

Career Development Contest – Goat

This contest is designed to provide workforce development experience for youth through creating a resume, targeting a cover letter to a specific job and participating in a mock interview. This contest is open to Senior Level 1 (grades 9-10) and Senior Level 2 (grades 11-12) youth.

- Youth should choose one of the jobs below to target their cover letter and interview experience. Position descriptions follow this introduction page.
Industry: Select Sires – Sheep/Goat A.I. Specialist Internship
Education: ABGA – National Show Internship
 - Participants must submit a resume and a targeted cover letter in PDF format **by August 10** using submission link: https://utk.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_06bGb527lEfA6Ro
 - Resumes should not exceed two pages in length. Resumes will be evaluated by the judges on organization, content, grammar, layout and relevance.
 - Cover Letter is limited to one page, describing additional job qualifications and background to accompany the resume.
 - The cover letter for all jobs should be addressed to Aaron Fisher, Youth Livestock Specialist, 2506 River Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996.
 - Contest judges will receive participant's resume, cover letter and selected job category before the contest to review.
 - Interviews will be a maximum of 15 minutes.
 - Participants are allowed to bring copies of their resume and cover letter. No other materials are allowed.
 - Participants should wear business casual or business professional attire for the interview.
 - Judges will place participants based on their resume, cover letter and interview.
 - Animal exhibition in Goat Show is not required to participate in this contest.
 - Cash prizes for winners provided by the Developing Champion Youth Endowment.
- Contact Aaron Fisher (afisher3@utk.edu; 865-974-7260) with any questions.



A.I. Specialist Intern Position

TERRITORY DETAILS:

4 in Kentucky and 1 in Ohio/Indiana (location within each state is flexible)

Deadline to Apply: Oct. 31, 2024

YOUR PURPOSE:

As an A.I. Specialist Intern, you'll experience a rewarding summer of helping sheep and goat customers excel in herd reproduction and productivity. Genetics and reproduction are key performance indicators on farms; so, your expertise in this area is valuable to our producers. You'll have the opportunity to work with a team of agricultural professionals, including other A.I. Specialists, Genetic Consultants, Reproductive Specialists, Area Sales Managers, and/or Team Leaders.

ABOUT CENTRALSTAR COOPERATIVE:

CentralStar's goal of enhancing producer profitability through integrated services is fulfilled by incorporating an array of products and services critical to sheep and goat farm prosperity. CentralStar's product and service offerings include Accelerated Genetics, GenerVations and Select Sires genetics; extensive artificial-insemination (A.I.) technician service; genetic, reproduction; diagnostic testing; herd-management products; research and development; and more. The cooperative serves sheep and goat producers throughout Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana, with additional territory in various surrounding states. For more information, visit CentralStar Cooperative Inc. at www.mycentralstar.com.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work hands-on with sheep and goats at various types of farms;
- Responsible for proper heat-detection and A.I. services;
- Grow knowledge of reproductive physiology and synchronization protocols;
- Learn and help with record analysis and reproductive consulting;
- Carry out activities independently or with a small team; and
- Upload appropriate electronic paperwork and documentation daily.

REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong agricultural background with a sheep and/or goat focus;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Outstanding people skills, with service-orientated attitude;
- Exceptional work ethic, with ability to work on your own and with a team;
- Valid driver's license; and
- Willing to travel, daily, to customers within a certain distance from your home.
- A.I. experience and knowledge of on-farm software is preferred, but not required.

BENEFITS:

- Competitive wage
- Opportunity for professional development

National Show Internship - American Boer Goat Association (ABGA)

- Paid • Grand Island, NE • Closes March 1

Program Purpose: The purpose of the ABGA and JABGA National Show Internship program is to provide a learning experience for recent high school graduates (18+), college students, college graduates and/or those interested in the American Boer Goat Association. Interns will gain experience in conducting and executing a National Show as well as gain exposure and network with agriculture leaders from across the United States. Interns will be expected to provide ABGA with assistance in daily tasks during the National Show and to provide social media coverage for the event.

Eligibility/Requirements:

- Applicants must be a 2025 high school graduate (18+) or older.
- Applicants cannot be exhibitors or competitors at the 2026 ABGA and JABGA National Show.
- A candidate with prior show experience is a plus.
- *Must be able to provide your own means of transportation to the National Show at Fonner Park in Grand Island, Nebraska.*
- Applicants should possess excellent communication skills with a strong work ethic. Self-motivation and the ability to work on a task with minimal supervision is ideal. A positive attitude and organizational skills are beneficial.
- Applicants must be available to work the entire length of the National Show.

Internship Program: Interns will assist the JABGA Board and the ABGA office staff with specified tasks during the weeklong internship. Interns must provide their own way to Fonner Park in Grand Island, Nebraska on May 27, 2026, and must work through the duration of the event to June 5, 2026.

General Show Intern duties include, but are not limited to:

- Set up of ABGA Office and supplies
- Assist in the unloading process for exhibitors
- Work the check-in gate during the arrival times of exhibitors
- Ensure cleanliness of ringside tables and bleachers
- Aid in the setting up of the JABGA Awards Banquet
- Gather all show awards the morning of each show
- Assist with make-up ring, ring and show results

Media Intern duties include, but are not limited to:

- Posting Show updates on social media
- Taking pictures/video
- Posting pictures/videos on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok
- Post all showmanship and division winners on social media.
- General media coverage of the National Show.