

**FLORIDA STATE FAIR**  
**YOUTH - BARROW ONLY - SWINE SHOW**  
**FEBRUARY 4 - 7, 2027**

**Entry Due Date: October 2, 2026**

 **For the 2027 Fair – Entry fees MUST be paid ONLINE.**

**ONLINE Entry Due Date** (*No paper entry forms will be accepted.*)..... October 2, 2026

\*Please Note: When the maximum number of entries is reached (240 exhibitors), the Online Registration will be Closed which could happen on or before October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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| Grace Period (double entry fee)..... | October 9, 2026 |
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*See our website for ONLINE Entry link...[www.floridastatefairag.com](http://www.floridastatefairag.com)*

 **Signature Page MUST** be submitted to the Ag Office by the corresponding entry due date to be eligible for full entry points. (See page 13 for details)

Email Notification (from the FSF Agribusiness Office) that entry has been accepted....on or before October 13, 2026

Ownership Deadline .....Day of Ear Tagging/Tattooing

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| Scholarship Application Deadline ..... | December 4, 2026 |
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 **Purebred Swine Registration Papers Postmarked**..... January 11, 2027  
\*\*\*Registration Papers postmarked after January 11<sup>th</sup> will not be accepted and swine will show with Crossbreds.

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| Chapter/Club designated/Student Birth Date to Livestock Office ..... | January 11, 2027 |
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| <b>YQCA Certification Deadline</b> (See pages 10 for details)..... | <b>January 11, 2027</b> |
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**\*\*Please Note: This is an optional Champion Youth Point Opportunity and NOT a Show Requirement**

 Arrival ..... February 4, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Ultrasound** (*NOT a requirement for acceptance into the show*) ..... February 4, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Check In Booth -

Arena Check In Booth ..... February 4, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

    \*\* All Record Books/Educational Posters Turned In

    \*\* All Changes for Ask Me Talks Time

Exhibitor Meeting and Dinner ..... February 4, 6:30 pm

 Record Book Skills Test/Skillathon..... February 5, 1:00 pm

    \*\*Seniors start at 1:00 pm/Inter. start at 3:00 pm/ Juniors start at 4:00 pm

Ask Me Talks .....Feb. 5, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

.....Feb. 6, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

 Show Pals Livestock Show.....February 6, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

 Showmanship ..... February 6, 5:00 pm

    \*\*Juniors start at 5:00 pm followed by Intermediates, then Seniors

 Show ..... February 7, 11:00 am

Announce Champion Youth Winners..... Conclusion of Show

Exhibitors released of responsibility ..... February 7, 5 pm or conclusion of Show

Sponsor Thank you letters ..... June 30, 2027

**SPECIAL NOTE: INDIVIDUALS MAY ENTER A MAXIMUM OF 2 YOUTH  
LIVESTOCK SHOWS AT THE 2027 FLORIDA STATE FAIR.**

## **INTENT and PURPOSE:**

This program has been designed by the Florida State Fair Authority and Youth Swine Committee to accomplish the following goals:

- To provide competitive events where 4-H, FFA and YLPA projects help showcase Florida's Livestock Industry. Where emphasis is placed on the educational aspects of the program with premiums being paid for all competition relating to each animal and each exhibitor's participation.

- To provide educational seminars and/or materials in cooperation with the University of Florida on all aspects of selection, feeding, record keeping, showmanship, etc.

## **GENERAL RULES and REGULATIONS FOR FLORIDA STATE FAIR YOUTH SWINE SHOW**

The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.

**Any person who violates any of these rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums won and can result in the disqualification of the exhibitor.**

Rules for Exhibition (Health Regulations) as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services are subject to change per the Department of Agriculture.

### **LIMITED ENTRIES:**

To maintain the quality of the show, the Fair reserves the right to limit the number of entries to 240.

Entries will be accepted by online date/time stamp order received into the Florida State Fair office.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Only Florida residents that are bona fide 4-H or YLPA members (**8 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE September 1, 2026**) or FFA members are eligible to enter.

2. All entrants must currently be active in the 4-H or YLPA Club Program or the Vocational Agricultural Program in Florida. Anyone having currently graduated from High school, dropped out of high school or currently enrolled in an Agriculture Class, but not attending class, shall be ineligible to enter or show. Both FFA Chapter, 4-H and YLPA Club entries will be accepted. Chapters and Clubs must be valid clubs and in good standing with their local & state organizations.

**CHAPTERS/CLUBS PLEASE NOTE:** Chapters/Clubs must designate 1 student that will enter and compete in all events. That student will be the representative for the Show, Skillathon, Record Book Skills Test, Showmanship, and all other competitions.

The age of the student will determine the division of their competition (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior). **Chapter must designate student by January 11, 2027** (hand delivered or postmarked - Metered Mail will not be considered as a valid or legitimate postmark). **If name is not received by January 11, 2027, the HOG will be allowed to show and compete for animal premiums ONLY. The Chapter/Club will not qualify for Achievement Premiums or participation in the Champion of Champion program. All Chapter/Club must have Federal ID number to enter.**

Check our website for appropriate form -  
[www.floridastatefairag.com](http://www.floridastatefairag.com)

3. Exhibitor must show as a member of the same organization

they entered under and is a member of.

4. The physical condition of an entrant, which the appropriate committee considers to be a problem for that entrant to participate in the show, may result in the committee not accepting an entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show.

5. Any exhibitor from a family with an outstanding balance owed to the Fair will not be eligible to show at the Florida State Fair.

### **ENTRY:**

**1. BARROWS ONLY will be accepted.**

2. Each exhibitor may enter and tag two (2) barrows. However, each exhibitor will only be allowed to bring one (1) barrow to the fair to show. All animals must go to slaughter.

There is a \$25 entry fee for the 1<sup>st</sup> barrow entered in the Youth Swine Show. If an exhibitor is entering an optional 2<sup>nd</sup> barrow, there will be an additional charge of \$15 for that entry.

3. All entries must be **submitted and paid online on or before 11:59 pm on October 2, 2026**. Entries submitted between October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup> will be charged double (\$50) late entry fee. **PLEASE NOTE: When the maximum number of entries is reached (240 exhibitors) – the On-Line Registration will be closed!!**

4. Hand-delivered or mailed entries or payments **WILL NOT** be accepted this year.

5. The entire amount is non-refundable.

6. **Please Note:** Exhibitors **MUST** collect all the Mandatory signatures required on the **Signature Page** (FFA Advisor, YLPA Representative, or County Extension Agent **and** 4-H Leader, Parent and Exhibitor). The Signature Page is located on page 13 and on the website. Exhibitors must submit the document to the Ag Office by the corresponding entry due date to be eligible for full entry points. The Signature Page can be uploaded to the Livestock Entry Documents link on the website under Registration tab. Exhibitors are able to upload, email, fax or mail to finalize entry process.

7. By completing the online entry to the State Fair, each exhibitor certifies that all exhibits are in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Florida State Fair; and that the exhibitor agrees to be governed by these rules.

8. Swine must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor at the home place or farm of the exhibitor or the Land Lab for FFA Chapter animals. In such case where the animal cannot be fed and cared for at the exhibitors home place or the Land Lab for FFA Chapter animals, a letter requesting permission to house and care for the animal elsewhere in the State of Florida must be emailed to [kerri.leffler@floridastatefair.com](mailto:kerri.leffler@floridastatefair.com). Failure to notify the Florida State Fair Livestock office when such a case exists, on or before entry deadline, will disqualify the animal from showing at the 2027 Florida State Fair. The location then must be approved by the appropriate committee.

