

COMMERCIAL CATTLE GRADING SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

DATE: APRIL 19, 2013

TIME: Orientation and instructional seminar begins at 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Oklahoma State Fair Park Barn 6

REGISTRATION: On-site registration begins at 8:00 AM - NO PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIRED

At 9AM Friday, APRIL 19, 2013 a commercial cattle grading scholarship competition will be the Friday kickoff event for the SOUTHERN PLAINS FARM SHOW. 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. This interesting event will take place outdoors in the airplane court at State Fair Park.

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 \$6300.00 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 Outfitters, 4320 West Reno, Oklahoma City.