

Columbia County “Learn More” Challenge Program

The Columbia County Livestock Committee developed the “Learn More” Challenge program to encourage youth to increase their knowledge of the species they exhibit. Youth accomplish this by taking advantage of the many great learning opportunities available to them and completing three or more educational events. As they do this, they complete an Educational Card for their animal species and collect signatures from the presenters. (Note: If youth participate in more than one species, they must complete three or more learning opportunities for each species.) Once the learning is complete, participants submit their educational cards and then have the chance to win special awards for participating. Awards are presented in the following categories: Beef, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Rabbits, and Poultry. Remember: The more activities you attend, the more chances you have to win!

3 educational sessions = 1 chance

4 educational sessions = 2 chances

5 educational sessions = 3 chances

And so on.....

Educational cards are available online at <https://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-information/animal-sciences/> or upon request from the Columbia County UW-Extension Office. Completed educational cards are due each year on June 30th to the Livestock Committee (c/o Columbia County UW-Extension—4-H, Administration Building, Rm. 212, 112 E. Edgewater St., Portage, WI 53901.) Shortly after the deadline date, the livestock committee will draw for prizes and the awards are then presented each year on Sunday at the Columbia County Fair’s Parade of Champions.

Be sure to get started at the beginning of the year by obtaining an Educational Card for the species of your animal(s) and then complete three or more of the listed sessions on the educational card throughout the program year, but prior to June 30th. (Note: Only 1 YQCA session per year is allowed.)

**Other – Youth may attend any “other” species-related educational session; however, the title and session objectives/content must be submitted to the Livestock Committee (c/o Columbia County UW-Extension—4-H, Administration Building, Rm. 212, 112 E. Edgewater St., Portage, WI 53901) for approval prior to the May meeting each year. (See poultry-avian educational card.)