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CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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GRANT APPLICATION

*Must be received in our office on or before the due dates below

Due Dates April 15th and October 15th

Date: 6/9/2025
Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Fennimore Community School
Fennimore FFA Chapter
Address 1397 9th Street
City, State, Zip Fennimore, WI 53809
Phone 608-606-2100
Person Responsible for the Grant Kory Stalsberg
Position in the Organization Volunteer Coach
Organization's Purpose Fennimore FFA - To develop students potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through ag education.

This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 1000 - 1500 Budget Attached

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below: Provide support for the Fennimore FFA Meat Evaluation and Technology Team as they represent WI at the National FFA Convention. Team members include: Reid Stalsberg, Tim Bruner, JP Scanlan + Teegan Griswold. They are coached by Kory Stalsberg.

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Attachments to this grant that we find useful in considering your grant request.

A. Supporting information.

1. Specific use of grant.
2. Time schedule.
3. Other sources of funding.
4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time.
5. Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt.

B. Your organization's history, activities, services, and composition. (Videos are of limited use.)

Applications are considered in June and December of each year. The corresponding deadlines are April 15th and October 15th. Concise grants that address the needed information are appreciated.

PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION TO ELMER G BIDDICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:

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A. Supporting Information

1. The specific use of the grant will be to help offset the cost of the Fennimore FFA Meat Evaluation Team as they travel to Indianapolis this fall to represent WI. The four team members, coach and chaperone will have expenses for lodging, fuel, registration, team apparel, and meals.
2. Time schedule: Lodging will be reserved in the coming weeks. Convention registration does not open until September 17, 2025. Team jackets are finished and will be given to the team at State FFA Convention in June. Other expenses will happen during National Convention.
3. The Fennimore FFA Meat team is supported partially by the Fennimore Community Schools, Fennimore FFA Chapter and the Fennimore FFA Alumni. An estimated budget is on the following pages.
4. Postponing the request is not the best option. The team has earned the opportunity to compete at the 98th National FFA Convention in the fall of 2025.
5. The four team members are currently entering their sophomore year at Fennimore High School. They are all active FFA members that serve on the officer team, volunteer in the community and are involved in agriculture education. These four students placed second in the 2024 State FFA Meats contest earning the opportunity to compete at the National Western Roundup in Fort Collins, Co in January of 2025. The expenses from the National Western and National Convention in the same year may become a burden on the district and FFA Chapter. Grant dollars will be used to cover the cost of attending the National FFA Convention and help keep the cost down for more students to participate at the National level.

- B. Organization's history, activities, services, and composition. Fennimore HS FFA was chartered 10/07/1929 and has a long standing traditions by developing young leaders in agriculture. The Fennimore FFA Chapter is a dynamic student organization dedicated to fostering leadership, agricultural education, and community engagement.

The Fennimore FFA Chapter offers a range of activities that promote agricultural education and community involvement:

- **Career Development Events:** Meat Evaluation and Technology, Soil Evaluation, Agriculture Sales, Dairy Evaluation, and Vet Science Evaluation have been recent Career Development Events that Fennimore has represented Wisconsin at the National Level.
- **Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Grants:** Members have received SAE grants to support their agricultural projects. For instance, Reid Stalsberg received a SAE grant to expand his pumpkin production and offer more varieties for customers. Tim Bruner received a grant to start his own farming operation by renting land and raising crops.
- **Community Events:** The chapter participates in and supports local events such as the Fennimore Junior Fair, which includes exhibits, contests, and awards. This event is a collaborative effort involving Fennimore FFA, 4-H clubs, and local schools.
- **Section Leadership:** Tyson Gehrke, a member of the Fennimore FFA Chapter, was elected as the treasurer for Section 4 of the Wisconsin FFA Association for the 2024-2025 term. He graduated in 2024 and planned to pursue agribusiness studies at Iowa State University.

2025 Fennimore FFA Meat Evaluation and Tech National Convention Trip

Tuesday Oct. 28

3:30 pm – Leave Fennimore HS after school

8:00 pm – Check in

Drury Inn & Suites Champaign
905 Anthony Dr
Champaign, IL 61821
217.398.0030

10 pm – Lights Out

Wednesday Oct 29th

5:15 am (Central Time)– Check out and leave hotel for tour

8:45 am (Eastern Time) – Beck's Hybrids Tour - Paul

6767 E. 276th Street
Atlanta, IN 46031
1-800-937-2325

Noon – Lunch

1:00 pm – Pick up Registration at Convention, Expo and Shopping Mall time

100 S Capital Ave, Indianapolis, IN

3:30 pm – Opening Session – Lucas Oil Stadium,

500 S. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, IN

5:30 pm – Check in Hotel

Fairfield Inn and Suites Indianapolis Avon
119 Angelina Way
Avon, Indiana 46123
317.271.9200

6:00 pm – Dinner

7:00 pm – Contest Prep and Review

10:00 pm – Lights Out

Thursday, Oct. 30th

6:15 am – Leave hotel for fairgrounds

7:00 am – Load buses at Fairgrounds – Indiana State Fairgrounds

Home and Family Arts Building
1202 E. 38th St.
Indianapolis, IN

9:00 am – Meat Eval and Tech Contest at Purdue University – LOLC

Land O'Lakes Center for Experiential Learning
720 Clinic Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907

1:30 pm – Coaches Gathering – Animal Science Bldg. CRTN 1042

2:30 pm – Contest concludes and event review

4:00 pm – Travel back to hotel in school van

5:30 pm – Dinner

6:30 pm – Rodeo Indiana State Fairgrounds with Fennimore bus group and Mrs. Mitchell

National FFA Convention Meats Contest October 2025

Hotel	City	Rooms Needed	Total	Paid By	Date
Drury Inn and Suites	Champaign, IL	2 Rm, 1 night	\$240.00	District	28-Oct
Fairfield Inn and Suites	Avon, IN	2 Rm, 2 nights	\$480.00	District	10/29, 10/30
Total Lodging		Estimate	\$720.00		
Fuel		Estimate	\$400.00	District	
Contest Registration	Early Bird Rate	\$90/person	\$540.00	FFA Chapter	
Team Jackets					
Softshell Jackets			\$454.95	Team Member	
Embroidery			\$375.00	Team Member	
FFA Alumni support			-\$250.00	FFA Alumni	
Total		Total	\$579.95	\$116 per Student	
Team Activity, Team Meal, Parking		Estimate	\$500.00	Team Members	
Total for the Trip			\$2,739.95		