

## **James L. & Edith Marshall Memorial Herdsman Award**

- **Objective:** To recognize outstanding effort made by exhibitors in the livestock departments ( Sheep, Beef, Swine, Goats) by maintaining neat, orderly exhibits; show knowledge of exhibits and sportsmanship, etiquette and courtesy to all involved with the McCurtain County Free Fair
- **Judging Criteria:**
  - Exhibits clearly identified-Each exhibit shall be identified with exhibitors name, breed and exhibitors club/chapter name.
  - Knowledge of Exhibits- during the judging each day the judges will interact with exhibitors by asking questions about their exhibits and anything that may pertain to their chapter/club/group as well.
  - Alleys Neat and Orderly- A chapter/club/group shall keep their alley clean, neat and orderly throughout the duration of the fair
  - Pens or Stall Area Neat and Orderly- A chapter/club/group shall keep their pens or stall area clean, neat and orderly throughout the duration of the fair
  - Tack/Supplies/Equipment/Feed Area Neat and Orderly- A chapter/club/group shall keep their tack/supplies/equipment/trailers/feed areas in a clean, neat and orderly manner throughout the duration of the fair
  - Decorations/Theme- A chapter/club/group shall create an attractive display that is attractive and functional. It shall be maintained in a neat and orderly fashion throughout the fair
  - Sportsmanship/Etiquette/Courtesy- A chapter/club/group shall be evaluated in this area. Examples include being courteous to the general public by keeping alleys and high traffic areas free of chairs/equipment etc. assisting other chapters with their exhibits, showing good sportsmanship during the competitions in the livestock shows, removing exhibits before released.
- **Scoring:** Two day judges and one referee judge (a fair board representative) will score each chapter/club/group by utilizing the following scoring rubric.
  1. Excellent
  2. Above Average
  3. Average
  4. Below Average
  5. Poor
  - The scores will be combined from both judges for that specific species and added together for a total score for that chapter/club/group in that species
  - The smallest total score will be the first place winner of that species
  - A chapter/club/group must have livestock in each of the four species(Sheep, Beef, Swine, Goats) to be eligible for the Herdsman Sweepstakes Award
  - The winner of the Sweepstakes Award will be determine by adding up all of the scorecards from all species from all the days of the fair
  - The smallest total score will be the Sweepstakes winner
- **Judging Times**
  - Judging will be done a minimum of once daily. Starting Wednesday at 12:00pm thru Noon on Saturday.

- **Awards**

- One Award will be given to the chapter/club/group in each species (Sheep, Swine, Beef, Goats)
- The Sweepstakes Award will be a multi-year plaque, which will have the year's winner, and the year won. It will reside in the Commissioner's Office throughout the year