

## Maine 4-H Working Steer Team ESE Apprentice Guidelines

1. 4-H members between the ages of 10 and 18 (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>) will be eligible to join the ESE team as an apprentice.
2. The Maine 4-H Working Steer Team will invite a maximum of two apprentices each year, dependent on team size.
3. The ESE Coordinator will work with club leaders to determine which members will be invited to participate as an apprentice.
  - a. Preference will be given to members who attempt to qualify for ESE but do not have enough points or experience extenuating circumstances.
4. The members' club leader(s) must approve of the member attending ESE as an apprentice.
  - a. Consideration will be given to participation at club and working steer events, members attitude/sportsmanship, and willingness to participate in the team and related activities.
5. Apprentices will be expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and appropriate manner. It is important to remember that you are representing yourselves, your family, your club/county, the State of Maine, and the whole working steer program.
6. Apprentices will report to the ESE coordinator while at ESE.
7. Apprentices will travel to and from ESE with the team and will stay in the dorms for the duration of the Youth Working Steer Show.
8. Apprentices are expected to participate in team events/preparations, fundraising, and obtaining sponsors.
9. Apprentices will receive the same benefits as other team members.
  - a. Team Apparel for member and parents
  - b. Meals provided by the ASC for apprentices and parents while at ESE
  - c. Daily gate and car pass for parents
  - d. Name and sponsor ads listed in the program book
  - e. Recognition as a team member
  - f. Participation plaque from ESE
10. Apprentices will be expected to participate fully while at ESE.
  - a. Barn Duty (picking up manure, sweeping the aisle and tack area, feeding hay, empty wheelbarrows etc.)
  - b. Assisting with team chores
  - c. Assist members preparing for the show
  - d. Interacting with the public
  - e. Additional participation may be requested by the ESE coordinator or team members.
11. Apprentices will be expected to bring appropriate attire for the weekend.
  - a. Proper footwear is required for assisting in the barn and walking to/from the dormitory
  - b. Clothing should remain club neutral. As such team members will be provided with team apparel.
  - c. Clothing will be in clean taste and of appropriate lengths (for example, no crop tops or short shorts)

