DATE: February 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Part-Time Livestock Skillathon Coordinator

Riley County K-State Research and Extension and the Riley County Fair Board is seeking a motivated, knowledgeable college student to develop materials for, coordinate, and carry out a 4-H livestock skillathon for the 2021 Riley County Fair.

The successful candidate should have working knowledge of 4-H livestock projects, and preferably, one who has experience with 4-H livestock skillathons at the county and/or state level. The candidate should be well versed in youth livestock programs and have previous experience with showing one or more species of livestock in 4-H and/or FFA. The candidate needs to be creative, a self-starter, possess people skills, and able to manage their work schedule with minimal supervision.

This will be a contractual agreement for a limited amount of time (approximately 120 hours), and the candidate can primarily work from home, although some time in the Riley County Extension office will be necessary and presence during the skillathon during the fair (set up, coordination of volunteers, scoring, etc.) will also be required. Dates for the Riley County Fair are July 22-26th, 2021. The candidate’s responsibility will include developing the materials for skillathon stations at the fair that include, but are not limited to: livestock breed identification for sheep, goat, beef, and swine; feed ingredient identification; identification of retail cuts of beef, pork, and lamb; reading of vaccine and antibiotic labels, livestock equipment identification, and other related areas. Resources will be provided to purchase, develop, and create the materials. The candidate will also be responsible for helping to coordinate volunteers to oversee the stations, develop score sheets, and assist in scoring the contest.

The successful candidate will work with, be supervised by, and report to county extension staff in the Riley County Extension office in Manhattan, KS.

Compensation: Base is $11.00 per hour. Total pay will be approximately $1,320 for this limited time position.

Interested individuals should email a cover letter, a resume, and a list of three references with contact information to: Gary Fike, County Extension Director at garyfike@ksu.edu no later than February 26, 2021. The starting date for the position is flexible.

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