

EQUINE PUBLIC SPEAKING CHALLENGE

2020 FWSSR EQUINE PUBLIC SPEAKING CHALLENGE

Sunday, January 19, 2020

Location: Richardson-Bass Building, Room C

Entry Deadline December 30, 2019

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 60 APPLICANTS

Entry Fee: \$20

The Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in conjunction with the Texas A&M University Equine Initiative will hold an Equine Public Speaking Challenge. The contest is open to all students between the ages of 14 – 18, as of January 1, 2020, who are enrolled and are attending public, private or home school in the state of Texas. The contest will be open to the first 60 applicants.

Scholarships totaling \$14,000 will be available to the 1st – 6th placing contestants. The scholarship funds will be provided to the winning students to be used as scholastic assistance and will be available beginning with their first semester of enrollment at an accredited college or university of their choice.

Students awarded a scholarship will receive a certificate(s) indicating the amount of the scholarship won. The scholarship will be paid beginning with the first semester the student is enrolled in an accredited degree plan at a college or university. The certificate(s) should be presented to the registrar or financial aid office of the college or university the student chooses to attend. Instructions for redemption are printed on the back of the certificate. Upon verification of the student's enrollment, the Stock Show will issue a check directly to the student's college or university.

AGE DIVISIONS

Ages 14-18

(Age as of January 1, 2020)

Contestants must be enrolled in, and attending, public, private or home school in Texas. This competition is limited to youth who are U. S. Citizens with Texas residency. Non-United States citizens and Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to compete. All contestants must have a personal Social Security Number to be eligible to participate. Social Security Numbers must be recorded on entry forms.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Print, complete and return the entry application.

An entry fee of \$20 will be charged per contestant. One complimentary Season Grounds Pass will be provided with each entry.

Submit application with payment in the form of check or money order made payable to Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

An individual may enter in both the Equine Public Speaking Challenge and Equine I.Q. Contests.

CONTEST

Round One:

All contestants should come prepared to present a 5-minute prepared speech on a topic related to the equine industry. Topics may vary, but must include an issue within the industry and a probable solution to that issue. Contestants will be graded on their public speaking skills as well as the relativity of their round one speech topic. Contestants will be assigned one of four different rooms consisting of two judges in each room. This round will not be open to the public. The top three scores from each room will move on to the final round. Speeches from this round will have a maximum score of 100. The average score from the judges' panel will be used.

Final Round:

Twelve Contestants will proceed to the final round, which will consist of a 5-minute prepared speech, followed by three questions from the judges' panel. Each contestant will come prepared to present a prepared speech topic related to the equine industry. Contestants may use the same speech topic from round one, or choose to use a different prepared speech topic. Contestants will draw for the order in which they will present their speech. This round will be held in front of a judges' panel, will be open to the public, and will consist of questions from the judges' panel once the speech has concluded. Speeches from this round will have a maximum score of 125. The average score from the judges' panel will be used.

CONTEST RULES

1. Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids, or props for their presentations.
2. Contestants are not allowed to present any items to the judges.
3. Each speech will be timed and must be 5-minutes (with a 30 second leeway window). Two points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over and under the time limit.
4. Contestants may not use notes while giving their speech. Notes may be allowed while contestant is waiting for their name to be drawn.
5. Contestant order in both rounds will be determined by a random drawing.
6. Ties will be broken by judges.
7. Judges will use the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show Equine Public Speaking Challenge Score Sheet.
8. Contestants may bring snacks and water while waiting.

RESULTS

Results can be found at: fwssr.com. Each contestant will be given an individual identification number at the time of registration. Results will be posted by identification number only. Please allow 24 hours for results to be posted. If identification number is misplaced, please contact tamuequine@tamu.edu for assistance.

AWARDS

All awards will be presented immediately following the contest in Room C & B, Brown Lupton North.

Scholarships:

1 st	\$4,000
2 nd	\$3,000
3 rd	\$2,500
4 th	\$2,000
5 th	\$1,500
6 th	\$1,000

Awards:

Buckle – 1st Place
Ribbons – 1st – 6th places

STUDY MATERIALS

Study materials can be found at: <http://equine.tamu.edu/fort-worth-stock-show-rodeo-equine-iq-contest>

Specific questions related to the Equine Public Speaking Challenge may be sent to tamuequine@tamu.edu

SCHEDULE

January 19, 2020

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Noon -	Registration opens	Brown Lupton Rooms B & C
1:00 pm -	Contest begins	Coliseum East Dressing Rooms & Offices
2:30 pm -	Top 12 posted	Brown Lupton Rooms B & C
3:00 pm -	Final Round begins	Brown Lupton Rooms B & C
5:00 p.m. -	Contest Concludes	
5:30 p.m. -	Final Scores Announced & Awards	Brown Lupton Rooms B & C

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Entry Fee: \$20.00 Check or Money Order made payable to Southwestern
Exposition & Livestock Show

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH ENTRY FEE TO:
SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION AND LIVESTOCK SHOW
ATTENTION: HORSE SHOW DEPARTMENT
PO BOX 150,
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76101-0150
817-877-2400 • fwssr.com

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(Speech topics available November 1)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

_____			_____
Contestant's Name			Social Security Number
_____			_____
Mailing Address			Phone Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip	Age as of January 1, 2020
_____			_____
Parent's Name			Date of Birth
_____			_____
E-Mail Address			_____
_____			_____
Hometown Newspaper			Newspaper E-mail Address

Any special accommodations the student needs must be declared by January 1, 2020. Please contact Texas A&M University Equine Initiative office at tamuequine@tamu.edu or 979-845-6098. NO SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE MADE IF NOT DECLARED BY JANUARY 1, 2019.

I (we) the undersigned, hereby make application to enter the above event, subject to the rules and regulations of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, all of which I (we) have read, and agree to the provisions contained therein, *including without limitation the provisions relating to the release and limitation of liability of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, the unethical fitting of livestock, the merchantability of livestock and the substance abuse policy* and agree to the provisions contained therein as a part of this contract. Specifically, I (we) hereby release the above Exposition from any claim or loss in accordance with the terms and provisions of the above referenced Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show rules and regulations.

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

_____	_____	_____
Contestant Name Print	Contestant Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Name Print	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

THIS APPLICATION MAY BE REPRODUCED. FAXES OR E-MAILS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.