9. Online submission will be verified, and acknowledgments sent via email to the exhibitor by October 13, 2026. The Fair will not be responsible for any animal that is purchased before exhibitor receives notification of acceptance from the FSF Agribusiness Office. Please Note: The email the exhibitor receives after submitting the application is only confirmation that the submission was received into the system. This is NOT the Official Confirmation into the Swine Show.

10. Deadline for ownership of animal will be ear tag/tattoo date.

#### AGE CATEGORIES:

All Age categories are as of September 1, 2026

Age categories will be divided as follows:

Junior Division (ages 8-10)

Intermediate Division (ages 11-13)

Senior Division (Ages 14 & over)

#### EAR TAGGING/TATTOOING:

All animals will be required to attend a mandatory ear Tagging/Tattooing. The dates, times and locations will be as follows:



**November 9 – Suwannee Co. Ag Center & Fairgrounds**

11:00 am to 12:00 noon

**November 16 - Florida State Fairgrounds**

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



**November 17 - Volusia Ag Center**

11:00 am to 12:00 noon

**November 17 - South Sumter High School**

4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

**November - Graceville**

To be determined after entries are received.



**IT IS THE EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THEIR HOG COMES WITH A FEDERAL ID TAG TO THE TAGGING AND FINAL WEIGH IN. THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR WILL NOT BE PROVIDING FEDERAL ID TAGS.**

1. Each exhibitor must designate the date/location they plan to attend with their online submission.



**2. Exhibitors will be responsible for catching and holding their own hog for tagging/tattooing.**

**3. It is recommended that animals weigh at least 100 pounds by November 1, 2026.**

4. If the exhibitor is not able to attend the location/date indicated on their entry, they must notify the Fair 5 days in advance and they will be reassigned to one of the other locations/dates.

5. Exhibitors will earn 30 points for attending the ear tagging/tattooing with their animal, as the committee feels that this is an educational benefit to the student.



**6. Breeders Certificate will be due at time of ear tagging/tattooing. All information must be completed in its entirety in order to receive the hog's FSF ear tag. Certificates will NOT be accepted if any information is left blank. Please see page 14 for Breeders Certificate form.**

#### QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM:

The Florida State Fair believes that every animal participating in activities of the Florida State Fair shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.

1. Quality assurance testing or a survey may be done at the Florida State Fair.

2. All animals are subject to testing at anytime:

A. To determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification.

B. To determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any way.

C. To determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry.

3. Exhibitor's signature on Entry Form acknowledges that they have read and agree to IAFE Code of show Ring Ethics, (Please Note: Rule #4 deals specifically with drugs).

4. Use of drugs, in animals, not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations are **PROHIBITED**. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair, will be construed as tampering.

5. Violators will be disqualified and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including sale price of animals, if applicable, and future entry of exhibitor and/or family at the Florida State Fair.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices that are not recognized as acceptable training, restraint, or animal movement techniques are prohibited.

#### IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall

not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules.

Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and

Expositions, including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

### **YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP**

The Florida State Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth animal project. It is important that the exhibitor understand:

- The purpose of youth livestock projects
- The importance of ethics in youth livestock projects
- Proper animal handling and management
- The difference between animal welfare and animal rights
- Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet the mandatory certification requirements that will be in effect for the 2027 Florida State Fair. Certification is valid for a three (3) year Fair Season not 3 calendar years.

**For the 2026/2027 Fair Season, Certification Numbers starting with 25, 26 or 27 are current and valid.**

The requirements are as follows:

**ALL STUDENTS THAT ARE ENTERED IN THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ETHICS TRAINING TO SHOW AN ANIMAL AT THE 2027 FLORIDA STATE FAIR.**

- **THE LAST WORKSHOP OFFERED FOR EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT THE 2027 FLORIDA STATE FAIR WILL BE JANUARY 18, 2027 AT RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL IN RIVERVIEW, FL.**

This program has been endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (IFAS).

**\*\*Please note: Even though you have attended an Ethics Workshop in the past, your certification number may have expired. Be sure to check your certification number to be sure it is still valid.**



You may check the status of your certification number by calling the Agribusiness Office at 813-627-4229 or email [Ethics@FloridaStateFair.com](mailto:Ethics@FloridaStateFair.com).

We will offer On-Site Workshops to new exhibitors and anyone who needs to be renewed. ZOOM classes will **NOT** be offered.

Check our Florida State Fair Agribusiness website for information, times, dates on Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshops that will be held around the state. Please check website periodically for newly scheduled workshops.

## ADMISSION

1. Each exhibitor will be issued three (3) armbands for the duration of the show. These are intended for use by exhibitors and parents. The exception will be made when more than one exhibitor is from the same family. Any additional exhibitors from the same family will be issued 1 armband.
2. Armbands will be picked up at check-in. Additional armbands CANNOT be purchased. Single day admission tickets can be bought in advance at discount prices. See the Advance Ticket Form on the website for details. Tickets will be for sale at the gate.
3. Vehicle/Trailer Parking Passes: All Trailers will be parked in the designated areas within the interior of the grounds. Exhibitors will receive a Vehicle Pass for the duration of the show to be able to park in the Ag Lot outside of Gate 3. Only vehicles with the appropriate tags are permitted in this area.
4. Each passenger must have an armband or admission pass.
5. Red Gate Drop-Off Times (This is in addition to arrival): Vehicles will be allowed to enter through the Red Gate between the hours of 6 am to 10 am and 3 pm to 6 pm to drop-off needed feed and/or supplies. After unloading supplies, vehicles will proceed to the Ag Lot for parking.
6. Parking Map and Detailed Instructions will be posted on the Agribusiness Website prior to the Fair.
7. Reserved parking is provided, and exhibitors must park in the assigned Ag Lot or your vehicle will be subject to towing.
8. Champion of Champion Lot: Limited Parking Spaces can be purchased by exhibitors within the interior of the grounds. All information will be posted on the FSF Agribusiness website. Spaces will open for purchase on January 1, 2027. All proceeds will go towards the Youth participating in the Champion of Champions program

## ARRIVAL/CHECK-IN:

### EXHIBITORS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO BRING ONE (1) HOG TO THE FINAL CHECK-IN.

1. Animals will be received from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ONLY on February 4, 2027.
2. All hogs must enter through the Livestock Gate at the Orient Road entrance, which is located on the west side of the Fairgrounds.
3. Any animals arriving late due to an emergency must call the Livestock Office at (813) 627-4229.
4. Ear tags and tattoos will be verified. If a tag falls out of hog's ear, tag must still be brought in at time of check-in. Please contact Kerri Lefler at [Ag@floridastatefair.com](mailto:Ag@floridastatefair.com) or 813-627-4337 if this occurs.
5. Exhibitors must bring their animal to the weigh-in to qualify for record book and other Achievement Contests.
6. Sifted hogs must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately after check-in, unless previous permission has been obtained from Livestock Office.
7. All trucks must be parked in designated parking area. **Vehicles parked in non-designated area will be towed away at the owner's expense.**
8. All trailers may be parked in a remote location adjacent to or near the Fairgrounds.
9. Once an animal has been accepted in, it must remain at the fair due to health regulations.

10. Swine Check-in booth will be located in the TECO Arena. Check-in booth will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All Record Books and Posters must be turned in at this time, as well as all changes in Ask Me Talks times.

