

## COMMERICAL CATTLE GRADING CONTEST

**DATE:** Friday, April 10, 2015

**TIME:** On –Site Registration 8:00 a.m. No Pre-Qualification Required

Orientation & Instructional Seminar 9:00 a.m.

Contest 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** OKC West Market Inc., El Reno, OK

The top scoring individual overall will receive the Rick Jones Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2000.00. Rick Jones was a lifelong cattleman and a founding partner of OKC West Livestock Market, Inc.; El Reno, OK. Rick always realized the importance of having a good eye for cattle, feeling it was the single most important key to success in any aspect of the cattle business. He always encouraged young people who were interested in the cattle business and will continue to do so through the memorial scholarship bearing his name.

Midwest Shows Scholarship Programs Inc. is presenting the competition that is open to all FFA and 4H members. Those participating will first attend a one-hour seminar on grading presented by Gary Bledsoe, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Consultant on Rural Development and Jason Harvey Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Market Development Coordinator.

Following the presentation, teams of 4 contestants will grade 15 head using the criteria covered in the seminar. Scoring will be supervised by Oklahoma Careertech Ag Education department district program specialists Kurt Murray and Rose Bonjour and OSU Extension/4H Leaders.

A total of 30 scholarships totaling \$6,300.00 will be awarded to the top three FFA teams, the top three 4H teams and the top three individuals from FFA and the top three individuals from 4H.

There will also be an open class for individuals not participating in the scholarship competition.

First place team members and First place individuals also receive a \$50.00 Gift card from Tener's Western Outfitter, 4320 West Reno, Oklahoma City, OK

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