

# ***CHAMPION ANIMALS AND CHAMPION YOUTH PROGRAM culminating in the CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS COMPETITION***

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The Florida State Fair is continuing our unique Champion Animals and Champion Youth Program. This concept will continue to recognize and reward Champion animals, which were the original foundation of livestock competitions and Fairs. In addition, this program will also recognize and reward Champion Youth, which will be based on the exhibitor's participation and achievement.

Premiums will be awarded in 2 categories:

1. The Fair will continue to pay traditional premiums based on animal placings
2. The Fair will introduce Achievement Premiums based on exhibitor participation

## **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. Points will be accumulated by each exhibitor throughout the program for each event they participate in and Achievement Premium monies will be rewarded proportionately for their involvement.

## **CHAMPION ANIMALS**

The Florida State Fair believes in the tradition of Livestock competitions and the importance of genetics, breeding, and husbandry in producing a Grand Champion animal.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Individuals may enter a maximum of 2 Youth Shows at the Florida State Fair.

## **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 Cash Award

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$375 Cash Award

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$250 Cash Award

4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$125 Cash Award

### **INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR CATEGORY**

Champion Youth - \$50 Cash Award

\*\* Senior exhibitors must compete in the Champion of Champions Contest to receive Cash Awards.



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

**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 skilathon and record book skills test that are designated for their age level.**

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

### **CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**

The top 4 Senior Exhibitors in each Youth Show (based on total points) will be invited to participate in the Champion of Champions competition.

The Champion of Champions competition will be held on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Each exhibitor will compete in a round-robin contest that will include any of the following species of animals:

- Steer
- Goat
- Swine
- Dairy
- Sheep
- Beef
- Rabbit
- Poultry

Each station will be worth 100 points. Each Exhibitor will be given a score for each station. Stations will consist of skills outlined in Skilathon Book for each show or actual showing of animal of that specie.

Points will be totaled and the "Champion of Champions" will receive:

Champion of Champions	- \$1,500 Cash Award
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	- \$1,250 Cash Award
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	- \$1,000 Cash Award
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	- \$ 750 Cash Award
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	- \$ 500 Cash Award
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	- \$ 250 Cash Award

**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.