11. There will be a dinner and meeting for parents and exhibitors at 6:30 p.m. in the Horse Pavilion.

## QUALIFICATIONS:

1. All animals must weigh a minimum of 220 lbs. at check-in. (Desirable packer weight is 240-280 lbs.) Animals will be weighed one time only.
2. Due to industry standards in trying to produce an ideal hog for today's packer between 240 and 280 lbs. - the maximum carcass value will be based on 280 pounds. **Exhibitors will not be paid for more than 280 lbs.**

## HEALTH RULES:

1. All health rules pertaining to Swine entries as outlined by the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, SEE: RULES FOR EXHIBITION, must be strictly adhered to. Any violation of these rules will be grounds for disqualification of entry.
2. Certified state veterinarians will be stationed at the Red Gate entrance to check in all animals and accompanying papers.
3. No animals are to be unloaded without approval from the veterinarian on duty.
4. All animals must be treated in a humane way.

## RULES FOR EXHIBITION:

As required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

## CHAPTER 5C-4

### ADMISSION OF ANIMALS FOR EXHIBITION

5C-4.0015 Definitions.

5C-4.0017 General requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.

5C-4.003 Swine.

#### 5C-4.0015 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the definitions in Section 585.01, F.S., and the following shall apply:

- (1) Accredited tuberculosis-free herd. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (2) Accredited tuberculosis-free state or zone. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (3) Accredited veterinarian. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (4) Approved livestock facility. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (5) Authorized Representative. An employee of the state or federal government, or a licensed veterinarian accredited by the USDA, who is authorized to conduct animal disease control and eradication activities.
- (6) Certified brucellosis-free state or area. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (7) Certified brucellosis-free herd. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (8) Classified brucellosis-Class A state or area. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (9) Department. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (10) Electronic Official Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (ECVI). An electronic certificate provided by USDA Veterinary Services Process Streamlining System or a third-party vendor approved by the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) ECVI Data Standards Subcommittee and issued by licensed and accredited veterinarians in animal's state of origin.

- (11) Exhibition. Any fair allowing the displaying or presenting livestock, including poultry, to the general public for an animal exhibit or animal show.
- (12) Fair(s). Annual public fair as defined in F.S. 616.001, that exhibits domestic animals.
- (13) Group. One or more Animals maintained on the same premises or in contact with one another.
- (14) Isolation. Separation of individual Animals by a physical barrier in a manner that assures one Animal does not have access to the body, excrement, or discharges of another Animal; does not share a building with a common ventilation system; and is not within ten feet of another Animal.
- (15) Market class. An exhibition class consisting of finished fed animals.
- (16) Official certificate of veterinary inspection (OCVI). As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (17) Official individual identification. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (18) Official test. A test conducted by a licensed and accredited veterinarian with method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.
- (19) Owner. The owner of the animal or herd or the owner's authorized agent.
- (20) Pseudorabies. A contagious, infectious herpesvirus, causing communicable disease of livestock and other animals also known as Aujeszky's disease or mad itch.
- (21) Recognized slaughtering establishment. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (22) Swine brucellosis. An infectious bacterial disease caused by *Brucella suis* (B. suis) biovars 1 or 3, most frequently affecting swine but able to cause disease in other animals and humans.
- (23) Terminal swine show. An exhibition market class consisting of swine that are isolated and housed separately from all other animals and designated for slaughter only channels.
- (24) Validated brucellosis-free herd, as defined in 9 CFR §78.1 (JAN 2024). This definition of validated brucellosis-free herd is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17727>.

*Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—New 1-1995, Amended 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 2-19-14, 11-21-18, 3-17-25.*

#### **5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.**

- (1) OCVI Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI.
  - (a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number and, if applicable, the official individual identification of each animal.
  - (b) Results of a specific test requirement or herd accreditation, certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd accreditation, certification or validation.
- (2) Expiration of Required OCVI.
  - (a) For Florida-origin animals, an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date.
  - (b) For animals imported into Florida for exhibition purposes only, the OCVI is valid for 30 days.
- (3) Inspection. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be made available for inspection by an authorized representative for:
  - (a) The required Official Individual Identification of the Animal; and

- (b) Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to: caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice, ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and
- (c) Evidence of compliance with Animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.
- (4) Animals Rejected for Exhibition.
  - (a) Any Animal in noncompliance with Animal tests and OCVI requirements, or
  - (b) Any Animal not meeting the Official Individual Identification requirements, or
  - (c) Any animal which is suspected of having or showing clinical signs of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal which is known to be exposed to such diseases must be:
    - 1. Immediately withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or
    - 2. Examined at the owner's expense, by a Florida-licensed accredited veterinarian who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious diseases and pests. The accredited veterinarian's examination must take place within 24 hours of the initial inspection by the authorized representative.

*Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.003, 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16, 585.162 FS. History—New 6-21-06, Amended 10-17-18, 12-8-24.*

#### **5C-4.003 Swine.**

- (1) OCVI Required.
  - (a) Florida origin swine must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation for exhibition.
  - (b) Swine imported for exhibition must comply with the importation requirements set forth in Rule 5C-3.007, F.A.C. An OCVI is required for exhibition and must be dated within 30 days of entry.
- (2) Identification. All swine, entered for exhibition purposes, including market class swine in a terminal swine show, must have official individual identification.
- (3) Tests or Certification Required for Swine.
  - (a) Swine Brucellosis.
    - 1. Florida origin swine six (6) months of age or older must test negative on an official test for swine brucellosis within 90 days prior to exhibition, or;
    - 2. Originate from a validated brucellosis-free herd, or;
    - 3. Originate from a commercial production swine herd as defined in subsection 5C-21.002(11), F.A.C.
  - (b) Pseudorabies. Florida origin swine six (6) months of age or older must test negative on an official test for pseudorabies within 90 days prior to exhibition, or;
    - 1. Originate from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd as defined in 9 CFR §85.1 (JAN 2024), which is incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17888>, or;
    - 2. Originate from an approved commercial production swine herd as defined in Rule 5C-21.002, F.A.C.
- (4) Exemptions.
  - (a) Market class swine for exhibition in a terminal swine show are exempt from the OCVI and testing requirements provided all animals in the terminal swine show are transported directly to a recognized slaughter establishment or approved livestock facility in designated slaughter channels, within 7 days of the show date. At the end of the terminal swine show, the swine owner(s) must ensure:
    - 1. Swine are transported directly from the terminal swine show to the possession of a recognized slaughter establishment,

within 7 days of the end of the show, or;

2. Swine are transported directly from the terminal swine show to the possession of an approved livestock facility in designated slaughter only channels, within 7 days of the show.

(b) Owners must maintain swine show records for a period of two (2) years. The records must include:

1. Official individual identification of each animal, and;
2. Individual or business name and contact phone number of the entity transporting the swine from the terminal swine show to the recognized slaughter or approved livestock facility, and;
3. The name, physical address and delivery date to the recognized slaughtering establishment, or approved livestock facility where the swine were delivered.

(c) All swine referenced in subsection 5C-4.003(4)(a), F.A.C., must be held in isolation and only commingled with other swine in slaughter channels until slaughtered.

*Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(1), (2), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History--New 3-21-64, Amended 6-20-68, 1-1-71, 3-1-72, Formerly 5C-4.03, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 317-25.*

#### **CLIPPING:**

1. Clipping of hogs is not a standard industry practice because it causes problems with the slaughter process.

2. Any hog whose hair length appears to be less than 1/2" may have length of hair checked. Hogs with hair that has been clipped to less than 1/2", will be disqualified.

3. The Florida State Fair Youth Swine committee reserves the right to check any hog for hair length.

4. Any exhibitor that is seen clipping in the barns will be issued a "Red Tag" and fined \$25.00.

5. Disqualified hogs must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately after check-in.

#### **GROOMING:**

1. The use of oils, paints, and powders on a market hog is absolutely prohibited!

2. Animals in violation will be disqualified and will forfeit all premiums and monies.

3. The only products that can be used on a market hog besides water is: Weaver Oil-Free Shine, Sullivan Supply Shine On, Glisten Hair & Skin Polisher, Rule Supplement Sure Shine, Jimmy Shine and Sullivan's Renew Skin Restoring Scrub.

