

Reece Ludwig
14 years old

The Kansas Governor's Ringneck Classic
Youth Hunt Application Essay Questions

My name is Reece Ludwig. I am a 14-year-old freshman at Labette County High School. I have been hunting for four years. I have learned a lot and found a new hobby since day one. I hunt quail, pheasant, dove, deer, duck, and geese. Last year was my first-time to hunt duck and geese, but pheasant hunting is my favorite because I don't get to hunt them as much as all the other birds. They are a lot bigger target to shoot at. I love the outdoors because all the fun things you can do like, target practice, going hunting and fishing, and riding dirt bikes and side by sides. In high school, I am participating in trap shooting and golf. I started playing golf this summer. I have learned and improved a lot. I love to fish our 16-acre lake on the back of our property, and also love to fish at the river. If I'm not fishing, I am hunting as they are favorite hobbies.

What does hunting mean to you?

I get to see and explore new places in the outdoors. Last year I got to go to Hays, Kansas and the year before I got to go to Garden City, Kansas. We have two English pointers, Rouge and Dot. They are three years old. My dad and I have trained them since they were born, so seeing them get better and finding more birds means a lot. I have learned how to clean and eat what I kill instead of getting food from the store. It's really cool to know that you killed your own food and brought it to the table to eat. Hunting means safety. I learned to hunt safely in Hunter's Education and with my dad. My dad takes me hunting with our dogs, so I get a lot of time with him that way. I also want to raise quail and release them on our property. I plan to increase the carrying capacity by cultivate their habitat providing food and cover for them to thrive.

Why do you want to participate in the Kansas Governor's Ringneck Classic?

I want to go to the Kansas Governor's Ringneck Classic because I want to meet new people like the Governor and other young hunters. I also want to shoot 5 stand and trap. I want to watch the dogs work, meet the trainers, and see how I can improve my own training methods.