



2025 Georgia 4-H State Horse Show Additional Educational Contest Rules



**** 4-H'ers do NOT have to own a horse or be entered in the State 4-H Horse Show to compete in these contests****

Attached are the official rules and applications for the following educational equine competitions:

- Individual Demonstration Contest (Method) *
- Team Demonstration Contest (Method)*
- Public Speaking Contest *
- Horse Drawing Contest
- Horse Painting Contest
- Horse Essay Contest
- Horse Photography Contest

****First and second place Senior winners are eligible to compete in Southern Regionals in August. NOTE: Georgia youth may compete in a maximum of Two educational contests at Southern Regionals in a single year.***

Purpose & Objectives:

The Georgia 4-H State Horse Show Educational Contests develop necessary skills, such as self-motivation, confidence, and responsibility; while providing 4-H members in the Horse project an opportunity to exhibit knowledge of their horse project through art, writing, visual aids, and speech.

Eligibility:

This competition is open to Cloverleaf, Juniors and Seniors. Seniors are 9th - 12th grade, Juniors are 7th - 8th and Cloverleaf's are 4th - 6th grade. Eligibility is determined by the grade level during the 2024 - 2025 school year. 4-H'ers do not have to own a horse or be entered in the State Horse Show to compete in these contests. ***Age divisions are set to comply with Georgia 4-H State Horse Show eligibility guidelines.***

Deadline:

April 29, 2025: All entries should be brought to the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office.

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- ii. Did the discussion relate directly to each step as it was shown?
 - iii. Was each step shown just as it should be done in an actual situation, or was an explanation given for discrepancies?
 - iv. Could the audience see each step?
 - v. Were materials and equipment carefully selected, neatly arranged and well-organized?
 - vi. Were charts and posters used if and when needed?
 - vii. Were the key points for each step stressed?
 - c. Content and Accuracy (25 Points)
 - i. Were facts and information presented accurately?
 - ii. Was enough information presented about the subject?
 - iii. Were approved practices used?
 - iv. Was credit given to the sources of information if it was appropriate?
 - v. Was the content appropriately related to the horse industry?
 - d. Stage Presence (10 Points)
 - i. Was the presenter neat and appropriately dressed for the subject of demonstration?
 - ii. Did the presenter speak directly to and look at the camera/audience?
 - iii. Was the presentation too fast or too slow?
 - e. Delivery (15 Points)
 - i. Did the presenter appear to enjoy giving the presentation?
 - ii. Did the presenter have good voice control?
 - iii. Were all words pronounced correctly?
 - iv. If notes were used, was it done without distracting from the speech?
 - v. Did the presenter seem to choose words at the times they were spoken instead of memorizing the presentation?
 - f. Summary (15 Points)
 - i. Was the summary short and interesting?
 - ii. Were the key points briefly reviewed?
 - iii. Did the summary properly wrap up the presentation?
6. Contestants may use notes. Excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judge or judges.
 7. No live animals may be used.
 8. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their demonstration. This will not be counted in the allotted time.
 9. All materials and props must be provided by the contestant.
 10. Ties will be broken by: (1) the accumulated delivery score, (2) the accumulated organization score, or (3) the accumulated Content and Accuracy scores.

METHOD DEMONSTRATION CONTEST (INDIVIDUAL) -- Same rules and scorecard as Team Contest.

Exceptions:

1. This is an individual contest.
2. Presentations should be 6-9 minutes in length for Cloverleaf 4-H'ers (4th - 6th grade) and 9 - 12 minutes in length for Junior 4-H'ers (7th - 8th grade) and Senior 4-H'ers (9th - 12th grade). One point per judge will be deducted from the score for every minute or fraction of a minute under or over the time limits.

Participants must choose to either participate in Method Demonstration (Individual) or Public Speaking (Individual); they cannot participate in both.

