

NEBRASKA BEEF INDUSTRY SCHOLARS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM*
APPLICATION & NOMINATION PROCESS

Purpose: To develop graduates who will be future leaders of the beef industry, as they will:

- ▶ Understand issues that affect beef production and have the ability to develop solutions to beef industry problems.
- ▶ Understand the interactions of the animal, plant and social sciences affecting beef production and management.
- ▶ Develop a unique network with leaders in the beef industry.
- ▶ Have exceptional oral and written communication skills.
- ▶ Have exceptional leadership skills.
- ▶ Have outstanding technical knowledge in at least 1 area of expertise (beef production economics, beef feedlot engineering, live beef animal and carcass evaluation, beef nutrition, beef animal physiology, meat science, genetic improvement of beef cattle, beef products, pre-veterinary animal science, range and forage science,)

Qualifications/Requirements for Application:

1. Be a full-time student majoring in an area that will allow completion of the purpose above. Examples are Animal Science, Ag Economics, Grazing Livestock Systems, Ag LEC, Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences and others.
2. Complete application by deadline and prior to completion of 14 undergraduate credits. Application involves nomination by advisor, with an optional second nomination from a faculty member.

Requirements for Participation:

1. For the 2010 spring semester, participants must register for ASCI 181, (1 credit). This class is scheduled to meet on Tuesdays at 11:00 am.
2. Additional course requirements for the program are as follows:
 - Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars-Issues (1 credit, Fall, Sophomore)
 - Beef Industry Study Tour (2 credits, Spring, Sophomore)
 - Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars-Practicum (1 credit, Spring, Junior)
 - Beef Industry Internship (2 credits)
 - Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars-Beef Summit (1 credit, Fall, Senior)
 - Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars-National Policy (1 credit, Spring, Senior)

All students within the program must take AECN 325: Marketing of Agricultural Commodities (3) and ALEC 417 (to be taken the fall of your Junior year):

Issues Management and Crisis Communication (3) and select 2 of the following 3 courses.

- ASCI 455: Beef Cow-Calf Management (2)
- ASCI 457: Beef Feedlot Management (2)
- ASCI 310: Fresh Meats (3)

*Note: The above requirements are subject to change. The certificate program is pending formal approval.

Application Deadline:

Applications are due November 9, 2009.

Applications may be downloaded from the Animal Science Department website at

<http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/undergraduate/nbis.html>, or obtained from Terri Behl, C204 Animal Science.

For More Information:

Contact Matt Spangler at 472-6489 or mbspangler2@unl.edu

View the NBIS webpage at <http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/undergraduate/nbis.html>.

Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars Application

****PLEASE TYPE****

NAME: _____ STUDENT ID# _____

ADVISOR: _____

ADDITIONAL FACULTY NOMINATOR (OPTIONAL): _____

MAJOR(S): _____ CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED (AS OF DECEMBER 2009): _____

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE: _____

CAMPUS ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP: _____

CURRENT TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOMETOWN: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Nomination Letter(s): A nomination letter from your advisor **MUST** be submitted to Dr. Matt Spangler as part of the application process. A second nomination letter may be submitted from another faculty member. Nomination letters are due by November 9. The applicant should request the nominator comment on the applicant's past experience and potential to contribute to the beef industry, along with his/her commitment to completion of the NBIS program. Those writing nomination letters should send the letter directly to:

Dr. Matt Spangler
C204f Animal Science
East Campus 0908

Application: Please type your responses to each of the following questions. Answers for ALL questions combined should be limited to no more than two total pages (single spaced).

1. Why do you want to be part of the Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars program?
2. In what ways do you plan to contribute to the beef industry in the future?
3. What is your past work experience (paid and unpaid) in the beef industry?
4. In what leadership activities have you been involved which will contribute to your participation in NBIS and your future career? Include activities related to the beef industry (i.e. 4-H or FFA project accomplishments, judging or contest experiences, junior breed association leadership roles, etc) and other relevant activities.#