Our committee is excited to announce we will be offering our essay contest again this year! We are excited to offer this opportunity for our 4-h members to win a scholarship for up to \$300 towards their 4-h project! The 4-h member is required to write an essay. Essay rules will be listed below.

This year we will be awarding a scholarship up to \$300 towards the purchase of a goat. This goat must be entered in one of the following projects: dairy breeding, meat breeding, dairy market wether, meat market, pack or harness goat. We would like to encourage our essay winner to purchase from a Stark County Breeder! This opportunity is available to 1st and 2nd year goat project members.

## Essay Rules:

- Essay must contain why the exhibitor would like to take a goat project as well as what housing and feeding arrangements they will have.
- Essay must also contain the child's name, phone number, 4-H club, number of years in 4-H, previous projects taken, and any other information that is important/interesting. Be creative! The essay may be hand-written or typed and feel free to include artwork or pictures.
- Parents/Guardians must sign the bottom of the essay confirming that they would be able to receive the goat, take care of it properly as far as housing requirements, etc. and they agree to oversee the project. The child is responsible to complete the project by attending QA, skill-a-thon, and exhibiting the goat at the 2024 Stark County Fair.
- Our committee is looking for an individual who shows enthusiasm and interest in owning and raising a new project and who is able to provide proper care and adequate housing for a goat project.

Essays are due by March 1st, 2024. The committee will be meeting in early February and the winner will be notified by phone. Essays can be submitted by email to: <a href="mailto:goatcommittee2020@gmail.com">goatcommittee2020@gmail.com</a>. You may also mail your essay to: Katie Shaffer, Stark County Goat Committee, 5067 Pigeon Run Rd SW, Navarre, OH 44662.

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