2025 GEORGIA STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Eligibility: All participants in the contest must be active 4-H members, certified by their County Extension Staff member's signature on the application. The member does not have to own a horse, but must be involved in the 4-H Horse Program. Participants may be cloverleaf, junior or senior 4-H members. Their eligibility is determined by their grade level during the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Entry Information: Public Speaking and Individual/Team presentations will be judged in-person on June 4, 2025. Presentation times and locations will be announced by May 27. Presentations will not begin before 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Subject matter of speeches must pertain to the horse industry.
2. 7-10 minutes will be allowed each speaker. Three points will be deducted from the total score on each judge's score sheet for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes.
3. Contestants may use notes. Notes must be printed or written on paper or note cards. Electronic devices, such as tablets are not to be used by contestants during their speeches. Excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judge or judges.
4. Consideration and points on the scorecard will be:
 - a. Introduction (10 Points)
 - i. Did the introduction create interest in the subject?
 - ii. Was introduction short and to the point?
 - b. Organization (25 Points)
 - i. Was only one main idea presented?
 - ii. Did the presentation fully develop the main idea with supporting information?
 - iii. Were the key points for the topic stressed?
 - iv. Could the audience understand the subject matter?
 - c. Content and Accuracy (25 Points)
 - i. Were facts and information presented accurately?
 - ii. Was enough information presented about the subject?
 - iii. Were approved practices discussed?
 - iv. Was credit given to the sources of information if it was appropriate?
 - v. Was the content appropriately related to the horse industry?
 - d. Stage Presence (10 Points)
 - i. Was the presenter neat and appropriately dressed for the subject of demonstration?
 - ii. Did the presenter speak directly to and look at the camera/audience?
 - iii. Was the presentation too fast or too slow?
 - e. Delivery (15 Points)
 - i. Did the presenter appear to enjoy giving the presentation?
 - ii. Did the presenter have good voice control?
 - iii. Were all words pronounced correctly?
 - iv. If notes were used, was it done without distracting from the speech?
 - v. Did the presenter seem to choose words at the times they were spoken instead of memorizing the presentation?
 - f. Summary (15 Points)
 - i. Was the summary short and interesting?
 - ii. Were the key points briefly reviewed?
 - iii. Did the summary properly wrap up the presentation?
5. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their speech. This will not be counted in the allotted time.
6. No visual aids or posters are allowed.
7. Ties will be broken by: (1) the accumulated delivery score, (2) the accumulated organization score, or (3) the accumulated Content and Accuracy scores.

Participants must choose to either participate in Method Demonstration (Individual) or Public Speaking; they cannot participate in both.

**2025 STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW
APPLICATION FOR
DEMONSTRATION CONTEST and PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST
Online Deadline for entries: April 29, 2025**

Deadline: All entries should be brought to the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 29, 2025.

CIRCLE ONE: Cloverleaf Division 4 th - 6 th Grade	Junior Division 7 th - 8 th Grades	Senior Division 9 th - 12 th Grades
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CIRCLE ONE: Individual Demonstration	Team Demonstration	Public Speaking
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PHONE _____ GRADE IN SCHOOL (2024-2025 year) _____

4-H Member

Parent / Guardian

County Extension Staff

***ALL 3 SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED**

2025 GEORGIA STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW DRAWING CONTEST RULES AND ENTRY FORM

Objectives:

- To encourage the 4-H member to broaden his or her horizons and utilize creative talent within the Horse Project.
- To increase awareness of the Horse Project through drawing exhibitions.

Regulations:

1. Only one entry per exhibitor permitted. All exhibits are to be original works of the exhibitor and relate to the Horse and Pony Project.
2. Suggested size: minimum 9" x 12" and maximum 18" x 24". This indicates the finished matted size. Those exceeding the maximum will be disqualified.
3. Media used: pencil, chalk, charcoal, pen and ink, or pastels. All images must be hand-drawn. Use of technology to create, enhance or alter the image is NOT permitted.
4. Presentation: all work must be matted/framed with suitable matting board, with a maximum 3" boarder. Recommended matting boards: Crescent, Alphamat, and Bainbridge brand name matting board. **No glass allowed. No frames allowed.** No captions permitted.
5. All items must include on the back: name, district, county, division, and grade. (No signatures or identification will be allowed on the front of the artwork.)
6. Entries failing to conform to contest rules will be disqualified.
7. All essay, art and photography entries should be brought to the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 29, 2025.

Evaluation Criteria:

Originality, Use of Imagination, and Creativity	20 points
Composition, Balance, Harmony, and Overall Design	20 points
Craftsmanship, Completed Appearance, and Neatness	20 points
Use of Materials, Skill Level and Appropriate Selection	20 points
Presentation, Matte- General Appearance	20 points

All essay, art and photography entries should be brought to the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 29, 2025.

CIRCLE ONE:	Cloverleaf Division 4 th - 6 th Grades	Junior Division 7 th - 8 th Grades	Senior Division 9 th - 12 th Grades
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4-H Member

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2025 GEORGIA STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW PAINTING CONTEST RULES AND ENTRY FORM

Objectives:

- To encourage the 4-H member to apply artistic talent within the Horse and Pony Project.
- To increase knowledge and skill in equine-related painting.
 - To learn the value of developing visual exhibits in areas of specific interest.