#### **GENERAL:**

1. No animal may be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly managed.

2. Exhibitors must provide their own feed and troughs.

3. No bedding or watering with water towers will be allowed until pigs are in their permanent pens. Hand watering will be permitted.

4. Empty feed and water pans are not to be left in pens.

5. Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and caring for their animals until 5:00 p.m. or completion of the Show on February 7, 2027.

6. Barn will be open to exhibitors from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Parents and/or Exhibitors are not allowed in Swine Area from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

7. Only official 4-H, FFA or YLPA signs will be allowed on display. No other paraphernalia will be allowed.

8. Water towers should be no taller than 42 in., and a max. of 8 in. diameter.

9. Water Towers will be available to borrow from the Livestock Office.

10. Exhibitors will be given 2 warnings if area is not clean. After that a "Red Tag" will be issued and \$25 will be deducted from premiums for each "Red Tag".

11. Exhibitors will be issued armbands and lanyards, which must be worn while in the barns. Only exhibitors will be allowed in the pen area during the following times:

**Check - in:** 9:00 a.m. till show superintendent opens the barn.

**Showmanship:** 4:00 pm till end of Showmanship Contest.

**Show:** 10:00 a.m. till end of show.

**\*\*\*Junior exhibitors may have 1 parent with them during these times.**

12. No exhibitor will be allowed in the Swine tent with open-toed shoes. All exhibitors must wear closed-toed shoes or boots.

13. Animals are restricted to designated areas of the Fairgrounds and most not be taken from designated area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by owner or animals.

**14. SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE BARN!**

**15. NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE BARN!!**

16. The use of alcohol is prohibited in the barns and livestock area.

17. Only animals being shown at the Florida State Fair are permitted on the Fairgrounds

18. Failure to maintain animals and exhibit to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture.

#### **YOUTH SWINE EXHIBITOR DINNER:**

1. There will be a dinner for all Youth Swine Exhibitors on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Horse Pavilion.

2. Each Exhibitor will receive a complimentary ticket. Additional tickets may be purchased with the Youth Swine Online Entry or calling the Agribusiness Office for \$12.00 per ticket. The meal may include Iowa pork, 2 sides, salad, dessert and beverage.

#### **ASSISTANCE:**

1. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for, groom, fit and show their own animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.

2. Parents, other adults, or similar unauthorized persons are strictly prohibited from providing direct assistance in grooming, fitting or showing of youth animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.

3. Exceptions to the above rule must be approved by the committee and be in writing before the Fair.

4. Violations can result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and all premiums, Achievement Premiums, etc., will be forfeited.

#### **ATTIRE:**

For showmanship and show, all exhibitors will be required to be clean, neat and dressed according to the standards of the youth organization they are representing. FFA – Black jeans, white collared shirt, FFA Jacket and Tie. 4-H – Black/Khaki pants, white collared shirt. 4-H vest, jacket and/or tie is strongly recommended. YLPA – Dark blue jeans, black collared shirt with logo patch. No caps or hats. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required. Exhibitors not conforming to the Dress Code will not be allowed to enter the Show Ring.

## JUDGING/SHOW:

1. The Youth Swine Show will be judged at 11:00 a.m., February 7, 2027. **For the 2027 Florida State Fair, there will be separate shows for crossbreds and purebreds.**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Show - will be for crossbreds and for any registered purebreds whose registration papers were not received to the FSF Agribusiness office by January 11, 2027.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Show - will be for registered purebreds (with papers)**  
**Please Note: The registered purebred division MUST have a minimum of 25 animals in the show to qualify for its own show. If there is less than 25 registered purebreds in the show, these animals will be shown with the crossbreds.**
2. **Classes within each show/division will be based on weight and divided after official weigh-in is completed. Each class winner will compete for the Division Winner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Division Winner and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Division Winner.**
3. **All registered purebred animals entering the purebred show MUST have registrations papers to the FSF Agribusiness Office on or before January 11, 2027. Failure to provide registrations papers by January 11<sup>th</sup> will automatically place animals in the crossbred show.**
4. Judging will be done by a judge recommended by the Swine Committee.
5. All first, second & third place hogs, within each Division, must be ready to come back into the ring by the end of the last class.
6. Judges will not award premiums to any animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.
7. All animals must enter the show ring and be evaluated by the judge in order to receive premiums.
8. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
9. The decision of the judge shall be final, and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (General Disputes Policy).

## GENERAL DISPUTES POLICY:

With respect to any disputes which may occur with respect to an exhibitor at the show, such disputes shall be handled by the appropriate Livestock Committee (the "Committee") in accordance with the following:

1. An exhibitor may file a protest with respect to another exhibitor for violation of the rules and regulations of the Committee and/or the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics by submitting a written protest (a "Protest") on a form (the "Protest Form") which will be available at the Agribusiness Department. The Protest must include the exact basis, cause and description of the dispute, the name of the protesting exhibitor, the name of the exhibitor being protested, and any materials in support of the Protest as well as any other matters which may be required in the Protest Form and shall be accompanied by payment of \$50 which shall be refunded only if the Protest is sustained by the Committee. The Protest Form must be signed by the exhibitor (as the protesting exhibitor), and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available under circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. Failure to properly sign the Protest Form shall deem the Protest Form incomplete and a nullity, and in such event, the Protest will not be considered. Any Protest must be submitted (and received by the Agribusiness Department) at least two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur in order to be considered prior to the show. If a Protest is submitted less than two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur ("a "Late Submittal"), then the

Committee will handle the Protest after the show in accordance with its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, but the Late Submittal shall not affect the award of ribbons for the show. To minimize disruption to the show, an exhibitor who intends to file a Protest should do so at the earliest feasible time. In any event, a Protest must be filed with the Agribusiness Department prior to the scheduled release hour for the protested exhibitor's animal to be considered.

2. The Agribusiness Department will forward any Protest Form which is duly signed (by an exhibitor as the protesting exhibitor, and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent), and any accompanying materials submitted by the protesting exhibitor in support of the Protest to the Committee for its consideration. The Agribusiness Department will also notify the exhibitor being protested of the Protest as soon as reasonably practicable after the Protest has been duly submitted and make available a copy of the written Protest to the exhibitor being protested. The exhibitor being protested may, but shall not be required to, provide a written response to the Protest (a "Response") by submitting a Response to the Agribusiness Department, including any materials in support of the response to the Protest, and the Agribusiness Department shall provide the Response to Committee. A Response shall be on a form obtained from the Agribusiness Department, and must be signed by the protested exhibitor, and if the protested exhibitor is a minor, the Response must also be signed by the protested exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available due to circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. The Agribusiness Department shall make available a copy of the Response to the protesting exhibitor upon request by the protesting exhibitor, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and to obtain a copy of the Response. The Agribusiness Department will attempt to notify the protesting exhibitor and the exhibitor being protested of the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest by calling their respective cell phone numbers if provided on the Protest Form and/or the Response Form, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor and protested exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and obtain the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest and to be available at the time scheduled for the Committee's consideration of the Protest. For any Late Submittal, the Committee will handle the process for review of the Protest after the show.

3. The Committee members present will review the Protest and the Response, if any, in the context of its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and will make a decision to resolve the Protest by a majority of the Committee members present. In the event of a tie vote, the Protest shall be deemed denied by the Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final.

4. The Committee also may apply and enforce its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, with respect to exhibitors at the show.

5. By entering the show, all exhibitors, and their respective parents and/or guardians, shall be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted this General Disputes Policy.

