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Dear Junior Livestock Auction Supporter:

My name is Samantha McDonald and I have been chosen as this year's Santa Maria Fairpark Foundation Scholarship Animal Project recipient. On behalf of the Fairpark Foundation, I would like to invite you to this year's **Santa Barbara County Fair Junior Livestock Auction which will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the Santa Maria Fairpark. My sheep, Georgie, will be auctioned right after the champions on Saturday.** The money raised by my sheep during the auction will support the Foundation's efforts to improve the fairgrounds and support local youth, like me, with scholarships and educational opportunities. Any donations are appreciated and the price per pound can vary, including donations as low as \$1 per pound.

I have been raising sheep since I was 10 years-old with Vineyard 4-H. In my 4H club, I currently serve as the Healthy Living officer and Teen Project Leader for the sheep and poultry projects. Over the past three years, I have been an active participant within my FFA chapter, Righetti FFA, and currently serve as my chapter's Secretary. I have participated in several competitions that include judging teams and speaking competitions where I have placed at the sectional, regional, and state level. The past few years for me have been spent contributing heavily to my hometown, Santa Maria, my 4-H club, and my FFA chapter. Next year, I plan to serve as President for both my 4-H club and FFA chapter. This year, alongside Georgie, I am also raising meat chickens for our county fair.

Outside of my 4H and FFA involvement, I am a member of both scholastic and community service-based activities that include CSF, NHS, ASTRA, and Key Club. I have played for 2 years on Righetti's JV Tennis team. I am currently ranked at the top of my junior class with a 4.7 GPA and plan to graduate next academic year from Allan Hancock College with 3 associate degrees. I also volunteer as a puppy raiser for Guide Dogs for the Blind and am currently raising my 4th dog for the organization. After I graduate from Righetti high school next year, I hope to attend Cal Poly SLO and major in Animal Science to further advance my dream of becoming a veterinarian.

It is the youth programs such as FFA, 4-H, and grange that inspire future generations to be involved in agriculture and teaches of its importance. By supporting me and the Santa Maria Fairpark Foundation, you are helping to cultivate the future of agriculture, its future leaders, and our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration, it is much appreciated. I hope to see you at the auction on Saturday, July 13th. If you have any questions regarding my project, please email me at [samanthamcd20@gmail.com](mailto:samanthamcd20@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Samantha McDonald