

# SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION AND LIVESTOCK SHOW

# FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

## PITMASTER SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE INFORMATION SHEET

**ENTRY DEADLINE: OCTOBER 25, 2024**

**Educational Information Challenge – Online Testing**  
**Open Monday, October 28 through Friday, November 1, 2024**

### **Oral Presentations**

**Friday, November 8, 2024 – 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

### **Scholarships Awarded at Award Ceremony**

**Saturday, November 9, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.**

### **Held at Will Rogers Memorial Center**

**In conjunction with Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo HS BBQ Regional**

The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Pitmaster Scholarship Challenge (FWSSR Pitmaster Scholarship Challenge) competition will be open to all 2024 High School BBQ, Inc. competitors that are currently enrolled in their junior or senior year of high school and compete in the FWSSR Regional BBQ competition.

Scholarship funds will be provided to the winning students to be used as scholastic assistance and will be paid beginning with the first semester they are enrolled in an accredited degree plan at a college or university of their choice.

FWSSR Pitmaster Scholarship Challenge will consist of two (2) competitions: **Educational Information Challenge** and **Oral Presentation**. Each competition will be scored separately, and the final placings will be based on a combination of the contestant's scores from these two (2) competitions.

**Educational Information Challenge** – consists of 50 questions taken online between Monday, October 28 and Friday, November 1, 2024. The educational information for the FWSSR Pitmaster Scholarship Challenge can be referenced on the following page, <https://www.fwssr.com/p/competitions--contests/high-school-bbq>. Questions will be based on 2024 HSBBQ references, and the test will be electronically scrambled, timed and secured. On the **Educational Information Challenge** portion of the contest, a maximum of 100 points will be scored.

**Presentation** – the ten (10) highest scoring contestants in the **Educational Information Challenge** plus any ties for 10<sup>th</sup> place will then make a presentation over their experience in BBQ and what they have

learned from their involvement in BBQ competitions. The presentation must be 3 minutes or less and be made without written or visual aids. A panel of 3 industry judges will evaluate the presentations on a 50 point scale. The scores of the three judges will be averaged to establish the final **Oral Presentation** score for each contestant.

The scores from the **Educational Information Challenge** and the **Oral Presentation** will be added together to determine the final overall placings. Scholarship winners will be announced and presented Saturday, November 9 during the awards ceremony at the FWSSR Regional BBQ competition.

#### General Information:

- Contestants will be limited to the first 75 qualified applicants, and applications will be accepted on a first come-first served basis. Entry applications must be received by October 14, 2024. All entry applications must be complete, including appropriate signatures. FWSSR will notify students regarding the status of their entry applications and include their coach/teacher.
- Educational information will be made available to participants on or before October 14, 2024. The first 75 applicants will be sent an access code and instructions to access and take the test online between October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. All applicants must complete the test in one sitting on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Central Time.
- The top ten (10) scorers, plus any ties for 10<sup>th</sup> place, on the Educational Information Challenge will be notified by November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be scheduled for the Presentation time at 5:00 p.m. on November 8<sup>th</sup> during the FWSSR Regional BBQ competition. **ANY CONTESTANT THAT DOES NOT COMPETE IN THE FWSSR REGIONAL BBQ COMPETITION WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED.**
- Only contestants entered in the FWSSR Pitmaster Scholarship Challenge will be allowed in the Presentation Area. Spectators will not be allowed in the presentation area.
- Please note that contestants participating in the Presentation are encouraged to be neatly dressed, but due to facility limitations do not need to change from their cooking attire into more formal clothes.
- Contestants **must** present valid **photo identification** at check-in prior to being admitted into the Presentation area.
- Contestants will carry only their ID into the contest area. All other materials (purses, packs, electronics, notebooks, etc.) must be left outside.