SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION AND LIVESTOCK SHOW

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

PITMASTER SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE
INFORMATION SHEET

ENTRY DEADLINE: OCTOBER 23, 2026

Educational Information Challenge – Online Testing
Open Monday, October 26, 2026 through Friday, October 30, 2026

Oral Presentations
Friday, November 6, 2026 – 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Scholarships Awarded at Award Ceremony
Saturday, November 7, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at Will Rogers Memorial Center
In conjunction with FWSSR HSBBQ Regional Competition

The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Pitmaster Scholarship Challenge (FWSSR Pitmaster Scholarship Challenge) competition will be open to all 2026 High School BBQ, Inc. competitors that are currently enrolled in their junior or senior year of high school and compete in the FWSSR HSBBQ Regional 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 26, 2026 and Friday, October 30, 2026. The educational information for the FWSSR Pitmaster Scholarship Challenge can be referenced on the following page, CLICK HERE. Questions will be based on 2026 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 10th 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 7, 2026, during the awards ceremony at the FWSSR HSBBQ Regional 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 23, 2026. All entry applications must be complete, including appropriate signatures. FWSSR will notify students regarding the status of their applications and include their coach/teacher.
- Educational information will be made available to participants on or before October 12, 2026. The qualified applicants will be sent an access code and instructions to access and take the test online between Monday, October 26, 2026, and Friday, October 30, 2026. All applicants must complete the test in one sitting on or before Friday, October 30th by 3:00 p.m. Central Time.
- The top ten (10) scorers, plus any ties for 10th place, on the Educational Information Challenge will be notified by Monday, November 2, 2026, and will be scheduled for the presentation time between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 6, 2026, during the FWSSR HSBBQ Regional competition. ANY CONTESTANT THAT DOES NOT COMPETE IN THE FWSSR HSBBQ REGIONAL 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.