

NATIONAL JUNIOR SANTA GERTRUDIS SHOW



Gert Dynasty

WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA
June 14-20, 2026

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**2026
National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show
West Monroe, LA
June 14-20, 2026**

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and the parent/guardian to read and understand all parts of this show packet and rules of the show!

ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE

May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM

All entries must be submitted online through [showman.app](#)

This deadline includes copies of all paperwork!

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitution of animals is permitted at the show.

Substitution fee is \$20.00 per substitution

NO REFUNDS

**Queen and Princess Candidates
& Director Candidates**

Candidates will be allowed to start campaigning on Sunday, June 14, 2026, and will be able to campaign until the membership meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2026. Remember, those running for an elected position are NOT ALLOWED to use tape or adhesives that will take the paint off of surfaces. You DO NOT want to pay for any damages. Please be creative in campaigning. Anything you put up must come down!

All materials must be removed by 8:00 AM on Friday, June 19, 2026.

VOTING

Voting will be held electronically. You will receive voting instructions in your exhibitor packet which will include a password set specifically for you. It is important that you safeguard this information!

If you are a paid junior member, but are not an exhibitor at the 2026 NJSGS, please go to the show office to receive your voting information.

NATIONAL JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

To be held on Thursday, **30 minutes after the conclusion of the show**, in the stands of the show ring.

ATVs, Golf Carts and Four Wheelers are allowed, but you **MUST** purchase a permit and drivers must be 16 years of age or older.

Permits are \$100 can be purchased through the Showman page.

DOGS

Absolutely NO Dogs are allowed in the barns.

All dogs must be on a leash in the tie out area.

**If you have questions, please contact a member of
Youth Activities Committee.**

CHECK-IN

Sunday, June 14, 2026 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

You may scratch or substitute entries at this time.

**ALL CATTLE MUST BE ON THE GROUNDS BY
3:00 PM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026.**

PAPER CHECK-IN – NO CATTLE

Exhibitors will bring ONLINE receipts and health papers to verify cattle entered.

It is the EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY to have ALL cattle entered correctly
identified by either brand or tattoo.

**Confirmation of brand/tattoo will be verified in the show ring.
Any ERRORS will result in DISQUALIFICATION.**

IMPORTANT

*Check the brand and/or tattoo numbers of your animal(s) entered to ensure they
match the registration papers. Brand/tattoos entered on the entry form **MUST**
MATCH with the identification number on the registration papers. It is the exhibitor's
responsibility to make sure their cattle have the correct identification.*



All purebred females in classes 1-5 and purebred bulls in classes 1-3 will be required to weigh in at the designated time for weigh in at the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show. Each animal designated will be divided into weight breaks for NJSGS. This will not change the requirement of registration papers or the entry system for the NJSGS.

The first and second place animals in classes 1-5 of purebred females and 1-3 of purebred bulls may be required to weigh back as soon as possible after their respective class. The animal must weigh within 5% of the overage, or it will be disqualified. Animals will be weighed once (no re-weighs). If either or both, of the first or second place animals are disqualified, weighing through the order of the class will continue until an official first and second are determined.

2026 NJSGS SCHEDULE

LOCATIONS & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Show Office will be open daily from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday, June 14, 2026

6:00 am – 3:00 pm	Grounds open for arrival – all cattle must arrive by 3:00 pm
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Queen, Princess & Director Candidates may start campaigning
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Cattle Check-In – Arena Area, bring health certificate
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Photo/Ad Contact – turn in at Show Office
7:00 pm	NJSGA Junior Board of Directors Game Time

Monday, June 15, 2026

8:00 am	Public Speaking
8:30 am – 2:00 pm	Better Beef - all cattle must be in line by 2:00 pm
11:30 am – 2:00 pm	Queen and Princess Tea and Interviews
2:30 pm	Livestock Judging
5:30 pm	Welcome Dinner / Queen, Princess & Director Candidate Speeches
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	NJSGS Dance & Social

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

8:00 am	Sales Talk
8:00 am	Online Voting Opens
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Cattle Stalled in Barn / Herdsman Contest
2:00 pm	Brain Bowl
6:30 pm	Director & Scholarship Interviews

