT

As a Klein Forest FFA Officer, I agree to the following terms:

1. Officers will be elected based on the procedure set forth in the Chapter Constitution.
2. Officers will be removed from office if failing any class (**waiver-able or not**) for more than 3 weeks

*Grades will be checked each 9 weeks*

3. Officers will try out, and participate on a CDE and LDE team (100% effort is required)
4. Officers will attend, and be present at **EVERY FFA** meeting, ½ hour before the meeting is scheduled to begin
5. Officers **WILL** attend **ALL FFA** functions, **WORK WILL NOT BE AN EXCUSE**

*If a function is missed, the officer will be subject to the demerit system. Should an officer not be available for a function they need to notify Mr. G a month prior to the event to avoid demerit(s).*

6. Officers will attend the State FFA Convention (July), District officer Camp, and a POA planning this summer (dates TBA).
7. Officers must perform 10 hours of service in the Ag Department over the summer, 10 hours in the fall, and 10 hours in the spring.

This time will be set aside for the following:

- Assisting the advisors in chapter and department duties.
- FFA event planning

8. Officers must participate in **ALL** Fundraisers sponsored by **KF FFA**.
9. Officers will perform the duties specific to their offices, and also those duties required of the officer team.

*Officers failing to meet these requirements will be removed from the officer team.*

10. Officers will follow the FFA Code of Ethics.

*Any officer violating a school rule, which could result in disciplinary action may be removed from the officer team (Subject to Ag Teacher's Discretion)*

11. Officers will represent themselves, and the Klein Forest FFA in a positive manner at all times.

*If this is not accomplished, officers will be removed from the officer team.*

12. Officers will give 100% to the improvement of KF FFA

*Any misconduct, etc. will result in the officer being subject to the demerit system, or removal. (Subject to Ag Teacher's Discretion)*

13. Officers will agree to follow the merit system set forth by the advisor.

I have read the above terms and understand that this is **ONLY** a guideline for what is expected of me, A **BASE MINIMUM**. Specific and subjective violations of this contract will be determined by the Advisors. I completely understand that this contract **DOES NOT** outline every circumstance that could be a violation of this agreement. I realize the **HIGH** expectations that come with this office. I accept the challenge and will give KF FFA my **BEST** effort. I further agree that the KF FFA Officer team has a **PROUD TRADITION OF INTEGRITY AND PERFORMANCE**. I welcome my election, and fully agree that if, in the opinion of the Advisors, I fail to meet the terms of this contract; I will be removed from this office.

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Student Signature		Parent/Guardian Signature				

# Klein Forest FFA Officer Demerit System

5 min or more late to an officer meeting (Considered absent after 15 minutes)	1 demerit	
Late to any chapter activity	1 demerit	
Not wearing officer shirt on meeting days	1 demerit	
Missing official dress	2 demerits	
Miss an officer or FFA meeting	3 demerits	
Failure of any class	3 demerits and probation (2nd fail, you are out)	
No fundraiser involvement	3 demerits	
No CDE involvement	3 demerits	
NO LDE Involvement	3 demerits	
No community service involvement	3 demerits	
Failure to complete service hour requirement (Determined month by month at Officer meeting)	3 demerits	
Failure to Complete Officer Responsibilities	3 demerits	
Indecorum (disrepect to others/teachers/admin, ISS, bullying, social media violations etc.)	minimum of 1 demerit(s) maximum of 10- determined case by case by Ag teacher	

After 4 demerits you will be placed on probation. If you earn 1 more demerit (equaling 5) you will be removed from the officer team for the remainder of the school year. This contract is active once you are elected to an officer position. Demerits stand for the entire year. You are required to sign this paper, and abide by this system and the contract rules for your term as a KF FFA Officer.

*A student can petition only once during their year of service. A petition must be filed within 24 hours of the demerit. One merit point MAY be awarded at advisor's discretion and discussed at the advisor's weekly meeting.*

_____	_____	
Student Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature	
_____		
Advisor		

# KLEIN FOREST FFA FACILITIES CONTRACT

Students will receive 1 barn card with their contract for the duration of their project. After the duration of the project, students are asked to turn in their cards. If students lose or need a replacement card, \$5 will be added to their school cash account or deducted from their show check.

The purpose of the Klein Independent School District (Klein ISD) Agriscience Project Center is to provide CTE-Agriscience students a safe location to raise animal projects for curriculum enhancement and to assist in meeting state-mandated Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP) requirements. The Agriscience learning experience consists of time spent at the Agriscience Project Center, as well as classroom instruction. This arrangement requires significant collaboration between the school, student, and parent. Your patience and positive attitude is vital as we work together to make this a productive and enjoyable learning experience for all!

