

# Beef Industry University Travel Course for Teen Leaders

## Application

### **Who?**

Applicants must be at least 15 years of age by September 2006 and be a current member of the Junior Florida Cattlemen's Association.

### **When?**

Session 1- June 19, 2007    Florida Cattlemen's Convention    Marco Island, FL

Session 2- July 2007

### **What?**

The Beef Industry University is an exciting, educational, enlightening experience for teen leaders who plan to spend a life in the beef cattle industry. The program is designed to connect teens with the important and influential issues and people in the beef industry.

### **How to Apply?**

Participants will submit applications either electronically or by mail to Drew Cotton. Mailings must be post marked by **May 18, 2007**. The FCA Youth Committee will make the selections by **June 1, 2007**. Members will be notified immediately so that plans can be made for participation.

Attn: Drew Cotton  
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Gainesville, FL 32611

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(352) 392-7529  
(816) 390-0052

The FCA Youth Committee reserves the right to interview the applicants if the printed applications do not provide sufficient information to complete the selection process.

Follow the format on the next page to create an application packet. Please be accurate and complete, but concise. Your packet development is an indicator of your communication skills, ability to organize and creativity. Use Microsoft Word, Word Perfect or other software to create this packet. Do not handwrite this form.

1. Legal Name, Name that you would like to be addressed (i.e.- Sue rather than Susan)
2. Permanent Mailing Address
3. Phone Numbers (home, cell, others)
4. Email Address
5. Birth Date
6. Number of years actively involved as a member of the Junior FCA
7. Evidence of school scholastic performance provided by your high school or college (GPA, SAT or ACT scores, etc.)
8. Provide evidence of activity and professional development gained from:
  - a. 4-H
  - b. FFA
  - c. Junior FCA and local County Cattlemen's Associations
  - d. Junior breed associations
  - e. Other youth programs
9. Work experience in the beef cattle industry.
10. Other work experience.

***The following questions must be answered by the applicant alone. He/she may use any source of information to respond, but must use personal critical thinking and creative writing to provide the answers.***

11. Discuss the role you feel that cattlemen's association play at the local, state, and national level? How do they meet the needs of the beef industry?
12. Discuss the history and current status of the premise and animal identification programs? In your opinion should these programs be mandatory? (please justify your position)
13. How would you use what you learn in this program to benefit the beef cattle industry, the Junior FCA membership, and yourself?
14. Describe the United States beef cattle industry structure and discuss how Florida's beef cattle producers fit into this national structure.
15. Define the term Marker Assisted Selection as it relates to the beef industry? What role do you see this tool having on the beef industry?