



Entry Fee  
\$20

## Agricultural Science Fair Contest

Form must accompany online entry worksheet submitted by AST/CEA – postmarked by December 15th

Project and speech prepared by: (list contestant name): _____			
Student Represents: (circle one)	4-H	FFA	METRO AREA
4-H Club/FFA Chapter/School: _____			
Club/Chapter/School Address: _____			
City: _____	State: <u>TX</u>	Zip: _____	
AST/CEA or Supervising Teacher E-mail Address: _____			<b>REQUIRED</b>
Contestant E-mail: (REQUIRED) _____			
Contestant Address: _____			
City: _____	State <u>TX</u>	Zip: _____	
Phone No.: (_____) _____	Date of Birth: _____		<b>REQUIRED</b>
Age Division: (check one) _____ JUNIOR (8 years & in 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2017).			
_____ SENIOR (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2017).			
Supervising AST/CEA/ Teacher/Counselor Name(s): _____			

**ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE — DECEMBER 1**  
[www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com)

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P.O. Box 20070, Houston, TX 77225-0070  
Phone: 832.667.1125 | Fax: 832.667.1140

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# Agricultural Science Fair Contest Hazardous Materials Waiver Form

Please list below all of the hazardous substances used in this research. Include all safety precautions taken and the proper disposal procedures:

The applicant, by signing below, agrees to the regulations included regarding the use of hazardous materials. I certify that I have followed the above listed safety precautions and disposal procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

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# Agricultural Science Fair Contest Adult Sponsor Checklist

On behalf of the student \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) I have reviewed the research plan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) The student and a parent/guardian have reviewed the Research Plan Approval Form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) This project involves the following area(s) and had prior approval before experimentation.
- a. Human Subjects
  - b. Non-human Vertebrate Animals
  - c. Pathogenic Agents
  - d. Controlled Substances
  - e. Recombinant DNA
  - f. Human or Animal Tissue
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) This project does not involve any of the research areas listed in #3.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) This project involves the hazardous substances or devices checked below. Prior approval by the adult sponsor and a designated supervisor was obtained.
- a. Chemicals (i.e. hazardous, flammable, explosive or highly toxic: carcinogens; mutagens and all pesticides). I have reviewed with the student the Safety Sheet for each chemical that was used. I also reviewed the proper safety standard for each chemical including toxicity data, proper handling techniques and disposal methods.
  - b. Equipment (i.e. welders; voltage greater than 220 volts). I have reviewed with the student proper operational procedures and safety precautions for the equipment.
  - c. Firearms I have reviewed with the student the proper safety standards for firearms use.
  - d. Radioactive Substances I have reviewed the proper safety standards for each radioactive substance with the student prior to experimentation.
  - e. Radiation (i.e. x-ray or nuclear; unshielded ionizing radiation of 100-400 nm wavelength) I have reviewed with the student the proper safety methods concerning the type of radiation the student used prior to experimentation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adult Sponsor Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adult Sponsor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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# Agricultural Science Non-Human



# Fair Contest Vertebrate Form

These rules are strictly enforced. Students and advisors using non-human vertebrates in their project must complete this form. The signature of the student and the advisor indicate the project was done within the rules and regulations of the HLSR Ag Science Fair rules and guidelines in accordance with the use of non-human vertebrate.

1. Intrusive techniques used cannot exceed momentary pain and must comply with commonly accepted livestock management procedures.
2. Changing an organism's normal environment by using either aversive stimuli or predatory/prey conditions to study behavior/operant conditioning is prohibited.
3. Food and water cannot be used or withheld for more than 24 hours for maze running and other learning or conditioning activities.
4. The student and advisor have the responsibility to see that animals are properly cared for in a well-ventilated, lighted and warm location with adequate food, water and sanitary conditions. Care must be taken to see that organisms are properly cared for during weekend and vacation periods.
5. Chicken or other embryo projects must be terminated at or before ninety-six hours.
6. Projects that involve behavioral studies or newly hatched chickens or other birds will be allowed, provided no change has been made in the normal incubation and hatching of the organism and vertebrate rules are followed.

In this space, briefly describe the use of vertebrate animals in your project. Use the back of this page if necessary.