## ANIMAL PREMIUMS:

1. Animals will be judged on the American System of Judging:

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place ..... | \$80.00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place.....  | \$70.00 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place.....  | \$60.00 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place.....  | \$50.00 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place.....  | \$40.00 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Place.....  | \$30.00 |

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|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Place.....                       | \$30.00  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Place.....                       | \$30.00  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Place.....                       | \$30.00  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Place.....                      | \$30.00  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Place.....                      | \$30.00  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Place.....                      | \$30.00  |
| Division Winners .....                           | Award    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Division Winners .....     | Award    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Division Winners .....     | Award    |
| Grand Champion Crossbred .....                   | \$100.00 |
| Reserve Champion Crossbred .....                 | \$50.00  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall Champion Crossbred ..... | Banner   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Overall Champion Crossbred ..... | Banner   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Overall Champion Crossbred ..... | Banner   |
| Grand Champion Purebred.....                     | \$100.00 |
| Reserve Champion Purebred.....                   | \$50.00  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall Champion Purebred.....   | Banner   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Overall Champion Purebred.....   | Banner   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Overall Champion Purebred.....   | Banner   |

**SUPREME CHAMPION.....Prize**

2. Premiums will be paid on the basis of the judging reports, which must be signed by the judge and by the show clerk.

3. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor at the address given on the entry form after the Fair. **Errors in premium statements will not be corrected after April 1, 2027.**

4. Checks will be void six months from the date on the check. After six months, all uncashed checks will be voided, and replacement checks will not be issued.

5. If a Social Security Number or Federal ID number is not provided, the Fair will not issue a premium check.

### ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM OPPORTUNITY!!

#### ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUMS:

The Florida State Fair believes in the value and importance of exhibitor participation in all educational opportunities offered through their animal project. Achievement Premiums will be paid in addition to current animal premiums and will reward exhibitors based on their participation in a wide variety of educational events. PLEASE NOTE: Some areas of participation are mandatory, and some are optional.

- All points will be totaled, and exhibitors will be ranked in order of points totals.

#### CHAMPION YOUTH

A Champion Youth Exhibitor will be selected in each age division for each Youth Livestock Show at the Florida State Fair. This exhibitor will be selected based on the highest number of points accumulated. The Champion Youth Exhibitors in each Youth Show will be eligible to receive:

##### SENIOR AGE CATEGORY\*\*

**Champion Youth - \$500.00 cash**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$400.00 cash**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$300.00 cash**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$200.00 cash**

##### INTERMEDIATE AND

**Champion Youth -\$100.00 Cash**

##### JUNIOR CATEGORY

**Champion Youth -\$75.00 Cash**

**Please Note: Only Senior exhibitors will be eligible to qualify for the Champion of Champions contest. Intermediate and Junior exhibitors will only complete the segments of the Skillathon and Record Book Skills Test that are designated for their age levels. See "Champion of Champion Information" on the website for additional information.**

Available achievement premium dollars will be allocated on total points earned. (All points will be totaled and divided by total achievement premium dollars – thus determining a dollar value per point).

PLEASE NOTE: Champion Youth - an exhibitor can only place in the top four - 2 times within a show.

#### CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

### IMPORTANT!!!!

#### CHAMPION YOUTH

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#### CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The top four (4) Senior Exhibitors based on Achievement Premium points will be invited to participate in the Champion of Champions Round Robin competition. See "Champion of Champions" section on the website for additional information.

\*\* Senior exhibitors must compete in the Final Round Robin Champion of Champions Contest to receive cash monies.

PLEASE NOTE: Champion of Champions - an exhibitor can only win 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Champion of Champions Contest 1 time – after that, they will qualify for Achievement Premiums only.

#### SWINE POINT SYSTEM:

Entry submission correct & complete with

|                                                        |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Uploaded Signature Page and <u>online</u> Payment..... | 0 - 10 points  |
| Attend Ear Tagging .....                               | 0 - 30 points  |
| Attend Swine ABC's or YQCA .....                       | 0 - 30 points  |
| Record Book - Mandatory .....                          | 0 - 100 points |
| Record Books Skills Test - Mandatory .....             | 0 - 100 points |
| Skillathon - Mandatory .....                           | 0 - 100 points |
| Showmanship (Jr., Int. & Sr.).....                     | 0 - 100 points |
| Blue .....                                             | 80 points      |
| Red .....                                              | 70 points      |
| White .....                                            | 60 points      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> .....                                  | 20 points      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> .....                                  | 15 points      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> .....                                  | 10 points      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> .....                                  | 5 points       |

Ask Me Talks..... 0 - 100 points

Educational Poster.....0 - 30 points

**600 Total Points Possible**

**Tie breakers will be in this order: 1) Skillathon, 2) Record Book Test and 3) Record Book.**

#### RECORD BOOKS: MANDATORY

1. The 2027 Florida State Fair Youth Swine Record Book is mandatory. Exhibitors that do not complete the record book will forfeit all Achievement Premiums.

2. The **NEW** Swine Record Book (hard copy) is available on the website. Market record books from the past will not be accepted and will result in score of zero if used.





3. Exhibitors must present their record book at check-in. The completed record book must be approved and signed by the 4-H Club Leader, YLPA Representative or FFA Advisor.
4. All Record Books will be scored on a basis of 0 - 100 and points will be added to Achievement Premium points.
5. Record Book will be returned by mail after the Fair.
6. **The ZSuites Record Book will not be available for the 2027 Youth Swine Show.**



### RECORD BOOK SKILLS TEST – MANDATORY

1. A Record Book Skills Test will be given on Friday, February 5, 2027 starting at 1:00 p.m.
2. The test will cover all aspects of record keeping. Juniors will only answer the first 5 questions, Intermediate exhibitors will only answer the first 10 questions. Seniors will answer all 15 questions.
3. This test is mandatory. Exhibitors that do not take the test will forfeit all Achievement Premiums.

### SKILLATHON - MANDATORY

1. A Skillathon will be held in conjunction with the Record Book Skills Test on Friday, February 5, 2027.
2. Study Guides/Skillathon manuals may be downloaded from the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website: [www.floridastatefairag.com](http://www.floridastatefairag.com)
3. The Skillathon is a series of "hands on" stations where students will be asked to perform specific tasks.
4. Juniors will only participate in the Junior level skills, Intermediate exhibitors will participate in the Junior and Intermediate level skills. Seniors will participate in all levels of Skillathon.
5. The Skillathon is mandatory. Exhibitors that do not participate in the Skillathon will forfeit all Achievement Premiums.

### SWINE ABC's - Optional:

1. **PLEASE NOTE:** The All-Species Educational Seminar will not be held as in the past.
2. Exhibitor can receive up to 30 points toward Achievement Premiums for attending the Swine ABC's on **September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Florida State Fairgrounds.**
3. For information and registration, visit our website: [WWW.FLORIDASTATEFAIRAG.COM](http://WWW.FLORIDASTATEFAIRAG.COM).

### YQCA - YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (Alternative to attending the Swine ABC's) -

YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. YQCA is available as an online program for youth everywhere in the United States. YQCA in-person workshops may be available to youth where state 4-H, YLPA or FFA offices or state/national livestock organizations have partnered to have qualified trainers offer in-person workshops.

1. All exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by completing this online certification.
2. A maximum of 30 points can be earned by becoming YQCA certified.
3. YQCA certification information and the on-line training is available at <https://www.yqcaprogram.org/>. **Please be aware that there will be a cost associated with this program.**



4. A copy of exhibitor's YQCA certificate must be emailed to the Agribusiness office on or before January 11, 2027.
5. Contact the Florida State Fair Agribusiness office with any questions at 813-627-4229.

