

Hello! My name is Taylor Poff. I am a 16-year-old resident of Geauga County. I have shown for 8 years. Outside of working on my projects, I am heavily involved in school. I am currently a Junior in high school and taking classes through our local community college. Although I learn so much inside the classroom, there are some things it cannot teach me. Some of those things include communication skills, as well as teamwork. I take lots of pride in being able to do public speaking activities and even contests to a high degree. Although school helps, when I participate in contests at shows, it makes me even better. You can also make so many friends from near and far that after you are done with school, they will still be there. I have personally made tons of friends in shows throughout the country. I might not have as many school friends, but the friends I have made at shows are always there for me. We work together at shows to make our friendships even stronger and that's what it is about. Is school very important, yes, but it can't teach you everything. That is why livestock-related activities should be excused. We should not be penalized for other learning opportunities. Just because it is not classified as a sport, it is our sport. So we should be excused for executing it to a high degree.