The signatures of the student and the CEA/AST indicate this project conforms to the above rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
CEA/AST Signature

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# Judging Contest and Other: Release of Liability & Indemnity Agreement

## PLEASE COMPLETE AND BRING TO CONTEST

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest              | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Product Identification Contest  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Floriculture Contest               | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Mechanics Contest              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest              | <input type="checkbox"/> State FFA Tractor Technician Contest        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ranching and Wildlife Competition           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Food Challenge                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Agricultural Science Fair Contest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Nursery / Landscape Contest        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Public Speaking Contest           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest            | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Veterinary Science Skillathon     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Range & Pasture Plant I.D. Contest | <input type="checkbox"/> Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Beef Quiz Bowl Contest             | <input type="checkbox"/> Intercollegiate Wool Judging Contest        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H & FFA Wool Judging Contest               | <input type="checkbox"/> Ag Robotics Contest                         |

**ONE FORM REQUIRED FOR EACH CONTEST ENTERED. EACH COACH AND CONTESTANT MUST EXECUTE THIS APPLICATION.**

### Part I

As valid consideration for entry into and participation in activities (the "Activities") with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Inc., Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Educational Fund, HLS&R Institute for Teacher Excellence, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Endowment Foundation and the Corral Club, Inc., (collectively, "HLSR"), the undersigned hereby enter into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT/ DRUG CERTIFICATION FORM (this "Agreement").

- 1. INVITATIONAL SHOW:** The Houston Livestock Show is an invitational show and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.
- 2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** The undersigned recognize and understand there are risks associated with entry into and participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death, and damage to property or privacy rights. The undersigned further acknowledge that they will be liable for all damage to persons, livestock, or property that is caused by them or any persons (including, but not limited to, minors) under their care and control, and that arise out of, or are related to, the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities. **UNDER CHAPTER 87, TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE, A FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES. A LIVESTOCK SHOW SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN A LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF LIVESTOCK SHOW ACTIVITIES.**
- 3. RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** The undersigned hereby RELEASE, ACQUIT AND FOREVER DISCHARGE AND AGREE TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS HLSR, their present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives and the respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns any other person, firm or corporation (collectively, the "HLSR Parties" or individually, an "HLSR Party") from any and all claims, causes of action, suits and/or demands for personal injury, death or property damage, accrued or to accrue in the future, known or unknown, (collectively, "Claims") relating to or arising out of any negligent, grossly negligent and/or intentional or unintentional acts on the part of the undersigned in connection with entry into and participation in the Activities. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agree that the HLSR Parties shall not be liable to them, their family, heirs, administrators, executors or assigns for Claims arising from or related to the undersigned Exhibitor's entry into and participation in the Activities.
- 4. AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** THE UNDERSIGNED AGREE TO RELEASE, ACQUIT AND FOREVER DISCHARGE AND SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE HLSR PARTIES AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE HLSR PARTIES' OWN NEGLIGENCE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE WAS THE SOLE, PROXIMATE OR PRODUCING CAUSE OF THE CLAIMS; provided, however, that the duty of the undersigned to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the HLSR Parties shall extend only to Claims arising directly or indirectly from the undersigned Exhibitor's entry into and participation in the Activities. As used herein, "INDEMNIFY" means to agree to assume the HLSR Parties' liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility and/or reimbursing the HLSR Parties for Claims asserted against them.
- 5. PHOTOGRAPH/INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY:** The undersigned GRANT PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understand that photographs or interviews may be used by HLSR for television, film, video, visual, or printed media. The undersigned agree to RELEASE and IN-DEMNIFY HLSR for any Claims related to photographs or interviews by the HLSR Parties or any media.
- 6. TEXAS LAW AND ARBITRATION:** The undersigned understand that this Agreement shall be binding on their heirs, executors, successors and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a State Court in Harris County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. This Agreement controls notwithstanding any conflicting terms or conditions of any other agreement between the parties. The undersigned agree to these terms and conditions and acknowledge receipt of this Agreement. HLSR may require that all claims or disputes between Exhibitor and/or his/her parent or guardian and HLSR and/or its agents, officers, directors volunteers, members and assigns, in any way arising out of or related to this Agreement, shall be decided by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C., 1, et seq. and in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the AAA that are in effect at the time the demand for arbitration is filed, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise in writing. The decision of the arbitrator(s), which shall state findings of fact and conclusions of law, shall be final, conclusive and binding on the parties and judgment may be entered thereon in the District Court of Harris County, Texas, to enforce the decision.

### Part II

We, the undersigned Junior Contestant and parent/guardian, certify that we have read, understand and will abide by all rules and regulations of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The undersigned represent that they thoroughly understand that this is a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that they are voluntarily entering into this Agreement and that no representations, promises or statements made by any HLSR Party or any agent, attorney or other representative of any HLSR Party has influenced the undersigned in causing them to sign this Agreement.

Signature – Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

If the person on whose behalf this Agreement is being executed is a minor, a parent or legal guardian must also execute this Agreement.

Signature—Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO MINOR: \_\_\_\_\_