**A. Eligibility:**

- Student is enrolled in Klein ISD and is raising an animal project(s) for the KISD Project Show.
- Student and parent/guardian must attend a mandatory meeting prior to utilizing the facilities. The Agriscience teacher will notify students of the time/location for this meeting. Failure to attend this meeting will result in not being able to use the facilities.
- Ownership - Animal ownership may not change without teacher approval.

**B. Facilities:**

- Stall/Pen Assignments - The Agriscience teachers will assign all stalls/ pens for student projects. Students may not be change assignments without prior approval by the Agriscience teachers.
- a. First priority is given to projects for the KISD Project Show.
- b. Raising animals at the center for non-KISD shows are of secondary concern; therefore, pens/stalls may not be available for that purpose.
- c. Availability of pen/stalls for Junior FFA members will be allowed after all high school students have been served.
- d. If Klein ISD projects (per specie) exceed available pen space, a lottery for available pens will take place as designated by the Agriscience Teacher to determine how the pens will be distributed.
- Fees - A yearly fee (project show will be end of year) shall be paid prior to move-in as follows:
  - Cattle (per head) \$ 200.00
  - Swine (per head) \$ 60.00
  - Sheep/Goat (per head) \$ 50.00
  - Poultry \$ 45.00
- Hours - The project center is open from 5:30 am until 10:00 pm each day. The farm facility is designated for students working with their project(s) and maintaining their areas, so excessive loitering is not allowed.

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- Access cards - Entrance to the project center is allowed through access cards only. Two access cards will be issued to each student by the Agriscience department. The initial cost will be included in the farm fees. Lost or stolen cards should be reported to the Agriscience Teacher immediately so they may be de-activated. Replacement cards may be purchased from your Agriscience Teacher.
- Guests - Guests are only permitted at the Ag farm with prior permission from the Agriscience Teacher. Guests are limited to immediate family.
- Pets - Household pets such as dogs, cats, etc. are not allowed at the project center.
- Farm Gates - The individual farm gates must be opened/closed when entering/leaving the facility. Failure to close the gate will result in an alarm notifying the Klein ISD police department. Please be very careful to secure the gate.
- Driving - You should drive only on designated areas. Please drive slowly and with extreme caution while on the property and on the roadways leading to the project center. Excessive noise, recklessness, littering, mudding or other disruptive displays will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action as outlined in rule (20.)
- Modifications – Student shall not modify or damage the Project Center in any way. This includes, but is not limited to, sitting on gates/panels, throwing rocks, and damages caused by automobiles. No additions, subtractions, modifications, or construction relating to electricity, carpentry, plumbing or location may be made without prior approval.
- Electricity - The student is responsible for the safe use of electricity on the Project Center. The use of electrical devices or extension cords must meet NEC and UL electrical codes. The following guidelines are for use on a farm facility:
  - a. Extension cords must be heavy-duty outdoor rated;
  - b. No Christmas lights or other lighting (other than heat lamps) is allowed;
  - c. Multiple cords from one outlet with a splitter are not allowed;
  - d. All extension cords may be run only with prior approval from the Agriscience Teacher.
- Cleanliness - The cleanliness of the project center is the direct responsibility of every student who has a project. The teacher will assign specific cleanup duties. Failure to attend farm workdays, without an excused absence, may result in eviction.
- e. All feces and other organic waste must be deposited in large dumpster and all other waste generated at the project center deposited in the small dumpster.