Regulations:

1. Only one entry per exhibitor permitted. All exhibits are to be original works of the Exhibitor and relate to the Horse and Pony Project.
2. Suggested Size: minimum 9" x 12" and maximum 18" x 24". This indicates the finished matted size. Those exceeding the maximum size will be disqualified.
3. Media used: watercolor, acrylic, oil, or tempera paints (cloverleaf and juniors only). Mixed-media is acceptable in this category. Use of technology to create, enhance or alter the image is NOT permitted.
4. Presentation: all work must be matted with suitable matting board, with a maximum 3" border. All oil and acrylic must have a suitable frame for hanging or setting up the work. Recommended matting boards: Crescent, Alphamat, and Bainbridge brand name matting board. No glass allowed. No frames allowed. No captions permitted.
5. All items must include on the back: name, district, county, division, and grade. (No names can appear on the front of the artwork.)
6. Entries failing to conform to contest rules will be disqualified.
7. All essay, art and photography entries should be brought to the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 29, 2025.

Evaluation Criteria:

Originality, use of Imagination, and Creativity.....	20 points
Composition, Balance, Harmony, and Overall Design.....	20 points
Craftsmanship, Completed Appearance, and Neatness.....	20 points
Use of Materials, Skill Level and Appropriate Selection.....	20 points
Presentation, Matte- General Appearance.....	20 points

All essay, art and photography entries should brought to the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 29, 2025.

CIRCLE ONE: Cloverleaf Division 4 th - 6 th Grades	Junior Division 7 th - 8 th Grades	Senior Division 9 th - 12 th Grades
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4-H Member

Parent / Guardian

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All essay, art and photography entries should brought to the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 29, 2025.

2025 GEORGIA STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW ESSAY CONTEST RULES AND ENTRY FORM

Objectives:

- Encourage youths to gain better contact and use of the English language.
- Stimulate youths to expand their horse knowledge and learn how to use and interpret resources available on different subjects.
- Recognize youths who have studied hard and can express their ideas through writing.

Regulations:

1. Only one essay per youth permitted.
2. Essays will be limited to 1000 words maximum with a minimum of 200 words for Cloverleaf and Junior essays and a minimum of 500 words for Senior essays.
3. Essays may be typed (double-spaced) or written legibly in ink. Please ensure that any scanned, hand-written copies are clear and easily readable.
4. Essays will be judged on the following basis:

Content.....	50 points
Creativity and Expression.....	15 points
Originality.....	10 points
Grammar.....	15 points
Neatness.....	10 points
5. Essays must be related to horses or the horse industry. Essays not conforming to topic guidelines will be disqualified.
6. Essays must include a separate title page with the following information:
 - a. Title of Essay
 - b. First and Last Name
 - c. Address
 - d. County
 - e. District
 - F. Division
7. The title page will be removed before the essays are judged - no names, counties, etc., will appear on the essays. PLEASE NOTE: The title of the essay must also appear on the actual body of the paper without the contestant's name, county, district, etc...
8. All essay, art and photography entries should be brought to the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 29, 2025.

CIRCLE ONE:	Cloverleaf Division 4 th - 6 th Grades	Junior Division 7 th - 8 th Grades	Senior Division 9 th - 12 th Grades
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2025 GEORGIA STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST RULES AND ENTRY FORM

CONTEST INFORMATION:

- The Georgia 4-H Horse Photography Contest is open to all cloverleaf, junior and senior 4-H'ers.
- This is a great way to share your photographs related to the equine industry. We hope the photography contest entries will express creativity in communicating 4-H and horses to exhibit viewers. You do not need an expensive camera to capture a winning photo!

PHOTO CONTEST RULES:

1. Entry must be a single photograph or digital photo. No photo stories will be accepted. **Do not re-submit photos from previous years.**
2. There will be two divisions: 1.) Color photography and 2.) Black and White photography. A 4-H'er may submit only one entry per division in their age category.
3. Photos must not be edited, altered or computer enhanced. By signing on the entry form, participants, parents and extension staff certify that these conditions are met.
4. The body condition and overall fitness of equine subjects in any submitted pictures should be appropriate. Entries not conforming to guidelines will be disqualified.
5. All essay, art and photography entries should be brought to the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 29, 2025.

Evaluation Criteria:

Originality, use of Imagination, and Creativity.....20 points
 Composition, Balance, Harmony, and Overall Design..... 30 points
 Lighting, Exposure and Brightness of Image 20 points
 Focus, Appropriate Theme or Mood..... 20 points
 Uniqueness and Relevancy.....10 points

CIRCLE ONE:	Cloverleaf Division 4 th - 6 th Grades	Junior Division 7 th - 8 th Grades	Senior Division 9 th - 12 th Grades
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CIRCLE ONE:	Color Photography	Black & White Photography
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