



## 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NEBRASKA ELITE SHOWMAN COMPETITION

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### ENTRY RULES

1. A county must select one individual (either a 4-H or FFA member) to represent their county at the state event. The county selection process will be determined by the county.  
Selection Suggestions for counties:
  - If your county conducts a Round Robin Showmanship Event, the winning individual could be the county representative.
  - Since this is a yearly event, counties that have both 4-H and FFA programs may consider alternating years between 4-H and FFA representatives at the Elite Showman Competition (ESC). For example in 2019, counties beginning with the letters A-M could select a 4-H exhibitor and counties beginning with letters N-Z could select a FFA exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors must be between 14-18 years of age (as of January 1, the year of the show).
3. Exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H or FFA livestock project in the county they will be representing and must exhibit at least one animal (of any kind) in a livestock competition at the 2019 Nebraska State Fair.
4. Exhibitors may participate in the Elite Showman Competition each year, provided they are selected by their county. Contestants that have placed in the top three overall in one of our previous Elite Showman Competitions are not eligible to compete again.
5. All participants must supply their own livestock for the competition. Each exhibitor must own (or borrow) another State Fair animal exhibit for each of the following species: a market steer/market heifer/breeding heifer; a market or breeding lamb; a market or breeding goat and a market hog. The Elite Showmanship Competition will not supply animals for the competition.
6. All participants in the event will receive a t-shirt and a cash award.
7. Winners of the beef, swine, sheep, goat, written test and interview portions of the contest will receive a cash prize. The top three overall winners will each receive a cash prize. Additional prizes may be awarded at the contest.
8. We will follow the Nebraska State Fair 4-H and FFA beef show rules for fitting. This will be a no fit competition.

9. To participate in the ESC a representative from the County Extension Office or the FFA Advisor must submit the online paperwork to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture by August 14, 2019. No entries will be accepted after this date.
10. Contest organizers will work with contest participants to make accommodations to allow the exhibitor to participate in simultaneous shows, with the use of “slack” rounds. All exhibitors must be present to take the written test, no special accommodations will be made for this particular event.
11. 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 or FFA member. Contest organizers will follow the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
12. In the event of contest cancellation, contest organizers are not liable for any lost revenues, expenses incurred or schedule inconveniences and are not bound to issue any awards or prizes.

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## HOW TO REGISTER

To register a participant, a representative from the County Extension Office or the FFA Advisor needs to complete the online registration by August 14th by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/NebraskaESC>

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