

## IMPORTANT DATES

### March 1:

Earliest date steers can be validated.

### March 26:

Last date steers can be purchased and validated.

### April 16:

Entry form, validation information and entry fee must be received by TCFA.

### July 10-13:

Final steer closeout weights.

### July 13:

Steers delivered at the Amarillo Livestock Auction for check-in by noon.

### July 18:

Record books due in TCFA office by 5:00 p.m.

### July 27:

Contest Day at West Texas A&M University

Junior/Senior participants check in from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m.

Contest begins at 9:00 a.m. Winners to be announced that afternoon following the contest.

### ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms can be obtained from TCFA by contacting Brady Miller at [brady@tcfa.org](mailto:brady@tcfa.org) or Rachel Hernandez at [rachel@tcfa.org](mailto:rachel@tcfa.org). Feel free to call the TCFA office at (806) 358-3681. Entry forms are also available at [www.tcfa.org](http://www.tcfa.org).

*The TCFA Allied Industries Committee conducts the contest. If you would like a personal visit by a representative, please contact TCFA at (806) 358-3681.*

# 2018 TCFA JUNIOR FED BEEF CHALLENGE



July 27, 2018

Agriculture & Natural Sciences Building  
West Texas A&M University  
Canyon, Texas



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*The objective of the Junior Fed Beef Challenge is to encourage young people to gain practical experience in feeding commercial beef cattle. This program stresses the importance of proper animal husbandry and financial management.*

## INFORMATION

Steers may be validated any time between March 1 and March 26. Official entries must be submitted by April 16 and must include the validation date, photo of the steer with the TCFA ear tag visible, scale tickets and a \$35.00 per person entry fee.

For entry information and to obtain an Official Rule Book, 4-H, FFA leaders and feedyard managers should contact Brady Miller or Rachel Hernandez at (806) 358-3681. Once the exact number of contestants and cattle are determined by the adult leader, contact TCFA to order contest ear tags. *(Allow a minimum of one week lead time before validation deadline).*

After entries are received by TCFA, the adult leader and each contestant will be sent details for the written exam and oral interview/presentations.

## OVERALL SCORING

*(Possible Points, Part of Total)*

Steer Points (pen total)	200
Record Book	200
Interview/Presentation	300
Written Exam	<u>300</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,000</b>

## STEER POINTS

USDA Yield Grades	Prime/Choice	Select
0-1.99	40	30
2.0-2.99	39-30	29-20
3.0-3.99	29-20	19-10
4.0-5.9	10-0	5-0

Carcasses grading Average Choice will receive 2 extra points. Those grading High Choice will receive 5 extra points, and those grading Prime will receive 10 extra points (up to the maximum of 150 carcass points for the pen of three). A maximum of 15 points will be awarded for performance based on average daily gain and feed conversion.

## RECORD BOOK EXCELLENCE

Senior and/or Junior contestants who have a perfect score of 100% will divide a \$500 cash award and will each receive a certificate of excellence.

## SENIOR DIVISION AWARDS

Scholarships will be awarded to the highest overall points in the Senior Division.

<b>Champion Overall</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Reserve Overall</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>First Runner-Up</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>

These winners will be recognized at the TCFA Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 11-13, 2018.

## TOP EVENT AWARDS:

Best Written Exam	\$500 prize
Best Oral Interview	\$500 prize
Best Record Book	\$500 prize
Top Carcass Pen	\$500 prize
Top Individual Carcass	\$500 prize
Top Rookie	\$500 prize

## JUNIOR DIVISION AWARDS

An achievement award will be presented to the overall winner. The winner will be recognized at the TCFA Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 11-13, 2018.

## TOP EVENT AWARDS:

Best Written Exam	\$100 prize
Best Oral Interview	\$100 prize
Best Record Book	\$100 prize
Top Carcass Pen	\$100 prize
Top Individual Carcass	\$100 prize
Top Rookie	\$100 prize

The top Senior and top Junior contestants in each event will be recognized with a plaque. Second and third place winners will receive a certificate of excellence.

# 2017 JUNIOR FED BEEF CHALLENGE WINNERS



*Sr. Division Overall Champion  
Amelia Stavinoha  
Eagle Lake, TX*



*Jr. Division Overall Champion  
Leroy Stavinoha  
Eagle Lake, TX*