November 12, 2026

Dear Local Business,

We are writing on behalf of the Tri County Cattlemen's Association to request a donation to our Scholarship Program Auction. Our membership is comprised of cattle producers and agricultural families across Henderson, McDonough, and Warren counties in western Illinois. Our group works to promote the beef industry through education in our local area. We provide outreach at community events, and also help to educate local students.

We will host our Annual Banquet and Scholarship Auction on Saturday, February 6, 2027, at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Roseville, Illinois, and we would like to request a donation from your business. This banquet and auction is our primary annual fundraiser, and all proceeds support our youth scholarship program, which helps local students pursuing agricultural education and careers. Past recipients have become Veterinarians, Ag Teachers, Farmers, Agronomists, Business Owners and more in our area and beyond. We are hoping for a monetary donation, a gift certificate or a donated auction item (see the back of this sheet for more information) — whatever you are willing and able to provide.

Many of our members support your business and other local businesses for their everyday farm and ranch needs, and your support would mean a great deal to our organization as we strive to educate the next generation of rural agricultural leaders. Your donation would be recognized in our banquet program, with signage displayed at the event, and with verbal recognition during the live auction.

Our banquet website (QR code to the right) can accept funds electronically by choosing the "For the Kids" Sponsorship option. If you would like your business name listed in our promotional materials in a specific way, email us at tricountycattlemen@gmail.com. For those wishing to sponsor a table or attend, tickets go on sale December 1, through the website. If you prefer to pay by check or donate a physical item, send us an email to arrange pickup.

www.tricountycattlemen.com/event-list

Thank you for considering our request. Please feel free to contact us at tricountycattlemen@gmail.com with any questions. Checks (make out to Tri County Cattlemen) can be mailed to Tri County Cattlemen, 5219 N 1750th Rd, Blandinsville, IL 61420, and physical items can be picked up by one of our members, if you let us know. We appreciate your consideration and support!

Sincerely,

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We accept a wide range of items. Below are some ideas for items that always sell well that we are looking for in 2027!

If you would like to donate a physical item (we accept many items, not just those listed below!), please reach out so we can arrange a time to pick it up. If you would like to donate funds toward a specific item that we purchase to auction, let us know which item you want to sponsor or partially sponsor!

Auction Ideas:

Cattle Services - Semen/Embryos, Vet Services, Locker Processing

Cattle Feed & Meds - Feed, Mineral, Medications, Vaccines

Livestock Showing - Show Bucket, Show Supplies

Meat - 1/4s or 1/2s or Specialty Bundles

Tools - Milwaukee/DeWalt Battery Tools, Livestock Tools

Supplies - Net Wrap, Fencing, Chargers, Plastic, Inoculant

Agronomy - Soil Sampling, Seed, Chemicals

Custom Services - Baling, Chopping, Tiling, Application

Equipment - Rentals, Demos, etc.

Misc. - Photography Session, Tickets for Events

Ag Decor / Western Items - Framed Prints, Apparel, Jewelry & More

Alcohol Basket - Whiskey, Bourbon or Wine

Guns - Please coordinate with a board member so that we can make sure we have procedures in place for paperwork and transfer.

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Options to Donate or Sponsor:

Monetary Contribution - any amount of your choice to go directly to our scholarship program. You can donate online by choosing the "For the Kids" option and entering the amount chosen. Or you can mail a check.

Gift Certificate - If you would like to donate a gift card or certificate, you can mail it to us or let us know to pick it up. If you need help designing a gift certificate, let us know the amount, and we will send you a template to approve!

Physical Item - If you would like to donate an item of your choice, please send back the bottom of this sheet or send an email and we will coordinate pickup!

Donation Toward an Auction Item - Our board purchases a few large-ticket items that have historically raised well above their face value at our auction. If you would like to be listed as a sponsor of one of these items, fill out the bottom or send an email and we can give you details on what items are still available!

Purchase a Table - these tickets will go live on our website December 1! We have options for 8-seat or 10-seat tables. If you do not wish to pay online and want to pay by check, send us an email or contact a board member! We expect tables to sell out quickly again this year!

All sponsors and donors will have their name in our program and be mentioned on social media, if signed up by 1/15/27. Those donating $200 or more will have the option of having their logo featured in the program, social media, and slideshow. Table sponsors will receive signage at their tables.

Online Link - Scan the QR code or visit www.tricountycattlemen.com/event-list to make a monetary donation anytime or purchase tables after December 1.

If you do not want to pay online, please email us or mail back this section below to:
Tri-County Cattlemen, 5219 N 1750th Rd, Blandinsville, IL 61420
Checks should be made to: Tri-County Cattlemen

Business Name: _____

____ Enclosed is a check for $_____ toward the "For the Kids" Scholarship Fund

____ Enclosed is a check for $_____ toward an auction item.

____ Enclosed is a check for $_____ for a table.

____ I would like to donate an item or certificate. Please pick it up at my address:

_____

Address Town

____ I would like to donate, but need to wait until January. Remind me!

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