# 2026 South Carolina Meat Goat Project Application

***Please read the SC Meat Goat Project Guide for a complete listing of the rules and regulations for this project. The guide and additional information can be found on the project's websites: http://scmeatgoatproject.com/ . Stay connected by joining SC Meat Goat Project Facebook page.***

## Eligibility

To be eligible you **MUST**:

- Be at least 5 years of age but not over 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current project year. Age division is based on age on January 1st of the current project year. High school graduates may remain eligible only when they are 18 on January 1, 2026, and turn 19 after the project year has begun. Age division may change due to participation numbers.
    - Ages 5-8
    - Ages 9-10
    - Ages 11-13
    - Ages 14-15
    - Ages 16-18
- Be able to properly house and care for your goat for approximately 5-6 months (the duration of the project).
- Participants are responsible for all expenses (feed bills, veterinarian bills, etc.). The SC Meat Goat Project is not responsible for replacing sick or injured goats nor is the Project responsible for expenses incurred as a result of sickness or death of a goat.
- Be aware that often members only break even and most of the time lose money. It is a time consuming and sometimes costly project. The goal of a youth livestock project is learning and experiencing animal agriculture while developing life-skills!
- Properly care for their goat! Any participant that is suspected of or determined to be abusing or neglecting animals or acting in an unsportsmanlike manner can be dismissed from a show, removed from the project, or banned from future animal projects as deemed necessary by the project committee.
- Be able to attend (with a parent or legal guardian) and tag in your project animals at the SC Meat Goat Project Kick-Off or Summer Clinic.
- Be a current member of 4-H or FFA.

## Payments and Deadlines

For the project year, you will have several options in the SC Meat Goat Project. ***Please remember that all goats must have a Scrapie tag to be part of the project and to attend any events/shows.*** *Scrapie tag should be provided by the breeder and should be scapie tagged before you take the goat home.* (For more information about the Scrapie disease, please visit: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/sa_animal_disease_information/sheep-goat/disease-info)

1. A SC4ME market wether/doe is purchased via private treaty from a SC4ME breeder and the program fee is $50 (late fee $60.) For more information on the SC4ME program, please visit https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NRBVUN_vtnWS3ZOjkgRZWT_fApGtuB49/view.
    a. SC4ME market doe requirements:
        i. Must show with SC4ME market wethers
        ii. Be shaved like wethers
        iii. Can not be shown in regular doe classes.
        iv. End of the year points will be judged with SC4ME wethers for overall points.

2. The second option is to purchase an open wether (a wether purchased via private treaty that has not been registered in the SC4ME program and/or purchased a breeder outside of South Carolina) and tag them into the project. The project fee is $50 (late fee $60.)

3. Register one of each of the both options, one SC4ME market wether/doe and one Open market wether. Participants are allowed to show both a SC4ME market wether/doe and an Open market wether for a program fee of $75 (late fee $85.)

These fees include the project members participation in all project events, activities, contests, and awards banquet.

**Additional fees:**

Project participants are allowed to register and tag in a maximum of four (4) does in addition to their project Market wether(s). Doe tags are $10 a piece. Does can be tagged at the project Kick Off or at the Summer Clinic in July (Date, Location and Time - TBD).

**Payment Deadlines:**

Application and payment are due postmarked by **June 6th, 2026.** Any applications turned in after June 6th will pay the late fee prices listed above. ***No application will be accepted after the Summer Clinic.***

**Acceptable Payment Methods:**

Cash, Checks, cashier checks, or money orders made payable to the SC Meat Goat Project are the only forms of payment accepted by the project. If a check is returned, the project member will be notified via email and with a mailed letter. The project member will then owe the full registration amount plus a $36 returned check fee. ***If the full amount owed is not received before the project Summer Clinic the project member will NOT be able to participate in the Project.***

**Financial Assistance:**

If you need financial assistance for the purchase of your animal and starting your meat goat project, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers Rural Youth Loans to help rural youth learn the business of agriculture. Visit your local FSA office or their website www.fsa.usda.gov for more information.

