

## The Mark Shuffitt Spirit Award 2025

The Mark Shuffitt Spirit Award will be presented to one market animal SEYF participant annually. It's goal is to financially assist a student in the upcoming 2025 SEYF market animal show with a minimum \$300.00 check to be used for the purchase of the animal, feed, pen, or other needed supplies. Eligibility requirements:

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade student
- An FFA or 4-H member
- Participating in the 2025 market animal show – Steer, lamb, goat or hog
- Anticipating future involvement in 2025 SEYF market animal show – Steer, Lamb, Goat or Hog
- Recommendation by 4-H club leader or FFA Advisor

Recommended students will be contacted during the SEYF. The Spirit Award winner will be announced on Saturday, March 1, 2025 (Hog Sale day). Money will be awarded when student completes the Mandatory online training and successfully enters online for the market show (done in Sept/Oct/Nov 2026).

Please email your recommendation to Sara LeFils ([seyfair@gmail.com](mailto:seyfair@gmail.com)) by Thursday, January 16, 2025 **at 7 AM**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Officer in Club /chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage student involved in production of Market animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle students' market animal: Steer Lamb Hog Goat

Why are you nominating this student for this award? What is extraordinary about this student?

\*Include Attachments as Needed\*

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**Leaders/Advisors are limited to one applicant per club/chapter per year. Additional letters of recommendation regarding the strong moral character of the student are encouraged.**

### Spirit Award & Continuing Education Student Criteria

- Exhibits an enthusiastic spirit and passion for agriculture and livestock
- Must be of strong moral character
- Involved in 2025 SEYF livestock show (must show and have been actively involved in the production of the market animal - Steer, Lamb, Goat or Hog)
- Exhibits outstanding work ethic and assists other SEYF participants
- 4H/FFA club/chapter member
- Must be able to house, feed, and care for a 2026 market animal
- Anticipating future involvement in 2026 SEYF market animal show – Steer, Lamb, Goat or Hog