



2022 Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest

The Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest (MSC) will be **Friday, August 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or 30 minutes following the conclusion of the Supreme Heifer Show**. The contest will be held in the Junior Livestock Barn and the Open Swine Barn at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The beef division will be in the junior beef ring and the swine and sheep divisions will be in the open swine ring. The state event will simultaneously run three species contests with a set of judges in each ring. Participants will be scored in each round based on overall showmanship abilities. **Participants must check in at the Illinois Farm Bureau tent outside the Junior Livestock Barn between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.** on the day of the contest. If the participant is unavailable during check-in time, they may send a representative to check in on their behalf.

The Master Showmanship Contest is coordinated by the Illinois Farm Bureau and the RFD Radio Network. Contest results and photos will be posted on the "Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders" Facebook page following the contest.

Rules

1. The exhibitor must be a 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 (must be at least 14 but cannot have reached their 19th birthday before September 1, 2021 - birthdate between 9/1/2002 and 9/1/2007).
2. The exhibitor must be enrolled in a 4-H livestock event in the county they are representing.
3. **One (1) exhibitor per county** may participate in the MSC.
4. All contestants must be selected through their designated county University of Illinois Extension 4-H-affiliated show. There may only be one (1) contestant per county. Contestants who compete in a town/region/non-4-H affiliated fair contest will not be allowed to enter the MSC.
5. To participate in the state event, a county must select one (1) overall showmanship winner prior to the state event. This must be accomplished through a county-based contest or set of guidelines established and published to all available participants.
6. An exhibitor may participate in the state MSC for multiple years if the following permit:
 - a. The exhibitor has not previously been recognized as the Overall Winner of the state MSC.
 - b. The exhibitor is chosen as the overall county/fair winner.
 - c. County contest rules permit an individual to be the county winner multiple times.
 - d. County rules and guidelines adhered to and followed.

- e. The exhibitor must be able to attend and participate in the state contest at the Illinois State Fair. If the county winner cannot participate in the state contest, then the county University of Illinois Extension office may select an alternate.
7. Participants must supply their own livestock for the competition. Each exhibitor must own or borrow each: a steer or heifer, a market or breeding lamb, and a market hog or breeding gilt. **THE MSC WILL NOT PROVIDE ANIMALS FOR COMPETITION.**
8. All state contest participants will receive a t-shirt and are required to wear the t-shirt during the contest.
9. Prizes will be presented at the conclusion of the state contest: 1st - \$500; 2nd - \$300.00; 3rd - \$200.00; 4th & 5th- \$100. Additional prizes will also be awarded to the top five, division winners, and all participants. ****Winners are responsible for any and all applicable state or federal taxes due to the value of the prizes****
10. **County contest coordinators must submit the intent to participate form by June 1.**
11. To participate in the state contest, the exhibitor must have all paperwork filled out correctly with required information. **The contest organizer must receive this information by August 1.** If a fair occurs after the deadline, you must submit the participant information immediately following the county contest.
12. Due to timing and scheduling constraints, no special accommodations will be made to allow an exhibitor to participate in simultaneous events on the fairgrounds the evening of the MSC. If the exhibitor is not present at the beginning of the state contest, he or she will be automatically disqualified from competition.
13. Contest organizers withhold the right to expel any individual who has violated any of the rules or regulations or exhibits improper conduct that is unbecoming of a 4-H member.
14. In the event of a state contest cancellation, contest organizers are not liable for any lost revenues, expenses incurred, or schedule inconvenience, and are not bound to issue any awards or prizes.
15. The state contest will adhere to any and all guidelines in relation to the Illinois State Fair issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and all livestock exhibited in the MSC must meet the Illinois Exhibition Animal Health Requirements of the State Fair.
16. Judges and emcees will only be furnished for the state contest.

Tentative Schedule:

Round # / Time	Beef Round	On Deck for Beef	Hogs Round	On Deck for Hogs	Sheep Round	On Deck for Sheep
1- 7:00 p.m.	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
2- 7:15 p.m.	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 1
3- 7:30 p.m.	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 1	Group 2
4- 7:45 p.m.	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
5- 8:00 p.m.	Group 5	Group 6	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
6- 8:15 p.m.	Group 6	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
8:45 p.m.	Awards					



Stephenson County MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Authorization and Release

We understand that by participating in the 2022 Master Showmanship Contest, the name, photograph or other image, quotes attributed to the participant, and other information pertaining to the participant may be used by the Stephenson County Farm Bureau and Stephenson County 4-H for publicity purposes. These publicity purposes may be in the form of brochures, websites, videos or displays, radio programs and news releases or other forms of media. We hereby authorize the Stephenson County Farm Bureau and Stephenson County 4-H to use the name, publish the photograph or other likeness, and use quotes attributed to the participant and other information pertaining to the participant. We, for ourselves, our heirs, assigns, and legal representatives, expressly release and discharge the Stephenson County Farm Bureau and Stephenson County 4-H, all of their affiliated organizations, directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all claims, known or unknown, arising out of or in any way connected with the uses described above.

