

Outstanding Market Exhibitor Program

1. Seven different Outstanding Market Exhibitor (OME) programs are offered, including one per specie each for swine, sheep, beef, dairy feeder, goat, rabbit, and poultry. Any 4-H or FFA member who enrolls in a market project for any of these areas is eligible for the Outstanding Market Exhibitor program for that specie(s). Participation in the OME program is not a requirement to show at the fair or to complete a project.

2. Points towards the OME program will be accumulated by the youth in the following areas:

1) Skillathon (including record book), **2) Showmanship**, **3) Live Market Show**

**All youth who participate in Skillathon and are enrolled in a market project will automatically be included in this program, unless the youth tells us otherwise.*

**Competitors scores are ONLY compared against other competitors in that specie.*

3. Points will be earned on the following basis:

- 100 points possible for each category listed above ---- TOTAL points possible = 300
 - Skillathon scores are out of a possible 100 points – participants will receive points earned.
 - Showmanship points will be earned based on class placing for each age division.
 - Youth are not required to use a market animal in showmanship.
 - Must follow Junior Showmanship guidelines as listed in the Perry Co. Fair Book
 - Grand Champion for each age division = 100 pts.
 - Reserve Champion for each age division = 95 pts.
 - 3rd Place in each age division = 90 pts.
 - 4th Place in each age division = 80 pts.
 - 5th Place in each age division = 70 pts.
 - All other participants = 60 pts.
 - Last year's Senior Showmanship winners will receive full points (100 pts.)
 - Live Show points will be earned based on class placing in the Market Class.
 - Grand Champion = 100 pts.
 - Reserve Champion = 95 pts.
 - Class Champion = 90 pts.
 - Reserve Class Champion = 85 pts.
 - 3rd Place in class = 80 pts.
 - 4th Place in class = 70 pts.
 - 5th Place in class = 60 pts.
 - All other participants = 50 pts.
- Exhibitors may compete in more than one area if they are enrolled in market projects for multiple species.
- Youth entered as FFA members must bring an up-to-date Animal Enterprise Record Book to the Skillathon in place of the 4-H Livestock Record Book. **Members must complete their own books.**
- TIE BREAKERS: If a tie exists for Outstanding Market Exhibitor, the following procedure will be used to break ties: 1st: skillathon placing/total score; 2nd: showmanship placing; 3rd: live placing.
- Current Outstanding Market Exhibitors must sit out one year before competing again for the same species.
**Exception – As with Sr. Showmanship, LAST year exhibitors are still eligible to compete.*

Award for the Outstanding Market Exhibitor in each species will be an embroidered chair which will be presented when winners are announced on Friday evening during the Showman of Showmen contest.

***Additionally** - If selling the animal they used for the OME contest, the Outstanding Market Exhibitor for that specie will sell along with the Champion animals at the beginning of their specie during the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Exhibitors and buyers will receive comparable photo/banner recognition.

Sponsors: Local sponsors are needed for this outstanding recognition program to continue annually. If your business or organization is interested in sponsoring, please contact the OSU Extension Office @ 740-743-1602.

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