

SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION AND LIVESTOCK SHOW



INFORMATION SHEET

ENTRY DEADLINE: 2:00 p.m. – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Educational Information Challenge – Online Testing

10:00 a.m. - Monday, September 14 – 5:00 p.m. - Friday, September 18, 2026

Presentation & Scholarship Awards

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Held at Defender Sporting Clay Ranch

In conjunction with FWSSR Junior Shooting Competition

The Aim For Education competition will be open to all 2026 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show Junior Shooting Sports Competition Contestants that are currently enrolled in their senior year of high school, have competed in the FWSSR Junior Shooting Sports Competition in a prior year and are competing in 2026.

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.

Aim For Education will consist of two (2) competitions: **Educational Information Challenge** and **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, September 14 at 10:00 a.m. - Friday, September 18, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. The educational information for the Aim For Education contest can be referenced on the following page, [“2026 Aim For Education”](#). Questions will be based on 2026 Aim For Education 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** will make a presentation over their experience in shooting sports and what they have learned from their involvement in shooting 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 **Presentation** score for each contestant.

The scores from the **Educational Information Challenge** and the **Presentation** will be added together to determine the final overall placings. Scholarship winners will be announced and presented Saturday, October 3 during the awards ceremony at the FWSSR Junior Shooting Sports 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 September 1, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. All entry applications must be complete, including appropriate signatures. FWSSR will notify students regarding the status of their entry applications and include their AST or CEA.
- Educational Information will be made available to participants on or before June 15, 2026. The first 75 applicants will be sent an access code and instructions to access and take the test online between September 14th -18th. All applicants must complete the test in one sitting on or before September 18th by 5:00 p.m. Central Time.
- The top ten (10) scorers, plus any ties, on the Educational Information Challenge will be notified by September 22nd and will be scheduled for the Presentation outside of their squad time on Saturday, October 3rd during the FWSSR Junior Shooting Sports Competition. **ANY CONTESTANT THAT DOES NOT COMPETE IN THE JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS COMPETITION WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED.**
- Only contestants entered in the Aim for Education competition 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 shooting 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 presentation area. All other materials (purses, packs, electronics, notebooks, etc.) must be left outside.