

## Junior Agricultural Leader Scholarship Essay

I was born in a farm family. I was three days old on my first trip to our farm and I've been going there almost every day since then. My family owns a dairy farm and we also raise chickens, goats, and hogs for 4-H. Constantly being around animals and working with them is the best part of being a farmer. When I go to the barn with my dad at 4:30 in the morning in the summer, I like to go visit the goats and hogs and feed them. I love when our goat Clover lays down on my lap and falls asleep. When we let the goats out, they run all over and are really funny. I help with our dairy by feeding calves and helping keep things clean. I like spending time with them so that they are more friendly.

Farming is important because it puts food on people's tables. Our farm produces milk for people to drink and to be made into other dairy products. My 4-H animal projects provide meat for people. Farming also helps keep you healthy. Being a farmer builds your immune system. You build muscles by putting in hay, moving feed bags, and cleaning stalls. I think farms are the center of life.

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