

SFT Contest Entry Checklist

Participants and parents – please read through the Exhibitor Handbook THOROUGHLY to be sure you understand the rules and guidelines for all events you are entering. Double check that you are submitting the correct documents and forms as listed in the handbook (not just on this document), be sure you understand the schedule and location of your events, and note that deadlines you see on websites/handbooks are for the Extension Office and are different than the deadlines for you as participants.

Individual entries

For participants entering any individual-based contest or event, each youth must have the following:

- Official entry worksheet
 - Top section completely filled out
 - SSN is required
 - Quality Counts number is not required
 - For County/FFA Chapter, list “Williamson County 4-H” NOT the club name
 - Circled each individual contest the youth is participating in
 - If competing on an Ag ID team (not as an individual) do not mark this box – this is only if you are competing as an individual
 - Public Speaking Topic or Ag Science Fair Category checked (if applicable)
 - If you want a parking pass or additional gate passes, mark those boxes
- W-9 Form/Statement of Originality will be sent electronically by SFT and must be signed for each exhibitor
- Complete payment
 - Total your individual amount for all individual events you’re entering plus any additional parking or gate passes if applicable
 - Include exact cash or a check made payable to “Stock Show Coalition”

Additional Information for Individual Events

In addition to the documents above, some contests require additional documents at the time of entry or have a different process. See below for details on these individual events.

Agricultural Science Fair – Additional Documents Required

- AgriScience Fair Form
- Research Manuscript
- Statement of Originality
- Notice of Safety & Hazardous Materials

- SAFETY & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (CIRCLE)

This project involves the following and had prior approval before experimentation:*

- Human Subjects
 - Controlled Substances
 - Recombinant DNA
 - Pathogenic Agents
 - Non-Human Vertebrate Animals
 - Human or Animal Tissue
 - Chemicals (i.e., hazardous, flammable, explosive or highly toxic: carcinogens, mutagens and all pesticides) I have reviewed with the student the Safety Sheet for each chemical that was used. I also reviewed the proper safety standard for each chemical including toxicity data, proper handling techniques, and disposal methods. (For Safety in Academic Chemistry Laboratories, write to the American Chemical Society, Career Publications: 1155 16th Street, Washington, DC 20036; 202-872-4512)
 - Equipment (i.e., welders, voltage greater than 220 volts) I have reviewed with the student proper operational procedures and safety precautions for the equipment.
 - Firearms. I have reviewed with the student the proper safety standards for firearms use.
 - Radiation (i.e., x-ray or nuclear, unshielded ionizing radiation of 100-400nm wavelength) I have reviewed with the student the proper safety methods concerning the type of radiation the student used prior to experimentation..
 - Radioactive Substances. I have reviewed the proper safety standards for each radioactive substance with the student prior to experimentation.
 - None
- List all the hazardous substances used. Include all safety precautions taken and proper disposal procedures:

NOTE: This contest has a notification of advancement. The list of contestants, along with age division and project division, who will compete on contest day will be posted on the SFT website no later than one week prior to contest day. See handbook for additional details on contest format and equipment for those selected to compete.

Job Interview Contest (Senior Age Division Only) – Additional Documents Required

- Cover Letter – see guidelines for document details
- Resume – see guidelines for document details
- Job Description – see guidelines for document details

NOTE: This contest has a notification of advancement. A maximum of 30 contestants will be selected to advance to the semi-finals. All entrants will be contacted regardless of advancement. See handbook for additional details on contest format for those selected to compete.

Public Speaking – Additional Documents Required

- Contest Division (AgriBusiness, Agricultural Advocacy, Agricultural Policy, Agricultural Technology, Animal Science, Horticulture, Natural Resources)
- Speech Title/Topic
- Cover page (including speech division, exhibitor name, age division [JR is 3rd-8th grade, SR is 9th-12th grade], and speech title/topic)

Team Entries

For teams competing in Food Challenge, Livestock Judging, or Ag Product ID, the following is required:

- State Fair of Texas Team Entry Worksheet
 - Top portion filled out
 - Please add coach contact information to the top of the page
 - Total number of teams being entered by that coach is filled out
 - On a separate page for CEO use – list out teams with age division and names of each team member

- Team payment
 - Complete payment for number of teams being entered
 - Most events are \$60/team
 - Exceptions: Food Challenge \$75/team, Wildlife \$40/team but 2 person max
 - CEO needs full payment for each team (regardless of number of youth on that team the price remains the same) – not partial payments by team members
 - Exact cash or checks made payable to “Stock Show Coalition”