How does it work?
Minnesota State Fair 4-H dairy cattle exhibitors who receive a purple or blue ribbon in their respective class are eligible to participate. Youth also complete an online leadership portfolio and earn points based on his or her project leadership, dairy-related activities, and community involvement. Bonus points are given to individuals receiving champion and reserve champion honors. A committee of judges selects the top 25 based on a scorecard format.

What is the leadership portfolio?
The easy-to-complete online leadership portfolio asks youth about his or her involvement in the dairy industry, 4-H, community, church, and school activities. Two short essay questions will give youth the opportunity to display what they’ve learned from the project.

Event details
The 7th Annual Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase event will take place Sunday, August 30, 2015, in the AgStar Arena. A brunch will be served to all donors and participants prior to the event.
2014 Top Ten Recipients

1st Place $3,000:
Carley Vinkmeier
Carver County
Supported by Grain Millers Dairy Products

2nd Place $2,500:
Caleb Vinkmeier
Carver County
Supported by AgStar Financial Services

3rd Place $2,250:
Travis Troendle
Fillmore County
Supported by Gopher Dairy Club, University of Minnesota

4th Place $2,000:
Haely Leiding
Fillmore County
Supported by Foremost Farms USA; Orbit Farms, Conrad Holstein Family

5th Place $1,750:
Jacob Hernberg
Winona County
Supported by Midwest Dairy Assn.; Rice Co. 4-H

6th Place $1,500:
Bernice Vander Wal
Pipestone County
Supported by IDEAg Farmfest; Riverview LLP

7th Place $1,575:
Taylor Jirousek
Steele County
Supported by MN Purebred Dairy Cattle Assn.; MN DHIA

8th Place $1,300:
Mikayla Erf
Washington County
Supported by MN Farmers Union; Big Gain; Johnan Holsteins, John & Nancy Bierbaum

9th Place $1,250:
Kayla Brown
Washington County
Supported by AMPI; Caledonia Holsteins; MN Select Sires

10th Place $1,200:
Lukas Pierson
Watonwan County
Supported by Bongards’ Creameries; Kwik Trip, Inc.; Rice County ADA

RESPONSE FORM

For Support of 4-H Dairy Showcase Minnesota State Fairgrounds — August 30, 2015

☐ I pledge $______________________ and will send my contribution payment by July 30th.

Make check payable to Minnesota State Fair – 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108-3099

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