## Project Sponsorships

Each participant is encouraged to sell sponsorships for the project. Sponsorships will be highlighted in the SC Meat Goat Project Book. Funds raised go directly to providing events, activities, awards, ribbons, and premiums. Information on the project sponsorships can be found on the project website page, http://www.scmeatgoatproject.com/sponsors.html

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Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

This will be my _____ year in the Meat Goat Project

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ County: _____

4H/FFA county_____

****Application form must be postmarked by June 6th, 2026****

**Application form submitted after June 6th but before the project Summer Clinic, will be required to pay a $10 late fee.**

## Email:

*Our primary form of communication is email. Please print your CURRENT email address below very CLEARLY! If you do not receive an email from us soon after the application deadline, contact someone on the Advisory Committee.*

Email: _____

## Veterinarian Contact Information:

*Before registering for this project you should locate the nearest veterinarian that is qualified and willing to work with goats, in case of an emergency. To ensure project animals receive proper care please provide the name and phone number for your selected veterinarian.*

Veterinarian's Name: _____ Phone: _____

## Sportsmanlike Conduct

*Any participant suspected of or determined to be abusing or neglecting animals or acting in any type of unsportsmanlike manner can be removed from the project, have their goat removed from their care, or be banned from future animal projects as deemed necessary by the project committee.*

Participant's signature (REQUIRED):_____Date:_____

Parent signature (REQUIRED):_____Date:_____

## 2026 SC Meat Goat Project Payment Fee

*(Please read "Payment and Deadline" above for description of each option)*

- ☐ I chose a SC4ME market wether/doe ONLY. **$50**
- ☐ I chose an Open wether ONLY. **$50**
- ☐ I chose both SC4ME market wether/doe and Open wether. **$75**
- ☐ I need assistance in finding a wether
- ☐ I choose to participate in the project, but I'm not sure which type of wether/doe I will be purchasing.

**Additional Fees - Doe tags can be purchased at tag in. (4 max)**

- ☐ $10 per Tag

**Bundle Packages**

**_____ #1 includes:**

**Open market wether or SC4ME market wether/doe $50**
**T-shirt $15 (size _____)**
**Ad $25**
**Total $90**

**_____ #2 includes:**

**Both Open market wether and SC4ME market wether/doe $75**
**T-shirt $15 (size _____)**
**Ad $25**
**Total $115**

**Additional Options**

Extra shirts $15. (Size:_____)
Hats $25( _____)
Hoodies $30(_____)
Upgrade your Ad page (_____)
****You may upgrade your ad page: For a half page add $25 and for a whole page add $75 to the bundle total. Half pages regular cost is $50 and whole page regular cost is $100.**

**Total:$ (_____)**

## Special Needs/Accommodations

Does your child have any disabilities that you feel the South Carolina Meat Goat Project Advisory Committee should be made aware of and/or are their any accommodation(s) that your child would require:

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## Photography Permissions

*I hereby grant permission to the South Carolina Meat Goat Project, its employees or representatives, to take and use: photographs, videotapes, and/or digital images of myself and/or my child for use in promotional or educational materials as follows: printed, publications or materials, electronic publications, or presentations, websites, and social media. I authorize the use of these images indefinitely without compensation to me or my child. All negatives, positives, prints, digital reproductions and videotape shall be the property of the South Carolina Meat Goat Project.*

- ☐ *I agree*
- ☐ *I disagree*

## Release of Supervision

*I understand and agree that neither South Carolina Meat Goat Project nor its employees or representatives will NOT provide supervision for the individual participants at any of South Carolina Meat Goat Project events, activities, and/or contests. I understand and agree that I am responsible for:*

1. *Making all transportation arrangements for my child to and from any of the events, activities, and/or contests.*
2. *Making all overnight accommodation arrangements if necessary, and*
3. *Providing supervision of my child at all times while they are participating in the above described events, activities, and/or contest.*

- ☐ *I agree*
- ☐ *I disagree*

**As a participant/parent/guardian of the above named, I believe all the above information to be complete and correct. I agree to abide by the policies, procedures, and standards of behavior set forth by the SC Meat Goat Project Advisory Committee. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the policies set forth in the SC Meat Goat Project Guide.**

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature (required)

Child's Signature (required)

Send complete application to:

**Ellington Willis**
**1118 Greenpond Rd.**
**Fountain Inn, SC 29644**