



## Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show

### 2026 EQUINE I.Q. CONTEST INFORMATION SHEET

Monday, January 19, 2026

Richardson-Bass Building, Brown Lupton North Room B

**ENTRY DEADLINE DECEMBER 30, 2025**

**LIMITED TO THE FIRST 125 Applicants**

**Entry Fee: \$40.00**

Registration:	9:00 a.m. - Senior Division 10:00 a.m. - Intermediate & Junior Division
Contests:	9:30 a.m. - Senior Division 10:30 a.m. - Intermediate & Junior Division

The Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in conjunction with Texas A&M University Equine Institute will hold our annual Equine I.Q. Contest. The contest is open to all students between the ages of 8 – 18, as of January 1, 2026, who are enrolled and are attending public, private or homeschool elementary or secondary schools in Texas. The contest will be open to the first 125 applicants.

A minimum of \$40,000 in scholarships and awards will be available. The scholarship funds will be provided to the winning students to be used as scholastic assistance and will be available beginning with their first semester of enrollment at an accredited college or university of their choice.

Students awarded a scholarship will receive a certificate(s) indicating the amount of the scholarship won. The scholarship will be paid beginning with the first semester the student is enrolled in an accredited degree plan at a college or university. The certificate(s) should be presented to the registrar of financial aid office of the college or university the student chooses to attend. Instructions for redemption are printed on the back of the certificate. Upon verification of the student's enrollment, the Stock Show will issue a check directly to the student's college or university.

**AGE DIVISIONS**  
(Age as of January 1, 2026)

**Junior (Ages 8-10)**  
**Intermediate (Ages 11-13)**  
**Senior (Ages 14-18)**

- Contestants must be enrolled in, and attending, public, private or homeschool elementary or secondary school in Texas.
- This competition is limited to youth who are U. S. Citizens with Texas residency. Non-United States citizens and Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to compete. All contestants must have a personal Social Security Number to be eligible to participate.
- **Scholarship recipients will be required to provide their social security number after the show in order to receive their scholarship.**

**ENTRY INFORMATION**

- Print, complete and return the entry application with check or money order or submit online with credit card payment.
- An entry fee of \$40.00 will be charged per contestant. One complimentary Season Grounds Pass will be provided with each entry.
- An individual may enter in both the Equine I.Q. Contest and Equine Public Speaking Challenge. A \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to the highest placing contestant entered in BOTH Equine I.Q. Contest and Equine Public Speaking Challenge.

**CONTEST**

**Round One (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)**

Round one will consist of written questions and identification stations. The top ten contestants per division will proceed to Round Two

**Round Two (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)**

Round two will consist of hands-on activities and may include oral questions. This is the final round for junior and intermediate contestants. The top five contestants in the senior division will proceed to Round Three.

**Round Three (Senior Only)**

Five senior contestants will proceed to round three, which will consist of a five-minute speech. On November 1, a selection of issues facing the horse industry will be available for contestants to review at <https://www.fwssr.com/p/competitions--contests/equineiqcontest>. All contestants in the senior division should come prepared to present a speech on those industry issues. The specific topic will be given 10 minutes prior to presentation. The speech presentation will be held in front of judges and will be open to the public.

## **RESULTS**

Results can be found at [fwssr.com](http://fwssr.com). Each contestant will be given an individual identification number at the time of registration. Results will be posted by identification number only. Please allow 24 hours for results to be posted. If identification number is misplaced, please contact [tamuequine@tamu.edu](mailto:tamuequine@tamu.edu) for assistance.

## **AWARDS**

All awards will be presented immediately following the contest in each age division in the Richardson Bass Building, Brown Lupton North Room D & E.

### **Senior Division Scholarships:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$12,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$10,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$8,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$6,000
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,000

### **Senior Division Awards:**

Buckle – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Ribbons – 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Vests – 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place

### **Intermediate and Junior Division Awards:**

Buckle – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Ribbons – 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Vests – 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place

## **STUDY MATERIALS**

- Study materials will be available October 1.
- Speech topics available **November 1** at:  
<https://www.fwssr.com/p/competitions--contests/equineiqcontest>
- Specific questions related to the Equine I.Q. Contest may be sent to [tamuequine@tamu.edu](mailto:tamuequine@tamu.edu)

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	SENIORS	INTERMEDIATES	JUNIORS	
9:00 am	<b>Registration</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room B 9:00 am – 9:30 am			
9:15 am				
9:30 am	<b>Written Exam</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room D & E 9:30 am – 10:30 am			<b>Registration</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room B 10:00 am – 10:30 am
9:45 am				
10:00 am				
10:15 am		<b>Registration</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room B 10:00 am – 10:30 am		
10:30 am	<b>Transition</b> 10:15 am-10:30 am	<b>Written Exam</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room D & E 10:30 am – 11:30 am	<b>Hands-On Station</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Warm Up Pen 10:30 am – 11:30 am	
10:45 am	<b>ID Stations</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room C 10:45 am – 11:45 am			
11:00 am				
11:15 am				
11:30 am		<b>Transition</b> 11:30 am – 11:45 am	<b>Transition</b> 11:30 am – 11:45 am	
11:45 am	<b>Transition</b> 11:45 am – 12:00 am	<b>ID Stations</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room C 11:45 am – 12:45 pm	<b>Written Exam</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room D & E 11:45 am – 12:45 pm	
12:00 pm	<b>Hands-On Station</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Warm Up Pen 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm			
12:15 pm				
12:30 pm				
12:45 pm		<b>Transition</b> 12:45 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Transition</b> 12:45 pm – 1:00 pm	
1:00 pm	<b>Transition</b> 1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	<b>Hands-On Station</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Warm Up Pen 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>ID Stations</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room C 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	
1:15 pm	<b>Speeches</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room D & E 1:15 – 2:00 pm			
1:30 pm				
1:45 pm				
2:00 pm	<b>Tabulation &amp; Awards</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room D & E 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Tabulation &amp; Awards</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room D & E 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Tabulation &amp; Awards</b> Richardson Bass Bldg. Room D & E 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	
2:15 pm				
2:30 pm				