



2024 SCJLS Top Hand Award

The SCJLS Top Hand Award encourages students to participate in events and activities that promote leadership, volunteerism, education, and marketing.

The award will be given to the most active student in Smith County at the Sale of Champions.

Active participation takes place from March 30, 2023 through March 28, 2024 for the 2024 SCJLS. Participation is optional and limited to high school students and between the ages of 14 and 19 as of August 1, 2023.

Participants are required to exhibit a minimum of one project in the 2024 Smith County Junior Livestock Show. Participants are also required to record participation at www.smithcountyjls.com/top-hand.

If there are any questions, please reach out to smithcountyjuniorlivestockshow@gmail.com.

If a tie occurs, the SCJLS Board will vote on the individual who has exhibited the most volunteerism and support for the SCJLS.

Participation	Description	Points
SCJLS Participation	Help the Board of Directors during the SCJLS with set-up, tear-down, and ring assistance.	5 points show set-up 5 points ring assistance 5 points auction set-up
May Open Meeting	Attend the May open meeting to provide and receive feedback for the SCJLS.	15
Marketing Workshop	Attend the fall marketing workshop.	15
Validation(s)	Actively participate in Smith County validations, including but not limited to paperwork, holding animals, and assisting with set up and cleanup.	10 points each
Sanctioned Events	Actively participate in SCJLS sanctioned events	10 points each
Sponsorships	Gain "Friend of the Show" sponsors. The sponsor must tell us your name and points will be awarded upon payment. <i>*Sponsor must not be related to the participant*</i>	20



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Events Included:

- Lindale Chamber Banquet (April 3, 2023)
- SCJLS open meeting (May 15, 2023)
- Lindale Championship Rodeo (May 18, 2023)
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- Summer validation (June 27, 2023)
- Smith County Farm Bureau Annual Convention (September 14, 2023)
- Lindale Golf Tournament (September 18, 2023)
- East Texas Cattle-ettes Hay Show (September 25, 2023)
- Marketing workshop (October 10, 2023)
- Fall validation (October 31, 2023)
- Stock-N-Stuff Jackpot Show Setup (December 15, 2023)
- Stock-N-Stuff Jackpot Show (December 16, 2023)
- Rabbit validation (Spring 2024)
- SCJLS set-up (March 2024)
- SCJLS show assistance (March 2024)
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- SCJLS take-down/auction set-up (March 2024)

Events not included:

These events do not count toward Top Hand points, but students will have the opportunity to assist and sell raffle tickets for the SCJLS Buyers Group. 25% of individual raffle sales go directly back to the student that sold them.

- Lindale Countryfest (October 2023)
- AgriLife Conference (February 2023)

Events following the 2024 SCJLS will be included in 2025 Top Hand points calculations.