

OUTSTANDING MARKET EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

1. To be eligible for the Outstanding Market Exhibitor (OME) in market poultry (market chicken and market turkey), market goats, market lambs, barrows, and market beef, exhibitors must participate in the in-person Skillathon and use their own animal in showmanship and the live animal show for each species entered. Youth must exhibit a market animal to compete in their corresponding species OME program. Youth do not need to pre-register for the OME on the Ohio State Fair junior entry form.

2. Market poultry (market chicken and market turkey), market goat, market lamb, barrow, and market beef exhibitors must place in their respective class of the live animal, Junior Division show to be eligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor.

3. Exhibitors who have achieved the above requirements and who have placed in the top 10 of their age class for showmanship and in-person Skillathon will have these two (2) rankings added together with the live animal ranking to determine their OME score. Since the poultry, goat, sheep, swine, and beef Skillathons include both market and breeding/dairy exhibitors, the OME scores for Skillathon will be awarded based on the exhibitors' placings among the market exhibitors in their respective age division classes.

4. Youth will be required to exhibit their knowledge across four (4) subject matter stations in the Skillathon. The four station topics will be posted approximately June 15 at www.go.osu.edu/osfskillathons on the respective species' Skillathon page.

5. For the possibility of achieving the maximum potential score on the records section of the Skillathon, youth must bring their current year's completed record book.

6. Refer to the separate **SKILLATHON** and **RECORD BOOK CONTEST** rules for more specific details about each contest.

7. If tied for Outstanding Market Exhibitor, the following procedure will be used to break ties:

- 1st: Total score of common Skillathon stations
- 2nd: Record book score
- 3rd: Showmanship age division placing
- 4th: Live animal class placing
- 5th: Skillathon Station No. 2 score
- 6th: Skillathon Station No. 3 score
- 7th: Skillathon Station No. 4 score
- 8th: Interview by 4-H Representative, FFA Representative, and Ohio State Fair Representative.

8. Complaints must be submitted in the form of an email by August 31 to the State 4-H Office at 4HAnimalScience@osu.edu.

SKILLATHON DATES

Poultry

Wednesday, August 4, 4:00 – 8:00pm
Rabbit/Poultry Pavilion

Goat

Friday, August 6, 9:00am – 12:00pm
Voinovich Livestock Center Mezzanine (2nd floor)

Sheep

Thursday, August 5, 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Brown Arena Wool Room

Swine

Thursday, August 5, 9:00am – 1:00pm
Voinovich Livestock Center Mezzanine (2nd floor)

Beef

Friday, August 6, 1:00 – 5:00pm
Voinovich Livestock Center Mezzanine (2nd floor)

AWARDS

Outstanding Market Exhibitor age finalists (8/9-18 years old) in market poultry (market chickens and market turkeys), market goats, market lambs, barrows, and market beef will receive awards sponsored by the **Ohio State Fair** (50 awards).

The top three overall Outstanding Market Exhibitors in each species category (market poultry [market chickens and market turkeys] market goats, market lambs, barrows, and market beef) will be selected from the 10 age champions (8/9-18) and will receive cash scholarships from the **Youth Reserve Program**.

Ohio's County Journal will award director chairs to the one, overall Outstanding Market Exhibitor across age finalists in market poultry (market chickens and market turkeys), market lambs, market goats, barrows, and market beef (5 awards).