

Department 39 – Special Contests

Animal Agriculture Public Education Award – Section 1

Coordinator: Jennifer Scramlin

Sponsored by Oakland County Farm Bureau

Entry Fee: \$15.00

Class

1 Animal Agriculture Public Education Award

The Michigan State Fair LLC is pleased to offer a special recognition public education award program to Open Class Beef, Dairy, Draft Horse, Swine, Goat, and Sheep Exhibitors who excel in presenting an educational program within their display space. The display can focus on general education for the specie and/or showcase the exhibitor’s breeding program and operation. All species shall compete together within this program. You must pre-enter. A \$15.00 entry fee is required and display must fit within pen and tack space. Limited to one display per exhibitor and the same display cannot be shared by more than one exhibitor. Awards shall be as follows:

Best Public Education Overall.....	\$400.00
2 nd Place.....	\$300.00
3 rd Place.....	\$100.00

PUBLIC EDUCATION SCORECARD

Cleanliness of Exhibit.....	25%
Stalls, pens, animals and exhibit area is clean; exhibit is not cluttered	
Display is Educational.....	20%
Clearly demonstrates its purpose, message and/or image and focuses on general specie education and/or showcases the exhibitor’s breeding program and operation in an educational manner.	
Use of Color and Signage.....	15%
Graphics and signage to create impact and storyline	
Special Effects.....	5%
Movement, sound, audio visual, participatory element	
Effective Use of Handout Materials.....	20%
Flyers, pamphlets, business cards, recipes, children’s materials, etc.	
Interaction with Public.....	<u>15%</u>
Total.....	100%

Michigan State Fair LLC Youth Scholarship Program – Section 2

Coordinator: Jackie Scramlin - jackiescramlin@gmail.com
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The Michigan State Fair LLC is pleased to announce a competitive scholarship program for Michigan youth exhibitors in 2025. This scholarship would recognize excellence in breeding programs, showmanship and academics to advance the post-secondary efforts of our youth.

Class

- 1 Youth Scholarship – Livestock
- 2 Youth Scholarship – Home Arts / Agriculture

Livestock

The Scholarship would be based on 3 areas in the livestock division.

1. Application
2. Placing on up to 3 head of breeding stock (2 head for swine) at the Michigan State Fair LLC
3. Placing for showmanship at the Michigan State Fair LLC

One Youth exhibitor at the Michigan State Fair in each division in the Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Rabbits, Poultry and Equine area is eligible to compete for a \$1,000.00 scholarship (8 scholarships). An exhibitor is only eligible to win one (1) scholarship per year, but may enter more than one division.

An overall scholarship winner and runner up will receive additional scholarship moneys AND there may be interviews if the number of applicants warrants.

Scholarship applications are due by August 10, 2025, with final compilation of scores at the Michigan State Fair LLC with announcement of winners at a special awards presentation.

Home Arts / Agriculture

In addition, the Michigan State Fair LLC is pleased to announce scholarships for the Youth Home Arts / Agriculture area.

Home Arts and/or Agriculture: 12 exhibitors in the areas will compete for up to twelve (12) \$500 Scholarships. Eligible to exhibitors eight (8) years of age and no older than twenty (20) years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

The Scholarships would be based on 2 areas.

1. Application
2. Placing on up to 6 Home Arts / Agriculture exhibits at the Michigan State Fair LLC.

An overall winner and runner-up for the Home Arts/Agriculture divisions will receive additional scholarship money AND there may be interviews if the number of applicants warrants.

Scholarship applications are due by August 10, 2025, (or see website) with final compilation of scores at the Michigan State Fair LLC with announcement of winners at a special awards presentation.

Youth Livestock Judging Contest – Section 3

Coordinator: Jennifer Scramlin

Monday, September 1, 2025

Contest begins at 10:00 am in Show Ring A

Class

- 1 Youth Livestock Judging – Ages 9 through 11
- 2 Youth Livestock Judging – Ages 12 through 14
- 3 Youth Livestock Judging – Ages 15 through 17
- 4 Youth Livestock Judging – Ages 18 through 21

1. No entry fee required. Contestants may use the Special Contests Entry Form to enter. Contestants may also enter up to one (1) hour before the contest with on-site registration beginning at 8:00 am. The contest is open to non-Michigan State Fair LLC exhibitors.
2. **Contestants must be registered for the contest by Monday, September 1, at 9:45 am** and will be issued a contestant number and judging cards at that time.
3. There will be four (4) age divisions; 9 through 11, 12 through 14, 15 through 17, and 18 through 20 years of age. Age is determined as of December 31 of the previous year.
4. All participants will compete in an individual division within their group only.

5. Contest will include a total of five (5) classes. There will be one (1) or two (2) classes of beef cattle, two (2) classes of sheep, and one (1) or two (2) classes of swine. There will be four (4) animals in each class. In addition, the contest will include one set of 10 questions asked on one class and the option of completing either two (2) additional sets of 10 questions or two (2) sets of oral reasons.
6. Contestants will be divided into several equal-sized groups prior to the start of the contest. Contestants will be given 12 minutes to place each class. Each group will be supervised by an adult leader, who will collect the placing cards when time is called on each class. A packet of these cards will be distributed to each contestant during contest registration.
7. Each contestant must remain with his/her assigned group throughout the contest.
8. **While the contest is in progress, there will be no talking or any other type of communication between contestants or coaches.** If a contestant has a question once the contest begins, please direct that question to the assigned group leader or the contest coordinator.
9. Violation of any of the rules will result in disqualification of the contestants.
10. After all the classes have been judged, the contestants will be asked ten (10) questions one designated class. Following this, they will either be asked two additional sets of questions or give two sets of oral reasons on specified classes based on contestant preference. Once that is complete, the official placing and cuts will be presented by the officials.
11. The results of the contest will be announced after the contest.
12. Scores will be based on a possible of 50 points for each placing class, 50 points for each question class and 50 points for each set of reasons. With five (5) classes to be placed and one (1) set of questions, and two (2) sets of reasons or questions, there would be a possible score of 400 points per contestant.
13. In case of ties, the highest award shall go to the individuals as follows:
 - a. If tied, the contestant having the highest questions score on the class asked to all participants shall be listed first.
 - b. If contestants are still tied from (a) above, the contestant or team with the most perfect scores per class shall be listed first.
 - c. If contestants are still tied from (a and b) above, the tied contestants will be asked additional questions on a class until the tie is broken.

AWARDS

Awards shall be presented to the top five (5) individuals in each age division.

Steve Masters Master Showman – Section 4

Coordinator: Matt Scramlin

Class

- 1 Steve Masters Master Showman

Awards to the Overall Champion winners.

1. The Champion Youth Showman for Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Poultry and Rabbits will compete for Steve Masters Master Showman. The contest will consist of the Exhibitor’s ability to show livestock along with their knowledge of the livestock industry.

Open to Champion Youth Showman for each species only.

“Bill Bowman” Supreme of Supremes – Section 5

Class

- 1 \$1,000.00 awarded to the “Bill Bowman” Supreme of Supremes

The Supreme of Supremes will be chosen from the Overall Supreme Champion Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Goat and Swine animal in the Open show. Judging will be done by a committee of exhibitors on Monday, September 1, 2025, at 12:00 pm.