

AFR AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

Friday, March 6, 2026

Pre-entry forms due to State AFR Office

11:59 p.m.

Friday, March 13, 2026

AFR Cattle Showmanship – Barn 8 Arena

AFR Swine Showmanship Video Due

11:00 a.m.

Immediately following OCA Futurity Heifer Show

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Written Test – Performance Arena

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

*AFR Sheep Showmanship – State Fair
Arena, Ring 2*

Immediately following OYE Sheep Showmanship 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, 2026

*AFR Goat Showmanship - Super Barn Arena
*Top Twenty Posted Immediately following
goat showmanship. **

Immediately following OYE Goat Showmanship 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 19, 2026

*The Top Ten will be Interviewed – State Fair
Arena - Top 20 Awards presented in OG&E
Coliseum*

2:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To recognize Oklahoma youth who have an interest in livestock, excel in showmanship skills and have knowledge of the livestock industry to include production, management, processing, and product utilization.
2. To stimulate excellence and a quest for knowledge that will result in the development of leadership skills applicable to the livestock industry.

ELIGIBILITY:

Competition will be limited to 4-H & FFA members exhibiting breeding or market beef, sheep, swine or goat at the 2026 Oklahoma Youth Expo and who are classified as high school juniors or seniors.

ENTRY:

Pre-entry forms are available through AFR Cooperative, the Oklahoma Youth Expo, Agricultural Education Teachers and OSU County Extension Offices. Entries must be submitted to AFR Youth Program by March 6, 2026 or OYE Website. If an exhibitor is exhibiting livestock in more than one species, then a choice of showmanship species must be indicated on the entry form. If exhibitors are only exhibiting swine, they can choose a different species even if they do not own the livestock **OR** they can submit a swine showmanship video by the date listed above.

EVALUATION:

1. **Written Exam (40%) -**
 - All participants will take a written exam:
 - 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15 – Performance Arena
 - Questions will pertain to all phases of the livestock industry.
 - CIMC Animal Science Curriculum - 3rd Edition, CIMC Introduction to Agriscience, BQA Manuals and breed association manuals and information will be used in selecting test questions. All questions will be age appropriate for youth in the range of 16-19 years old.

2. **Showmanship (20%) -**
 - Each participant will be evaluated on showmanship ability in one class. Each participant must show an animal they have entered in OYE. No substitute animals will be allowed. The AFR Showmanship contest will begin at the conclusion of the OYE Showmanship contest for each species. Swine exhibitors should upload a 1:30-3 minute video to Youtube and share the link to afryouth@arfmic.com by March 13.
 - Cattle Showmanship – Barn 8 Arena – Friday, March 13
 - Sheep Showmanship – State Fair Arena, Ring 2 – Tuesday, March 17
 - Goat Showmanship – Super Barn Arena – Thursday, March 29

3. **Interview (40%) -**
 - 10-minute interviews will be held on Thursday, March 20 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The top 10 exhibitors will be contacted by AFR Staff to set up an interview time. OYE show attire is suggested.
 - **OFFICIAL DRESS IS NOT REQUIRED!**
 - The ten youths with the highest total scores combining points from showmanship evaluation and the written exam will be interviewed by a panel of individuals representing various segments of the livestock industry.
 - Questions will pertain to the applicant's livestock project and the agriculture industry.

AWARDS:

TOP 20 AWARDS:

1 st - \$1,200	2 nd - \$1,100	3 rd - \$1,000	4 th - \$800	5 th - \$700
6 th - \$550	7 th - \$450	8 th - \$400	9 th - \$400	10 th - \$400
11 th - \$350	12 th - \$350	13 th - \$350	14 th - \$350	15 th - \$350
16 th - \$250	17 th - \$250	18 th - \$250	19 th - \$250	20 th - \$250

EACH OF THE TOP 20 FINALISTS WILL RECEIVE CASH AWARDS

The top 10 finalists will be contacted to schedule their interviews. Participants who place 11th-20th will be notified to visit the AFR Youth booth to complete paperwork.

Selection for the 11th to 20th spots will be based on their written exam and showmanship scores. The top 10 finalists will advance to the interview round, with their final placements determined by the interview judges.

For questions about the AFR Ag Achievement Contest, please contact AFR Cooperative at 405-218-5556 or afryouth@arfmic.com