



Premier Farm Credit GRO Program

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Premier Farm Credit's Generating Rural Opportunities (GRO) Program provides youth with financial mentorship and funding for expenses associated with their qualifying 4-H and FFA agricultural projects. Active youth participation is critical to the future of agriculture and rural America. The Generating Rural Opportunities (GRO) Program encourages and educates tomorrow's leaders, and is another way Premier Farm Credit demonstrates commitment to agriculture and the rural communities we serve.



HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Each year Premier Farm Credit will award one-time full or partial funding to several 4-H or FFA members to be used for costs associated with their 4-H project or FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience. In addition, these individuals will receive age-appropriate financial mentorship and education from Premier Farm Credit. In return, these individuals will make accurate records available, provide updates, etc. to Premier Farm Credit.

WHAT PROJECTS QUALIFY?

Projects must be a livestock or agricultural 4-H project or FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must be a member of or be eligible to join 4-H or FFA for the upcoming program year (October-September for 4-H, Academic year for FFA). Applicant must reside in Washington, Logan, Morgan, Yuma, Sedgwick, or Phillips county.

WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES?

Funds may only be used to purchase and care for a project animal or for the purchase of supplies required for other qualifying projects. Each student must keep accurate records, including financial, available for Premier Farm credit to review, and provide quarterly updates. Recipients must remain in good standing with their 4-H or FFA Club/Chapter. Funds are a one time, non-renewable amount and do not have to be repaid.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Each participant must submit a properly completed application to a Premier Farm Credit Office by **November 1**. Stop by your local Premier Farm Credit Office, visit PREMIERACA.COM, or contact your county extension office for applications and additional information. Applications can be submitted to any Premier Farm Credit office.

We Support Youth

In addition to community/event support and the GRO Program, we offer:

Scholarships –Four \$1,000 scholarships each spring to children or grandchildren of PFC customers.

Internships – Summer internships to qualified students.

Young Beginning Farmers – Special lending programs for those just getting started in agriculture.

