

K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy Application Information

June 5-8, 2024

High school youth are invited to apply for the K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy hosted by the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council Inc (LMIC). The goal of this academy will be to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

This four-day session will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant's leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate in each group based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process.

The program's itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours and faculty mentor time with ASI professors. Students will take a day-long bus tour and engage with industry leaders throughout Kansas. Participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry and educate others. This experience will culminate with a closing reception on Saturday morning.

Participants will stay on campus in university housing with program staff. Transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the participant, along with a \$50 non-refundable fee to reserve his or her space. The fee is only due upon acceptance and not at the time of application. LMIC generously provides all other sponsorships.

Application Requirements:

- Participants must be currently (as of March 1, 2024) enrolled in high school.
- Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2024.
- Participants must be able to participate in the entire academy and attend all conference sessions.
- Students must complete all areas of the application. The spacing of the application for responses must be unaltered and extra attachments will not be accepted.
- The application should be paper clipped including application form and resume. References may be included or mailed separately in a signed and sealed envelope.
- Students will contact Madeline Drake at mcdrake@k-state.edu to schedule the Zoom video essay portion of their application.
- Applicants will receive an email confirmation that their application has been received. Please allow two weeks for receipt and review of applicants after the April 15th deadline. Notifications will be sent via email.

Sponsorship:

The academy is sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council Inc (LMIC).

Contact Information:

For additional information please contact:

Sharon Breiner, KASLA Director
sbreiner@ksu.edu

Madeline Drake, Program Assistant
mcdrake@k-state.edu

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Please **type** on hardcopy or use online pdf.
Applications must be **postmarked by April 15, 2024.**

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____ Current Year in School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Gender: _____

Email Address You Use Regularly: _____

Email Address a Parent/Guardian Uses Regularly: _____

Phone Number: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ on a _____ scale (ex. 3.5 on a 4.0 scale)

Livestock Interest (Mark all that apply):

Beef Swine Sheep Goat Dairy Poultry Other: _____

Are you interested in attending Kansas State University?

Yes No Other _____

Video Essay Questions:

Students will submit a Zoom video essay answering the following questions. Instructions will be sent to applicants upon scheduling a Zoom session. Please contact Madeline Drake at mcdrake@ksu.edu to schedule an appointment. Please plan to answer the following questions in approximately 5 minutes or less.

- 1) Why should we select you to participate in the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy?
- 2) Please describe your current livestock industry interest or involvement, as well as your career goals and plans after graduation.
- 3) What do you see as the greatest challenge the livestock industry will face in the next five years? Explain your answer.

I certify that all the information provided on this application is complete, true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my misrepresentation may be sufficient cause for denying selection to or participation in the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy. I understand that if selected, I will attend the academy and all its activities for all four days.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Other Information:

If selected we will need your shirt size.

Unisex T-Shirt (circle one): XS S M L XL 2X 3X

Polo Shirt (unisex adult sizing): S M L XL 2X 3X

How did you hear about this program?

To be considered for review the following materials must be completed:

- ___ Fully Completed Application Form
- ___ Resume (any format, maximum length of one page)
- ___ One recommendation form from a **teacher, coach, employer or group leader** of the applicant in a sealed and signed envelope. These may be sent separately.
- ___ Email Madeline Drake at mcdrake@ksu.edu for Zoom Video Essay appointment before 5:00 p.m. on April 15.

Mail completed applications to:

K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy
Attn: Madeline Drake, Program Assistant
Kansas State University
218 Weber Hall
1424 Claflin Road
Manhattan, KS 66506

K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy Recommendation Form

Thank you for your recommendation! Please complete this form for the student you are recommending and place in a sealed envelope. Please sign your name over the envelope seal and return to the applicant or mail to K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy, Attn: Madeline Drake, Program Assistant, Kansas State University, 218 Weber Hall, 1424 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66506. Please postmark by April 15.

Name of Student: _____

Name of Reference: _____ Title: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Please rank this student among their peers in the following areas by putting an X in the highest column applicable.

| | Extraordinary Top 2% | Outstanding Top 10% | Very Good Top 25% | Average Top 50 % | Below Average Less than 50% |
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| Intellect | | | | | |
| Animal Science Interest | | | | | |
| Maturity | | | | | |
| Leadership Qualities | | | | | |
| Motivation | | | | | |
| Community Involvement | | | | | |
| Work Ethic | | | | | |
| Concern for Others | | | | | |

Please add any additional comments about this candidate's qualifications:

Signed _____ Date _____