



**\$500  
ARKANSAS STATE FAIR  
MAURICE SMITH  
LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP WINNER  
Shana Rachelle Emery of White County 4-H**

Shana Rachelle Emery, daughter of Harold & Michelle Emery of Searcy is the recipient of the 2008 Arkansas State Maurice Smith – Livestock Exhibitor Scholarship. Shana will receive \$500 to help fund her education as she continues to attend Arkansas State University at Beebe this fall where she will work towards an associate degree in agriculture. By working diligently, Shana was able to complete her high school curriculum at the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade and she enrolled in college one year early. After ASU-Beebe, Shana plans to continue her education at the University of Arkansas Dale Bumpers Agriculture College to complete the required coursework for a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Education. Her long term goal is to become a Junior High School Agriculture Teacher. She hopes to introduce Agriculture to students at a younger age so that they can experience all that agriculture has to offer and have time to build on that experience.

Since the age of nine, Shana has had a love for agriculture, and especially livestock. She has focused on learning the market animal industry by purchasing livestock, focusing on animal nutrition, health, handling and financial responsibilities. In 2007 she began a breeding cattle project so that she could expand her knowledge of livestock programs and acquire skills that will benefit her career in the livestock industry. In 2007, Shana became an Arkansas State Fair Junior Ambassador and through this position she has taken a large role in Agriculture Education at the Arkansas State Fair. She has been named an Arkansas 4-H Teen Star, and has experienced great success in the Advanced Animal Science Recordbook Competition.

Shana also knows the importance of giving back to her community and has demonstrated this through her Community Service activities. She has been an active contributor to the Race for the Cure, the White County Food Drive, Beebe Humane Society, Arkansas Childrens' Hospital, School Supply Drives, Grace Lancaster Foundation Cancer Treatment, New Hope Cottage for Battered Women and she has helped with Tornado Relief Efforts throughout Arkansas.

Shana will receive the Arkansas State Fair Maurice Smith Livestock Exhibitor Scholarship at the 2008 Arkansas State Fair Annual Meeting to be held in Little Rock on Friday, August 1.