

## Share-a-Kid Application Information

Each year, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways we encourage our young people in this aspect of agriculture is through our Share-a-Kid Program. We award an average of 4 to 6 dairy goat kids to young people across the state each year.

This is a competitive statewide contest. The youth applicant guidelines are:

- Write an essay of 100 words or more about why you would like to have a dairy goat.
- Some things to consider sharing:
  - Have you ever raised a goat? (if not) Why do you want to raise a goat?
  - How you are going to take care of her (food, shelter, and medical care).
  - What do you love about goats?
  - If you are new to raising goats, please include who your mentor would be.
  - Be creative, make your essay stand out!
  - Tell us about the breed you would like to have and why.

This is a very competitive contest, and we want you to put effort into your essay. Spelling and content count. The essay can include drawings, photos, or anything special that you would like to include. Please keep a copy of your essay because no essays will be returned. If you are selected as a winner, your essay will be given to the donor. While we make every attempt to award winners one of their breeds of choice, if those breeds are not available, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association reserves the right to offer another breed to the winner. Share-a-Kid winners are not required to give a doe kid back to the program, but we encourage them to do so.

### **Rules:**

- Youth must be between the ages of 10 and 17 by January of this year to enter.
- Preference will be given to youth that reside within Wisconsin first.
- Entries are accepted January 1st until April 1st of this year.
- Entry form and all required signatures must accompany the essay. **Any essay missing required signatures or form will be disqualified.**
- Youth must be a member of 4-H, FFA, WDGA, or another agricultural group.
- Only 1 goat may be awarded per family per year, however, siblings are encouraged to enter.
- Youth may only win one time.
- Winners are required to show their goat at a county fair, 4-H show, or an open goat show this year or the following depending on when entries close.
- Youth who receive a kid must give updates to those who donated their kid at both 6 months and 12 months after the kid is received.
- A thank you of some sort (letter, card, etc.) should be given to the individual or party who donated your kid at the time of pick up.

**The deadline to submit your application/essay is by no later than March 15, 2025.** All applicants will be notified of results by no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. If you have any questions on this process, please contact Share-a-Kid Chair Andrew Puetz @ [ANDREW.PUETZ@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ANDREW.PUETZ@GMAIL.COM).

## Share-a-Kid Application

Please attach this application form to your essay. Entries will be accepted until March 15, 2025.

Please submit application via email to [ANDREW.PUETZ@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ANDREW.PUETZ@GMAIL.COM) **or** by mailing to Andrew Puetz at 6835 Curve Road, Lancaster, WI 53813. If mailing hard copy, please postmark by no later than March 15, 2025 to allow for enough time to be received.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed 1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Project Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Project Leader Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Project Leader Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**If animal is housed at another farm:**

Farm Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Owner's Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Owner's Phone Number/Email: \_\_\_\_\_