### EDUCATIONAL POSTER

1. Exhibitors can earn additional points toward Achievement Premiums by entering an Educational Poster.
2. The purpose of the posters is to educate the public about the animal industry.
3. Posters must be turned in during designated arrival/check-in.
4. Posters must be removed during the scheduled release times.
5. **Acceptable poster size:**
  - a. 22' x 28'
  - b. 20' x 30x
6. **Acceptable material for poster:**
  - a. Poster board
  - b. Foam board
7. No attachments to poster to extend the acceptable size of poster.
8. Poster attachments must be within the poster size not exceed 1' in depth.
9. Posters must relate to the 2027 Skillathon topic of Nutrition. Posters are not to be on showmanship.
10. Posters are not to be reused for another animal division in current year or future years. Once poster is judged/displayed it is disqualified for additional competition within the current year or future years. Posters are either photograph or marked submitted. Decision of the judge is final.
11. Posters are not to be used for the Ask Me Talks.
12. Other requirements:



- a. Poster must have a title.
  - b. **The poster must have your name and age as of Sept. 1, 2026, on the back in the upper right-hand corner.**
  - c. If the poster is a game/activity it must have instructions and answer key **ON FRONT.**
  - d. If other resources (such as journals or websites) are used, they must be cited on the back of the poster.
13. See page 17 at the end of the Rules and Regulations for the Poster Scoring Rubric
  14. Posters will be disqualified for:
    - a. Incorrect Poster Size
    - b. Not on current year Skillathon topic
    - c. Plagiarism (use of complete article from web or sourcebook).
    - d. Previously judged poster in other category current year or past years.



### SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by participating in the Showmanship Contest.
2. **The Showmanship Contest will be held on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m. in the TECO Arena starting with the Junior Division followed by the Intermediate Division followed by the Senior Division.** This event is optional, but all exhibitors are encouraged to enter.
3. To be eligible to enter the Showmanship contest, all exhibitors must adhere to the Attire Statement on page 7.
4. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
5. There will be 3 age categories based on age as of September 1, 2026.
  - Junior - ages 8 - 10
  - Intermediate - ages 11 - 13
  - Senior - ages 14 and over
6. Exhibitors will be judged on the Danish system for Blue, Red and White awards and will be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> place.
7. Belt Buckles will be awarded to first place winners in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions.

### ASK ME TALKS:

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by participating in the Ask Me Talks.

TOTAL POSSIBLE .....100 POINTS

2. Exhibitors will utilize Sign-Up Genius to sign up for their 20-minute time slot. Registration will be open from January 1, 2027 – January 31, 2027. Times will be selected on a first come, first serve basis. Any changes, corrections, or adjustments to the selected time slot may be made online during the active registration time frame or at Arrival/Check-in.

3. Exhibitors will work/exercise their OWN animal, for the benefit of the public.

4. To receive the full 100 points, exhibitors must present a minimum of 2 minute and maximum of 3 minute talk.

5. **PLEASE NOTE: Topic of Talk must relate to the Skillathon topic of swine Nutrition only.**

6. Written script (of talk) (see Ask Me Talks form) must be turned into the Ask Me monitor at time of talk.

7. Exhibitors are required to be in Official Show Attire or State Fair T-Shirt when doing the Ask Me Talks.

8. Exhibitors whose hogs do not make weight may participate in the Ask Me Talks and receive up to 70 points for all aspects of the contest except Working/Exercise their hog.

9. No posters allowed.

10. See page 15 and 16 at the end of the Rules and Regulations for the Swine Ask Me Talk Form and Scoring Rubric.

#### ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT:

Exhibitors will be mailed, after the Fair, a recap of the total Achievement points earned during the 2027 Florida State Fair. Along with the recap they will be provided with the name and address of two (2) Achievement Premium Sponsors. To receive payment for these points, exhibitors will be required to:

1. Write and mail a Thank You letter to each sponsor.

2. Send a copy of each Thank You letter to the Fair. Checks for Achievement Premiums will be issued when a copy of the Thank You letters to the sponsors has been received. Achievement Premium checks will be voided as of June 30, 2027, if copies of the Thank you letters have not been received. No checks will be mailed after June 30, 2027.

### IMPORTANT!!!!

#### CHAMPION YOUTH

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#### CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The top four (4) Senior Exhibitors based on Achievement Premium points will be invited to participate in the Champion of Champions competition. See "Champion of Champions" section on website for additional information.

#### HERDSMAN AWARD:

A Special Herdsman award will be offered to exhibitors at the Florida State Fair with the purpose of encouraging exhibitors to present a more attractive swine area.

All exhibitors are eligible to compete for this award and exhibitors will be judged daily on the following:

1. Orderliness and cleanliness of service area, exhibitor areas, pens, animals and public walkway.

2. Courtesy of exhibitor.

3. Cooperation with show officials in presenting attractive swine area.

4. Cooperation with show officials during showmanship and show.

#### RELEASE:

1. All exhibitors must continue feeding and caring for their animal until the official release time at 5 p.m. or the completion of the Show on February 7, 2027.

2. Each exhibitor assumes all liability in case of death or injury to his hog until animal is loaded on truck, except as specified under Health Regulations regarding use of drugs.

3. Removal of any animals or exhibits prior to designated release time will cause forfeit of all premiums, won, all fees paid and the right to further participation in the Fair.

#### MARKET SWINE ULTRASOUND CONTEST

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ultrasound Contest will be held in conjunction with the Florida State Fair. We feel that this contest, emphasizing the end product of the pork industry and provides a valuable educational complement to the Florida State Fair Youth Swine Show held during the Fair. At weigh in for the show, all swine will be ultra sounded by a certified technician and the images interpreted and swine will be placed on carcass merit.

#### ULTRASOUND CONTEST PREMIUMS

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Grand Champion .....        | \$100.00 + Banner |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place.....  | \$80.00 + Banner  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place.....  | \$70.00 + Ribbon  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place.....  | \$60.00 + Ribbon  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place.....  | \$50.00 + Ribbon  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Place.....  | \$35.00 + Ribbon  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Place.....  | \$30.00 + Ribbon  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Place.....  | \$25.00 + Ribbon  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Place.....  | \$25.00 + Ribbon  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Place..... | \$25.00 + Ribbon  |

#### A Special Thanks to Perryman Livestock Ultrasound Services, LLC.

For sponsoring Market Swine Ultrasound  
Contest Premiums

#### DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS:

1. The Youth Swine Committee will seek bids to purchase the hogs in order to receive the highest possible price. All hogs will go to the buyer.

2. The Florida State Fair Authority will add additional funds, per pound, depending on the actual sale price received from the buyer. This amount will be determined after sale of the animal.

3. Exhibitors will be paid the actual carcass value of their hog not to exceed 280 lbs.

4. **Due to industry standards in trying to produce an ideal hog for today's packer between 240 and 280 lbs. - the maximum carcass value will be based on 280 pounds. Exhibitors will not be paid for more than 280 lbs.**

5. Checks for payment of animal carcass will be mailed with Achievement Premiums.

#### LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT:

1. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds; either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.

2. The Fair, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements accidents or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein and any other property of any nature, whatsoever.

### **CHARLIE MOORE SCHOLARSHIP**

A scholarship fund has been established in honor of Charlie Moore and his many years of dedication to the Florida State Fair. One recipient will be selected to receive a \$300 scholarship. The money will be awarded in one payment when the Fair receives proper certification that the student is enrolled in some form of continuing education past high school within an accredited College or University.

