

OUTSTANDING BREEDING EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

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1. To be eligible for the Outstanding Breeding Exhibitor (OBE) in sheep, swine, or beef, exhibitors must participate in the on-site, proctored, virtual Skillathon, and use their own animal in showmanship and the live animal show for each species entered. Youth must exhibit a breeding animal to compete in their corresponding species OBE program.

2. Youth do not need to pre-register for the OBE on the Ohio State Fair junior online entry. Exhibitor eligibility for the award will be tracked automatically by the OBE superintendents.

3. Sheep, swine, and beef exhibitors must place in their respective class of the live animal, Junior Division show to be eligible for Outstanding Breeding Exhibitor.

4. Exhibitors who have achieved the above requirements will have their proctored virtual Skillathon and best breeding showmanship placing within the species combined with their best live animal placing to determine their OBE score.

5. Youth will be required to exhibit their knowledge across four (4) subject matter stations in the virtual Skillathon. The four station topics will be posted by June 15 at www.go.osu.edu/osfskillathons on the respective species' Skillathon page.

6. Exhibitors must place in the top 10 for the virtual proctored Skillathon (age class), breeding showmanship (age class), and their species breeding class placing to be in the running for OBE placings.

7. Refer to the separate **VIRTUAL BREEDING SKILLATHON** rules for more specific details about that contest.

8. Complaints must be submitted in the form of an email by **August 31** to the State 4-H Office at 4HAnimalScience@osu.edu.

- For species with multiple sessions, your highest placing for each category in the breeding division will be calculated.
- No extra points are awarded for division winners or exhibiting a larger quantity of animals.
- Skillathon points will be tabulated based upon Skillathon age division rankings which may include exhibitors and non-exhibitors.
- The maximum score that an exhibitor can receive is 300 points.
- Each respective placing equates to a score and will be outlined below:

- 1st = 100 pts
- 2nd = 99 pts
- 3rd = 98 pts
- 4th = 97 pts
- 5th = 96 pts
- 6th = 95 pts
- 7th = 94 pts
- 8th = 93 pts
- 9th = 92 pts
- 10th = 91 pts

- If there is a tie for Outstanding Breeding Exhibitor, the following procedure will be used to break ties:

1st: Total score of common Skillathon stations

- *Common Skillathon score = stations 2,3, and 4 for exhibitors of different age divisions. For exhibitors of the same age division, common Skillathon score = all stations combined.

2nd: Showmanship age division placing.

3rd: Live animal class placing.

4th: Skillathon Station No. 2 score

5th: Skillathon Station No. 3 score

6th: Skillathon Station No. 4 score

7th: Interview by 4-H Representative, FFA

Representative, and Ohio State Fair Representative.

AWARDS

Outstanding Breeding Exhibitor age finalists (8/9-18 years old) in sheep, swine, and beef will receive awards determined by the **Ohio State Fair**.

****New for 2024**** The top **five** overall Outstanding Breeding Exhibitors in each species category (sheep, swine, and beef) will be selected by ranking the **true OBE score** (regardless of age) comprised of the scores from the Skillathon, showmanship, and class placing categories. These exhibitors will receive varying cash scholarships from the **Youth Reserve Program** based on their respective placings.

OBE SCORE CALCULATION