f. The cleanliness of the project center includes your assigned pen, community areas, proper storage of district equipment and supplies.									
g. All materials, feed boxes, hay etc. must be stored in designated area. Storage in the alleyways is not permitted.									
h. Sand and / or other bedding must follow guidelines outlined by teacher.									
i. Failure to maintain proper cleanliness of facility may result in disciplinary action and/or eviction.									
j. Up to \$ 50.00 pen cleanup fee may be assessed for students who cause the project center to be excessively dirty. The Agriscience Teacher may determine if this fee is taken from the student's show check.									
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<b>C. Care of Projects:</b>									
• Student/parent may not feed, move, water or provide any care to another student's project(s) without prior permission from the animal(s) owner and supervising Agriscience Teacher.									
• The student will provide a key or combination to the supervising Agriscience Teacher for any locks that are applied that prohibit access to the pen of the project(s).									
• Student must administer prescribed medications under veterinary supervision when advised by the teacher if failure to do so would affect health of other student projects.									
• No animals shall be abused in anyway whether related to daily care, training, or malicious action. Animal abuse could result in immediate disciplinary action and/or eviction.									
<b>D. Safety and Discipline:</b>									
• The student must comply with all Klein ISD High School Student Handbook policies and home campus rules while working at the Agriscience Project Center. Parents and school administrators shall be notified of student violations while at the Agriscience project center.									
• Any accident or safety hazard is to be reported immediately to the project area Agriscience Teacher using the provided phone number.									
• Alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, and/or firearms are NOT allowed at anytime. Any student or parent in possession of these items will have their project evicted.									
• The use of tobacco products is strictly prohibited by both parents and students. Please refer to student handbook for discipline guidelines.									
• Excessive loitering, games, and horseplay is not allowed.									
• The Agriscience Teachers have the same measure of authority with the student at the project center as in the classroom. The Agriscience Teacher may have additional campus-specific rules, projects, and project center guidance. Such information will be distributed by the Agriscience Teacher to the student.									
• Point System – The following point system will be utilized to enforce disciplinary action for students with animals in the project center. This point system will assist in tracking and evaluating student eligibility status during a growing season. The points system will start each year on March 1, regardless of when animals may enter the facility.									
o Everyone begins with 4 points. This is on a "per student" basis regardless of the number of animals a student is raising at the facility.									
o Each guideline and/or rule that a student fails to follow will result in a consequence of a point value deduction from the student's current total.									
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Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:									
- Failure to complete daily stall record keeping sheets;									
- 1/2 pt AM, 1/2 pt PM;									
- Failure to swipe access card at entry gate;									
- Failure to complete assigned cleaning duty;									
- Failure to properly clean pen per Agriscience Teacher standards;									
- Reckless driving; mudding;									
- Failure to comply with dress code;									
- Inappropriate behavior in facility; and									
- Failure to follow any established facility rule.									
o Students may earn additional points for effort above and beyond what is required. Any student desiring to earn additional points should receive prior approval from the Agriscience Teacher before beginning activity. The Agriscience Teacher will assign point values for these additional activities.									
o If your points reach 0 or below, then you will be evicted from the Project Center.									
• KISD Agriscience Teachers and administration reserve the right to pursue immediate eviction and/or other disciplinary action when warranted.									
• Students receiving a disciplinary assignment (i.e. ISS/OSS) shall work directly with their campus administrator(s) and Agriscience Teacher to coordinate facility access during the discipline period.									
<b>E. Removal of Projects:</b>									
• All animals must be removed from the project center within five (5) days following the KISD project show. Projects not removed become property of the FFA chapter and will be sold. Students that become ineligible to show must have the projects removed within five (5) days.									
Exceptions include:									
a. Heifers to be exhibited the following year at the KISD Livestock Show may be allowed to remain on the facility based on available pen/pasture space. Please coordinate with Agriscience Teacher.									
b. Heifers that complete their show status at HLSR/Star of Texas during the current school year may remain on the farm, but shall be removed within one (1) week following the completion of the HLSR/Star of Texas heifer show. Please coordinate with the Agriscience Teacher.									
c. Major show market animals may remain on the farm, but shall be removed by the date of the show during the current school year.									
d. An exception may be granted for removal with prior approval from the program director.									
• Breeding livestock, with the exclusion of beef heifers, will not be allowed to be housed at the facility.									
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•Any evicted project must be removed within three (3) days of notification; otherwise, the animal will become the property of the FFA chapter and will be sold							
F.Other:							
•The Klein ISD is not responsible for loss/damages to personal property/livestock on the Agriscience Project Center facilities. •Your patience and positive attitude is vital as we work together to make this a							
productive and enjoyable learning experience for all participants.							
•Please contact your Agriscience teacher(s) with questions and/or concerns							
related to the Agriscience Project Center and sign/return the "Acknowledgement							
of Rules and Procedures" in a timely manner.							
•Best wishes for a successful year!							

# KLEIN FOREST FFA AG FACILITY DEMERIT SHEET

Ethical and humane treatment of animals and/or violation of regulations will not be compromised. Students must keep animal pen(s) clean. Any animal not fed, watered, given necessary medical treatment, and cared for daily will be subject to a demerit. If an exhibitor has multiple species all species must be removed if exhibitor loses all facility points.