***See page 18 for application.***

**ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS ARE  
ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE  
FLORIDA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIP,  
AND THE MOSAIC SCHOLARSHIP  
See Rules & Application on website**

### **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER**

1. An official photographer will be designated by the Florida State Fair.
2. Any exhibitor wishing to engage the service of this photographer may get in touch with the photographer through the Agribusiness Office.
3. Photographs of winners and participants will be taken by the Official Photographer for official use in Public Relations.
4. All owners, exhibitors, and herdsman handling such animals are required to cooperate with the photographer.

### **CAMPGROUND:**

**1. PLEASE NOTE: ALL CAMPERS/RVS MUST HAVE A CAMPING PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE USED FOR CAMPING.**

**2. ALL GOLF CARTS MUST HAVE A PERMIT TO BE DRIVEN ON FAIRGROUNDS.**

3. Campground Rules and Reservation Form is available on our website [www.floridastatefairag.com](http://www.floridastatefairag.com)

### **MOTEL ACCOMMODATION:**

1. For motel accommodation information, see our website for the Preferred Hotel List.

### **SHOWERS:**

1. Shower facilities are available on the grounds and will be unlocked for use by exhibitors only!
2. Shower permits will be issued, upon request, to Livestock Exhibitors from the Agribusiness Office.

### **Florida State Fair Authority -Livestock Addendum**

OWNER represents to Florida State Fair Authority ("AUTHORITY") that no animals that are exhibited or otherwise transported onto FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS will in anyway be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold the AUTHORITY, the applicable Show Committee and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents harmless of and from all losses, damages, claims, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees at the trial and appellate levels, actions and causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with, or by reason of this Agreement, the presence of OWNER's livestock at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS, and/or use of FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS including, but not limited to any claim for the death of, or injury to any person or livestock, or damage to, theft of, or destruction of any property arising out of any act or omission of OWNER, OWNER's officers, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, contractors and livestock, violation of any Federal, State and Local environmental laws, rules, ordinances and/or regulations, actions for negligence, wrongful death, torts, defects in the real and personal property at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS and from any alleged liability, cause, litigation or proceeding whatsoever, even if such injury, death, loss or property damage results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of AUTHORITY, or the applicable Show Committee and their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or otherwise. Neither AUTHORITY nor such applicable Show Committee shall be liable to OWNER, or any officer, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, or other contractors, invitees or guests of OWNER for any injury or damage to livestock, person or property. AUTHORITY, its officers or agents, assume no liability for any loss or damage to property (including but not limited to livestock) on account of fire, theft, or any other cause including infectious or contagious diseases. In addition, OWNER acknowledges receiving and agrees to abide by the applicable rules and regulations of the AUTHORITY titled FLORIDA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES AND PRIZE LIST and same are incorporated by reference herein.

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**2027 FLORIDA STATE FAIR  
YOUTH SWINE SHOW SIGNATURE PAGE  
For the 2027 Fair – Entry fees MUST be paid ONLINE!**

**Entry process for the 2027 Youth Swine Show:**

**Step #1: Collect all Mandatory Signatures. (FFA Advisor, 4-H Extension Agent & 4-H Leader or YLPA Representative, Parent and Exhibitor). For the 2027 Fair - Signature Page MUST be uploaded, emailed, faxed or mailed by time of corresponding entry due date to qualify for full points for the Achievement Premium program.**

**Step #2: Go to website at <https://fsf.fairwire.com> and complete the Online Registration on or before 11:59 pm on October 2, 2026. Entries submitted between October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup> will be charged double (\$50) late entry. PLEASE NOTE: When the maximum number of entries is reached (240 exhibitors) – the Online Registration will be closed!!**

**Step #3: The Signature Page can be uploaded in the Livestock Entry Documents link on the website under Registration tab. Exhibitors must submit the document to the Ag Office by the corresponding entry due date to be eligible for full entry points. Exhibitors are able to upload, email, fax or mail to finalize entry process. Email [Ag@FloridaStateFair.com](mailto:Ag@FloridaStateFair.com) or fax page to 813-740-3520.**

Exhibitor's Name or Club or Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/Club \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_ FFA Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_ YLPA Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_

***I hereby certify that the entrant is a bona fide paid and active member of the aforementioned organization.***

**For FFA members - Vo. Ag. Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* This signature is mandatory if showing FFA!

Print Vo-Ag Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

***I hereby certify that the entrant is a bona fide paid member of the aforementioned organization.***

**For 4-H members - 4-H County Extension Agent** \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* This signature is mandatory if showing 4-H!

Print County Extension Agent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

***I hereby certify that the entrant is a bona fide active member of the aforementioned organization and I have reviewed the entry form.***

**For 4-H members – 4-H Leader** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* This signature is mandatory if showing 4-H!

Print 4-H Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

***I hereby certify that the entrant is a bona fide paid and active member of the aforementioned organization.***

**For YLPA members – YLPA Representative** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* This signature is mandatory if showing YLPA!

Print YLPA Presentative Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this animal is intended for exhibition strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Florida State Fair contained in the 2027 Youth Swine show rules by which I, the undersigned, understand & agree to abide by. I also agree to abide by the IAFE National Code of show ring Ethics and the General Disputes Policy as stated in the rules. I agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and video, of me and/or animal in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet site, or other publicity associated with the Florida State Fair. I understand that the 2027 Youth Swine Show is held in conjunction with the 2027 Florida State Fair and agree that the Florida State Fair is not liable or responsible for any delay, change of dates or cancellation of the 2027 Florida State Fair due the following force majeure events: (a) acts of God; (b) flood, fire, earthquake; or (c) other potential disaster(s) or catastrophe(s), such as epidemics, or explosion.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Exhibitor\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* This signature is mandatory!

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent or Guardian\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* This signature is mandatory!

**\*\*Upload complete Signature page at [www.floridastatefairag.com](http://www.floridastatefairag.com), email to [ag@floridastatefair.com](mailto:ag@floridastatefair.com) or mail to:**

Florida State Fair - Youth Swine Show  
PO Box 11766  
Tampa, FL 33680

If you have any questions about this form, please contact Kerri Lefler at 813-627-4337.

*For Office Use Only*

Ear Tag # \_\_\_\_\_

**Breeders Certificate -**  
**Due at Time of Ear Tagging/Tattooing**  
**1 Swine per sheet!!!**

All information below must be completed in its entirety in order to receive your hog's FSF ear tag at the tagging. Certificates will **NOT** be accepted if any information is left blank!

**Exhibitor Name**  
**(Please Print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Purchased** \_\_\_\_\_ **Breed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal ID Tag Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle only one:**      PUREBRED      CROSSBRED

**If purebred, is it registered?**      YES      NO

A copy of swine's registration papers must be hand-delivered to the Agribusiness Office or postmarked by **January 11<sup>th</sup>** to be eligible to show in the purebred division.

**Is this pig being tagged for another fair besides the Florida State Fair?**

YES      NO

**If Yes, which fair?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Breeder** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address**  
**of Breeder** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State & Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**FLORIDA STATE FAIR**  
**Youth Swine**  
**ASK ME TALKS**

The purpose of the Ask Me Talks is to offer the public an opportunity to watch exhibitors working their animals, meet and speak with exhibitors, and give the exhibitors a chance to speak about their project.

