



CATCH-A-CALF

CERTIFICATION TO PARTICIPATE • 2025-2026 CAC PROGRAM

All applications must be submitted by December 15, 2024

**Please read the entire form before signing. Any forms received without complete, readable, and accurate information may be disqualified.*

	Initial of Applicant
1. I hereby make an application to enter the NWSS Catch-A-Calf Contest.	
2. I understand that if I am selected that calves must be picked up by the Catch-A-Calf winners in May 2025, and start immediately as a project for exhibit at the January 2026 National Western Stock Show.	
3. I understand that having a Catch-A-Calf steer is a major commitment and fully understand the responsibility I am assuming in feeding the calf at least twice daily, leading and grooming the calf daily, and providing daily care for the calf.	
4. I understand there will be ongoing costs with is project including, but not limited to feed, equipment, potential vet bills, and travel to the show that I am responsible for.	
5. I agree to abide by the rules set forth by the Catch-a-Calf program and the exhibitor handbook.	
6. I understand the calf must be exhibited in the specific Catch-a-Calf classes provided and sold at the 2026 National Western Stock Show, where special prizes will be offered. Catch-A-Calves are not eligible to show in the 2026 NWSS Junior Market Steer Show.	
7. I agree to submit each month (May through December) letters to the sponsor of my calf and submit a copy in Google Classroom. Letters must be submitted by the last day of the month. Failure to write the required monthly letters may result in forfeiture of the calf.	
8. I agree to submit each month (May through December) monthly activity reports and expense records.	
9. I agree to complete a National Western Catch-a-Calf Record Book, including a story, pictures, and activities list for the entire project. This book will be due at the 2026 National Western Stock Show.	
10. I will notify the NWSS Livestock Office of any changes to my address, email, or phone numbers immediately.	
11. I will notify the NWSS Livestock Office and the Catch-a-Calf Superintendents of any issues or problems with my Catch-a-Calf project.	
12. I understand that I may not sell or transfer ownership of my Catch-a-Calf project, as it is legally owned by the National Western Stock Show.	
13. I understand that all prize money won will belong to the member. When the steer is sold, the check for payment will be sent <u>after</u> all program requirements are met and a final thank you letter is sent to the sponsor <u>and</u> a copy is received by the National Western Stock Show.	
14. I understand that the Western Stock Show Association reserves the right to take the steer away from any member who does not abide by these rules or does not properly feed or care for the steer. If any steer is taken away, no allowances will be made for any expenses incurred.	

I certify that I have read and will abide by the above rules in order to participate in the National Western Stock-Show Catch-a-Calf Program.

Participant Name: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

PRINT AND SAVE BOTH PAGES OF THIS FORM. Return Completed Certifications by December 15th to:

Michele Erickson = nwsscac@gmail.com. Phone (970) 302-3333

PARENT/GUARDIAN

We will cooperate with the applicant in meeting all conditions of the program if the applicant catches a calf. We hereby grant our consent and approval and agree to hold harmless the Western Stock Show Association DBA National Western Stock Show & Rodeo from all loss, cost, and expense arising out of any liability for injury or damages to persons or property sustained or claimed to have been sustained by the applicant, or anyone whomever, by reason of the applicant above participating in the NWSS Catch-A-Calf contest.

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT clearly)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

EXTENSION AGENT/FFA AG ADVISOR

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I have knowledge of the ability of the applicant and their proposed facilities to properly care for and feed the calf, that this member is in good standing with 4-H/FFA, and that they are current with a Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) and/or Youth Quality Assurance Program (YQCA).

I understand my responsibilities include:

- Counsel with the applicant by going over the rules of the contest.
- Certify that the applicant is qualified and sign this form.
- Serve as a liaison between the Stock Show management and the member and his/her family to help ensure a successful CAC project.

By signing below, I agree I have reviewed the rules and regulations of this program with the applicant and I approve the participants' application.

Extension Agent/Ag Advisor Name (PRINT clearly)

Extension Agent/Ag Advisor Phone

Extension Agent/Ag Advisor Email

County/FFA Chapter Name

Extension Agent/Ag Advisor Signature

Date