

OUTSTANDING MARKET EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

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1. To be eligible for the Outstanding Market Exhibitor (OME) in market poultry (market chicken and market turkey), market goats, market lambs, market barrows, or market beef, exhibitors must participate in the in-person Skillathon and use their own animal in showmanship and the live animal show for each species entered. Youth must exhibit a market animal to compete in their corresponding species OME program.

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

3. Market poultry (market chicken and market turkey), ~~market goat~~, ~~market lamb~~, market barrows, and market beef exhibitors must place in their respective class of the live animal, Junior Division show to be eligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor.

4. Exhibitors who have achieved the above requirements will have their proctored in-person Skillathon and best market showmanship placing within the species combined with their best live animal placing to determine their OME score.

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

6. For the possibility of achieving the maximum potential score on the records section of the Skillathon, youth must bring their current year's completed record book.

7. Exhibitors must place in the top 10 for in-person Skillathon (age class), market showmanship (age class), and their species market class placing to be in the running for OME placings.

8. Refer to the separate **SKILLATHON** and **RECORD BOOK CONTEST** rules for more specific details about each contest, including dates and project book requirements.

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

OME SCORE CALCULATION

- For species with multiple sessions, your highest placing for each category in the market division will be calculated.
- No extra points are awarded for division/overall 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 is 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 Market Exhibitor with a market species, 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: Record book score
 - 3rd: Showmanship age division placing
 - 4th: Live animal class placing
 - 5th: Skillathon Station No. 2 score
 - 6th: Skillathon Station No. 3 score
 - 7th: Skillathon Station No. 4 score
 - 8th: Interview by 4-H Representative, FFA Representative, and Ohio State Fair Representative.

AWARDS

Outstanding Market Exhibitor **age finalists** (8/9-18 years old) in market poultry (market chickens and market turkeys), market goats, market lambs, market barrows, and market beef will receive awards sponsored by the **Ohio State Fair** (50 awards) as well as a cash scholarship from the **Youth Reserve Program**.

****New for 2024**** The top **five** overall Outstanding Market Exhibitors in each species category (market poultry [market chickens and market turkeys], market goats, market lambs, market barrows, and market beef) will be selected by ranking the **true OME score** (regardless of age) comprised of the scores from the Skillathon, showmanship, and class placing categories. The top five OME winners will receive varying cash scholarships from the **Youth Reserve Program** based on their respective placings.

All age winners along with exhibitors in contention for the top five OME awards will be invited to the Sale of Champions where they will be recognized and receive their awards.