When students select their project, every exhibitor will have 4 points. Throughout the duration of their project, students are expected:

**Any items left unattended will be demmed free game for other exhibitors.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Specie(s): Steer Lamb Goat Pig Poultry

Horseplaying	1 demerit
Mishandling Equipment	1 demerit
Dumping trash in the feces dumpster	1 demerit
Poultry Exhibitors: Any decesed birds not removed within 24 hours, reported & disposed properly	1 demerit
Facility Hour Violation (Species lead not notified)	1 demerit
Damaging Equipment and not reporting it	2 demerits
2 days without pen being cleaned	2 demerits
1 day without feed/water	2 demerits
Unauthorized Visitors	2 demerits
Cleaning Tie Outs	3 demerits
Indecorum (disrepect to others/teachers/admin, ISS, bullying, social media violations etc.)	minimum of 1 demerit(s) maximum of 10- determined case by case by Ag teacher

Current Points: \_\_\_\_\_

Points Deducted: \_\_\_\_\_

Remaining Points: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Printed Name

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Student Signature

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Parent Printed Name

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Parent Signature

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AST Signature

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Administrator Printed Name

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Administrator Signature

# CONTEST CONTRACT

## GENERAL RULES:

1. Students must attend all monthly meetings and will not miss more than 2 meetings unless prior approval from designated coach(advisor).
2. Students must actively participate in ALL fundraising events throughout the year.
3. Students must be eligible according to UIL standards. "No pass, no play."
4. LDE and Fall CDE students must be enrolled in one agricultural science class. CDE, Speaking and Agriscience Fair students must be enrolled in one spring agricultural science class.
5. All students competing in any form of LDE contest will need to be in Official Dress with the exception of Ag Demonstration. Ag Demonstration will need to be in matching collared shirts, jeans, closed toed shoes approved by advisor Students competing in CDE will need to be in a collard shirt, bootcut jeans (no holes/rips) and closed toed shoes. Vet Science contestants will need to be in matching scrubs outlined in the Texas FFA State Rules. FBM and Ag Sales students will need to be in official dress. All speaking and agriscience contestants will wear official dress
6. All school policies and student code of conduct will be in effect on ALL trips. Any violaoation could terminate a student from participating in future events.

## PRACTICE(S)

Each event will have practices at designated days/times. Practices will be set by the advisor leading the team.

The student must attend 80% of the practices scheduled by the instructor/coach.

The student will return flashcards supplied by team Advisor, the cost of the supplies will be charged to the students for failure to return.

## INVITATIONALS:

Invitationals can occur after school, evenings, weekends, fall and mid-winter breaks. It is an expectation of students to attend with their team.

Teams are permitted to travel to invitational contest(s) throughout the year. However, once a team has traveled to 5 contest, any additional contest(s) will be paid by the team and its members.

Example: Entry fee is \$30 with four members per team  $30/4=\$7.50$  per team member

In the event a student fails to attend or becomes ineligible for an invitational contest they agreed to attend, the student is responsible for refunding the chapter the cost of the student's entry fee and travel expenses. These range from \$15.00-\$65.00.

a. If the student's failure to attend the invitational contest causes forfeiture of the team, the student will be held responsible for the cost of the team entry and travel expenses. These could range from \$25.00 - \$100.00. The Student will not be allowed to travel until the student refunds the chapter\*.

CDE team members that consistently show progress in event practices and quizzes as the top team members will be the advancing members to move forward to the next level, which is Area 3 CDE contest held in the Spring.

## QUALIFYING CONTESTS:

Area & State qualifying contest(s) entry fees will be paid by the school district.

If the student qualifies to participate at the area or state level contest and fails to attend or becomes ineligible they will be placed on a one year probation from competing on any FFA team and be responsible for refunding the chapter the cost of the student's entry fee and travel expenses, as well as cost of previously attended contest. Each of these may range from \$15.00-\$65.00.

a. If the student's failure to attend causes forfeiture of the team, the student will be held responsible for the cost of the team's entry and travel expenses as well as the cost of the team's previously attended contest . These fees could range from \$300.00 to \$750.00 and the student will not be allowed to travel until the student refunds the chapter\*.

## UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM CONTEST

Members must pay \$10 to your advisor in order to be registerd for the contest. When you load on district transportation the morning of the contest, YOU WILL GET THIS MONEY BACK. If you "No call, no show" (ie slept in, didn't feel good, didn't feel like going) you will not get this money back. Last minute circumstances will be evaluated by the advisors

I understand the above procedures, expectations and qualifications and hereby agree to abide by them at all times.

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

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Specie(s): Steer Lamb Goat Pig Poultry

My student and myself have reviewed the 2023-2024 Klein Forest FFA Handbook. We acknowledge the following:

1. FFA Dues are \$40 and must be paid by October deadline

2. FFA Meetings are held monthly, usually the first Tuesday of the month in the new dining hall at 6pm.

*If my child raises an animal, he/she CANNOT miss more than 2 meetings to be eligible to show at Klein Show.*