1. Exhibitors will be assigned a 20 minute time slot.
2. Exhibitors will work/exercise their own animal, for the benefit of the public, for 20 minutes.
3. To receive full 100 points, exhibitors must present a minimum of 2 minute and maximum of 3 minute talk.
4. Topic of talk must relate to Skillathon topic of Nutrition only. This does not include knot tying and showmanship.
5. Written script (on this form and hand written) must be turned into the Ask Me monitor at time of talk.
6. Use of posters is prohibited.
7. Exhibitors are required to be in Official Show Attire or State Fair T-shirts when doing the Ask Me Talk.
8. Exhibitors whose hogs do not make weight may participate in the Ask Me Talks and receive up to 70 points for all aspects of the contest except Working/Exercise their hog.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior (8-10) \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate (11-13) \_\_\_\_\_ Senior (14 and older) \_\_\_\_\_

**SCRIPT – Hand written:**

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

## SWINE ASK ME TALK SCORING RUBRIC

|                                       | <b>21-30 Points</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>11-20 Points</b>                                                                                                                                               | <b>6-10 Points</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>0-5 Points</b>                                                                                                   | <b>Points</b>    |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b><i>Working Hog in the Ring</i></b> | <p>Walks and moves hog around the ring in an orderly fashion; maintains control of animal.</p> <p>Presents hog to judge at least once.</p> <p>Talking with the public is encouraged</p> | <p>Walks and moves hog around ring; maintains control on animal.</p>                                                                                              | <p>May walk or move hog around ring, but whips hog or sits on the rail.</p> <p>Chatting with friends and not paying attention to hog</p>                                          | <p>Stands still and does not demonstrate control over hog. May run into other animals or exhibitors.</p>            | <p>____ / 30</p> |
|                                       | <b>15-20 Points</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>10-15 Points</b>                                                                                                                                               | <b>5-10 Points</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>0-5 Points</b>                                                                                                   |                  |
| <b><i>Written Script</i></b>          | <p>Script is presented on correct form and is legible.</p>                                                                                                                              | <p>Script is on correct form but may not be legible.</p>                                                                                                          | <p>Script is not on correct form. Typed</p>                                                                                                                                       | <p>Parent written. No script.</p>                                                                                   | <p>____ / 20</p> |
| <b><i>Presentation</i></b>            | <p>Script is delivered in a professional and enthusiastic manner.</p> <p>All facts are accurate.</p>                                                                                    | <p>Script is delivered in a professional manner.</p> <p>Some facts may not be accurate.</p>                                                                       | <p>Script is delivered in a less than professional manner.</p> <p>Most facts may not be accurate.</p>                                                                             | <p>Script is read.</p> <p>May not be on current skillathon topic.</p>                                               | <p>____ / 20</p> |
|                                       | <b>9-10 Points</b>                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>6-8 Points</b>                                                                                                                                                 | <b>3-5 Points</b>                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>0-2 Points</b>                                                                                                   |                  |
| <b><i>Attire</i></b>                  | <p>Dressed neatly and professionally.</p> <p>Wearing official FFA, YLPA or 4-H attire, or a fair t-shirt.</p>                                                                           | <p>Dressed neatly and professionally.</p>                                                                                                                         | <p>Dirty or ripped clothing.</p> <p>May only be partially wearing official FFA, YLPA or 4-H attire.</p>                                                                           | <p>Not dressed appropriately.</p> <p>Is <b>not</b> wearing official FFA, YLPA or 4-H attire, or a fair t-shirt.</p> | <p>____ / 10</p> |
| <b><i>Timing</i></b>                  | <p>Talk is between 2-3 minutes in length.</p>                                                                                                                                           | <p>Talk is more than 3 minutes in length.</p>                                                                                                                     | <p>Talk is 1-2 minutes in length.</p>                                                                                                                                             | <p>Talk is less than 1 minute in length.</p>                                                                        | <p>____ / 10</p> |
| <b><i>Creativity</i></b>              | <p>Use of skillathon topic is unique and may or may not include a personal aspect.</p> <p>It is evident that much time was spent in developing this talk.</p>                           | <p>Use of skillathon topic is not unique and may or may not include a personal aspect.</p> <p>It is evident that some time was spent in developing this talk.</p> | <p>It is evident that this talk was delivered spontaneously and was not prepared prior to giving it.</p> <p>It is evident that little time was spent in developing this talk.</p> | <p>Not on current skillathon topic</p>                                                                              | <p>____ / 10</p> |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Possible total 100</b>                                                                                           |                  |

This rubric lists the criteria for the scoring tool for the judging of the Swine Ask Me Talks. It was developed to inform you as to how your Talk was evaluated. Showmanship is not considered a topic you may use for the Talks.

## FSF 2027 Educational Poster Rubric

This rubric outlines the criteria for judging your poster and serves as the judges' scoring tool.  
It was developed to inform you how your poster was evaluated.

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| <b>Required Elements</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Size</b> – 22”x28” 20”x30” – less than 1” thick</li> <li>• <b>Front</b> – Poster title, current skillathon topic, Game/activity must include directions and answers on the front.</li> <li>• <b>Back</b> – name and age as of 9/1/2026</li> <li>• <b>Resources citation</b> – examples:<br/>           *Citation of Online Resource Name/Title – URL Link<br/>           Ex: Florida State Fair Boer Goat Skillathon Manual - <a href="https://floridastatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Goat-Skillathon-2026-Health-and-Wellness-FINAL.pdf">https://floridastatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Goat-Skillathon-2026-Health-and-Wellness-FINAL.pdf</a><br/>           **Citation of Professional Contact – Full Name, Area of Expertise, Date of Contact<br/>           Ex: Professional Contact – John Brown, Swine Nutritionist, November 9, 2026<br/>           ***Put quotation marks (“ ”) around any words you copy exactly and say where you got them from so everyone knows it is not your own writing.<br/>           Ex: “Water is the most essential nutrient and is involved in all body functions.” – 2027 Florida State Fair Poultry Skillathon Manual.</li> </ul> | /5  |
| <b>Layout and Design</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gets the attention of the person viewing the poster.</li> <li>• Labels are used and visible from 3 feet away.</li> <li>• Well organized, use of space, and clear.</li> <li>• Graphics are neat, concise, and large enough to be seen easily.</li> <li>• All components must be securely attached to the board. No push pins or protruding staples.</li> <li>• No BRAND names.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | /5  |
| <b>Degree of Difficulty/Effort</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effort</li> <li>• Planning</li> <li>• Subject topics reflect age division topics</li> <li>• Grammar and spelling</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | /5  |
| <b>Educational Component</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informs the public.</li> <li>• Take what you have learned and explain it clearly in your own words.</li> <li>• Uses charts, models, or supplies to help explain the topic (Note: anything attached cannot exceed 1 inch or be harmful)</li> <li>• Graphics are appropriate to add clarity/meaning to the understanding of the poster.</li> <li>• Information is correct and current.</li> <li>• Clear learning message.</li> <li>• Logical flow of information that adds meaning to the content of the poster.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | /15 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | /30 |

Keep in mind that the poster should assist in youth readiness. The content should directly prepare the youth for the hands-on assessment. *Updated: June 2026*

DQ: See above for size and thickness. All others will be DQ.

DQ: Not the current Skillathon topic

DQ: Previously judged posters in another category, current year, or past years.

DQ: Plagiarism (Use of others' images or words) For example: Copying the skillathon manual, a website, magazine, etc. and gluing it on the poster, etc. Not using quotation marks and citing resource at the quote. AI generated poster will be DQ.

**Florida State Fair  
Youth Swine Show**

**CHARLIE MOORE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
(High School Seniors Only)**

**Application deadline:  
FEBRUARY 4, 2027, by 3:00 p.m.**

**Instructions:** Please complete this application as thoroughly as possible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

4H Club, YLPA Club, or FFA Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, on a separate page, please describe your:

1. Career Plans: Describe your future education and career plans.
2. Student Activities: Summarize your school activities (begin with the most important and include offices you've held).
3. Community Activities: List community activities and describe your involvement in each.
4. Swine Activities: Describe how exhibiting swine has made a positive impact in your life.
5. References: Attach references from two adults who are not related to you.