

FACS Animal Care Award

Introduction:

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) is pleased to announce the third year of the "Animal Care Award" for students attending the College of Agriculture, the College of Veterinary Medicine or the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan. To qualify for a \$1,000 Animal Care Award, College of Agriculture and College of Veterinary Medicine students must develop an article suitable for publishing and deliver a public presentation on key animal care issues and trends facing one of six livestock sectors (pork, beef, poultry, dairy, equine and game farmed animals). College of Education students must also develop a newsletter article however the article and the presentation must be on examples of lesson plans relevant to animal care they plan to incorporate in the classroom following graduation. Up to nine such awards are available for the 2003-2004 school year.

This project is a joint partnership between FACS and Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization (SAFRR) in efforts to raise the awareness of the importance of responsible animal management.

Eligibility:

Any student is eligible who is currently enrolled in either the College of Agriculture (degree or diploma program), the College of Veterinary Medicine, or the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan.

Application Process:

- Students must agree to all terms outlined in the Award.
- Students will apply by submitting an application and a 750 - 1000 word essay. The student must choose from any one of the following areas: [1] Pork; [2] Beef; [3] Poultry; [4] Dairy; [5] Equine (PMU), [6] Other - bison, deer, elk, goats, rodeo, etc.
- Applicants will be screened and based on the quality of their application and essay. **Preference will be given to those who show relevance to topical welfare issues and economic importance to our province.** Twelve (12) students will be chosen to compete for awards of \$1000 each. Written material will be assessed on relevancy, content, writing style and accuracy.
- Each of the 12 finalists will give a 15-20 minute oral presentation of their essay topic. Finalists will be judged on presentation skills, and proficiency in fielding questions about their chosen topic. Tentative date for presentations will be January 27, 2004 at the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan.
- Rather than delivering a formal presentation, the College of Education students must present examples of lesson plans relevant to animal care they plan to incorporate in the classroom.
- Award winners must ensure that their essay is suitable for publication in FACS newsletters and other publications as deemed appropriate by FACS, using the guidelines developed by the evaluation committee.

The Assessment Criteria:

- *Written Presentation:* Essays should be 750 to 1000 words in length, not including the rest of the application. The essays will be assessed on the following criteria:
 - 10% - Quality of application and responses to questions asked on the application.
 - 10% - Writing style, freedom from grammatical and punctuation errors, readability.
 - 20% - Choice of presentation subject material – relevance to animal welfare, "hot" issues etc, suitability of the essay for publication in FACS newsletters or promotional material.
 - 60% - Factual content, subject development, development of a central idea, use of published evidence or information to support assertions made in the paper etc.
- *Oral Presentation:* Oral presentations must deal with the same farmed species and subject content as the written essay. The presentations will be assessed on the following criteria:
 - 50% -Content - factual content, interest level
 - 30% -Delivery style and professionalism
 - 20% - Skilled use of audio and visual aids

Applicants selected as finalists will be considered for FACS awards based on the quality of their written submission (30% of final assessment) and oral presentation (70% of final assessment).

Animal Care Award Application Form - Deadline for Applications, January 9, 2004

FACS is pleased to once again be offering this program to University of Saskatchewan College of Agriculture, College of Veterinary Medicine, and College of Education students. In submitting your application for the Third Annual Animal Care Award, please ensure that the following information is provided.

1. Personal information including name, address, phone, email address.
2. Identify what year of study you are enrolled in at the University of Saskatchewan.
3. Identify which college you are currently enrolled in:
 - College of Agriculture (degree program)
 - College of Agriculture (diploma program)
 - College of Veterinary Medicine
 - College of Education
4. Tell us about yourself.....we are anxious to learn more about those students interested in animal welfare. Please take a few moments to briefly address the following 4 questions. (Please respond in order, using the A, B, C, D, question and answer format.)
 - A. Upon graduation, what are your career goals?
 - B. What does animal welfare mean to you?
 - C. What is the difference between animal welfare and animal rights?
 - D. What do you think are the biggest challenges facing producers today regarding animal welfare?
5. Please indicate the topic of your essay and presentation

Additional information:

- Please include a color photo of yourself (head and shoulder shot) suitable for website or brochure promotions.
- Please respond to the questions in the same order as they are asked.
- Do not exceed **2 pages, typed 12 point** when completing the application questions.
- Essays should be 700 - 1000 words, double spaced, 12 point font, dealing with the same subject as the presentation.
- FACS student rep, Mitchell Stuart (668.3660) will provide students with presentation details including dates, times, locations, etc.
- Send applications by fax or mail to by **January 9, 2004**:
 - Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc.
 - 502 45th Street West, 2nd floor
 - Saskatoon, SK S7L 6H2
 - Fax: 244.4497
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