I, _____, authorize my child, _____, to participate in the Stephenson County Master Showmanship contest on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

This form must be submitted in advance of the fair to U of I Extension–Stephenson County, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport IL 61032. **No forms will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2022.** The participant will not be allowed to participate if this agreement is not signed.

Signatures:

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Participant: _____ Date: _____

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Tax Implications for Prizes, Gifts or Awards: Program Participants (including minors) will be required to provide their social security number or foreign national tax ID number prior to receiving a prize, gift or award to ensure proper IRS reporting as required by law. This sensitive information is kept confidential and handled through security protected software (PEAR). Participants will not be eligible for prize, gift or award if social security or foreign national tax ID information is not provided.



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Dear Stephenson County 4-H Members and Parents:

We are excited to announce that we will have a **Master Showmanship Contest (MSC)** at the 2022 Stephenson County Fair. The contest will be coordinated by the Stephenson County Farm Bureau and Stephenson County 4-H. The winner of the local competition will represent Stephenson County at the Illinois State Fair MSC event on Friday, August 12, 2022.

The local contest will take place on **Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** starting in the Swine Show Ring. Rules are as follows:

1. The exhibitor must be between the ages of 14-18 as of September 1, 2021. -birthdate between 9/1/2002 and 9/1/2007. (child cannot have reached their 19th birthday before September 1, 2021)
2. The exhibitor must be currently enrolled in any Stephenson County 4-H livestock event.
3. An exhibitor may participate in the Master Showmanship Contest for a consecutive year if the following permit:
 - a. The exhibitor has not previously been recognized as the Overall Winner of the state MSC.
 - b. The exhibitor is chosen as the overall county/fair winner.
 - c. County rules and guidelines are followed to and adhered to
 - d. County contest rules permit an individual to be the county winner multiple times.
 - e. The exhibitor must be able to attend and participate in the state contest **Friday, August 12, 2022** @ 7:00 p.m. at the Illinois State Fair. If the county winner cannot participate in the state contest, then the local Extension Office may select an alternate.
4. Participants in the MSC at the Illinois State Fair and the County fair must supply their own livestock for the competition. Each contestant must own or borrow each: a steer or heifer, a market or breeding lamb, and a market hog or breeding gilt. The Stephenson County Farm Bureau Young Leaders and Stephenson County 4-H will help locate the animals for you to show at the county level, if needed.
5. The county event will simultaneously run three species contest with one judge in three (3) separate rings.
6. A cash prize, and an engraved tumbler will be awarded to both the champion (\$200) and reserve champion (\$100) Master Showman. The champion will represent Stephenson County at the state level (per #3e above). Prizes will be donated by Stephenson County Farm Bureau.
7. Contest organizers maintain the right to expel any individual who has violated any of the rules or regulations, or who exhibits improper conduct that is unbecoming of a 4-H member.
8. In the event of a state contest cancellation, contest organizers (Stephenson County Farm Bureau Young Leaders and Stephenson County 4-H) are not liable for any lost revenues, expenses incurred, or schedule inconvenience, and are not bound to issue any awards or prizes at the state level.
9. The county and state contests will adhere to any and all guidelines in relation to the Illinois State Fair issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. State contest guidelines are posted at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-stephenson-county> under 4-H Resources at the bottom of the screen.
10. Contest results, placings and photos will be posted to the 4-H Facebook Page and local newspapers following the contest.
11. Registration for the county event is being coordinated through University of Illinois Extension– Stephenson County, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport IL 61032 (on Highland College campus).

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Sponsored by Stephenson County Farm Bureau Young Leaders and Stephenson County 4-H

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Date of Birth: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Grade in School (2020-2021 school year): _____

School attending in fall 2021: _____

Current 4-H Projects: _____

Please rank your strongest species (Mark 1 for highest and 3 for lowest)

Beef: _____ Sheep: _____ Swine: _____

Questions? Contact: 4-H Program Coordinator, Brenda Heimann at (815) 235-4125

DEADLINE: No later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July, 27, 2022

Please return this form to:

U of I Extension–Stephenson County
Attn: Brenda Heimann
2998 W. Pearl City Road
Freeport, IL 61032