

DICK LITTLE

Memorial Grant

Lily Bluel

WINNER
2026

Lily will receive \$1000 towards the purchase of a Holstein at the Missouri Heifer Tag Sale. Below are excerpts of Lily's winning essay.



My name is Lily Bluel, and I'm a freshman in Monett, MO. In addition to managing my small dairy herd, I participate in many activities at school such as band, Monett Girls Swim, and Monett Girls Soccer. I have been in 4-H for 9 years and have been working with Holstein and Jersey cattle for the entire time. Through the years I have fallen in love with the breeds and am excited for every opportunity that I participate in association with it.

A new calf would do a multitude of things for me. I have been working and milking on our family farm for 6 years now and if I were to get a new calf I would upgrade the genetics of our farm in hopes of developing into a more successful dairy. In addition, it would also give me the opportunity to learn more about the marketing side of the industry when it comes to choosing the calf. As this calf develops, she will give me more experience with breeding and picking the correct sire to help make her daughter as successful as her.

When she comes in heat we will schedule to breed her to a sire that would fit her flaws as well as her strengths. This will ensure she and her daughter fits the show ring best by creating a desirable and full aged heifer and cow.

My goals with the calf would be to accomplish many things at shows and on the farm. I plan to attend regional county shows with the goal to earn top in my class. I would be able to practice both my showing and clipping skills when taking her to these shows. If provided the opportunity to get a new heifer I would work with her every day and as a result I plan earn top of my class in showmanship. Furthermore, I would also take her to the Missouri State Fair where I would like for her to place top three in her class, if not first. Goals outside of the show ring would also include for this heifer to be a strong and healthy heifer and be a heifer that can represent my family's farm strongly.

Lily showing one of her heifers at the local county fair.

Thanks to the generous donations from the Dick Little Memorial - along with other memorial donations from Ed & SueAnn Steele, Tim Ewing, Dick Veraguth, Robert Lowe, and Harlan Borman, the scholarship is to be used towards the purchase of a Holstein heifer in the Missouri State Heifer Tag Sale. Youth are selected by a panel of judges based on their application and essay, due in April.