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

8:30 am	Showmanship Contest (<i>Peewee, Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Old Timers</i>)
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Cattle Stalled in Barn / Herdsman Contest
10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Mandatory weigh in (<i>all cattle in PB Female Classes 1-5 and PB Bull Classes 1-3</i>)
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Cattlemen's Contest
Noon	Norval and Anna Sells Hard Luck stories deadline
4:00 pm	Online Voting Closes

Thursday, June 18, 2026

8:30 am	National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show – <i>Purebred Bull Show, Donated Heifer Show, Star Five Show, Bred & Owned Show</i>
30 minutes after show	NJSGA Membership Meeting / Jr. Board meeting to follow

Friday, June 19, 2026

8:30 am	National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show – <i>Purebred Female Show</i>
6:30 pm	National Junior Santa Gertrudis Banquet

CATTLE RELEASED AFTER SHOWING

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Departure – All Cattle must be off the grounds by NOON

2026 NATIONAL JUNIOR SANTA GERTRUDIS SHOW

Ike Hamilton Expo Center

Date: June 14-20, 2026
Location: 501 Mane St., West Monroe, LA 71292
Entry Deadline: **May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM**

Entry Fees:	Purebred Heifer Show	\$40.00
	Star Five Show	\$40.00
	Junior Bull Show	\$40.00
	Bred & Owned	\$20.00
	Donated Heifer	\$ 0.00
	Brain Bowl	\$ 0.00
	Sales Talk	\$10.00
	Showmanship	\$15.00
	Livestock Judging	\$10.00
	Photography Contest	\$10.00
	Ad Contest	\$10.00
	Public Speaking	\$10.00
	Cattlemen's Contest	\$10.00
	Queen/Princess Contest	\$ 0.00

Calves on the side of cows do not require fees unless entered in a separate class. Calves over 30 days old must be registered. No nurse cows are permitted on the grounds including the tie-out area.

LATE ENTRIES: May 2 – May 15, 2026

All cattle shows add \$50.00/head

Example: late entry for Purebred Heifers will be \$90.00/head;
Star Five will be \$90.00/head; Donated Heifers will be \$50.00/head

All contests add \$10.00 per contest

Example: Showmanship will be \$25.00; Public Speaking will be \$20.00

SUPER LATE ENTRIES will be accepted for **contests only** (no super late cattle entries) through the close of check-in on June 15, 2026 at the rate of \$40.00 per contest. No entries will be accepted after the conclusion of check-in.

NON-ANIMAL PARTICIPATION FEE is \$40.00 per exhibitor (this includes anyone participating in contests but not showing an animal).

LATE ENTRY NON-ANIMAL PARTICIPATION FEE will be \$80.00 if entered between May 2-15, 2026.

SUBSTITUTION: Substitution of animals is permitted. Substitution fee is \$20.00 per substitution.

REFUNDS: No refunds will be given.

Entry Deadline: May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM

Late Entries will be accepted May 2-15, 2026 (see fees above)

Super Late Entries (contest only, no cattle) will be accepted until the close of check-in on June 14, 2026 (see fee above).

JUDGES: **Matt Claeys** – Purebred Female Show

Quest Newberry – Purebred Bull Show, Donated Heifer Show, Star Five Show, Bred & Owned

2026 Health Certificate Requirements

(CVI – Certificate of Veterinary Inspection)

Please refer to the following link for current Louisiana health requirements:

[Livestock | Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry](#)

All animals must have a current CVI to enter the fairgrounds.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: See Above – VERY IMPORTANT

RULES AND REGULATIONS: See enclosed information (pages 8-10) and Ownership Information (Rule I & J)

SHOW CLASSES: Please see pages 32-35. Large classes may be split.

ONLINE ENTRY: You must enter online through showman.app. See directions on page 37.

EXHIBITORS: All exhibitors must be a paid junior member of SGBI. All balances must be zero, including membership dues and member service fees (herd inventory).

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:

All cattle entered in the 2026 NJSGS MUST have a permanent identification – either a brand (fire or freeze) or an ear tattoo. Animals must be identified in one of these methods before you get to the grounds. All tattoos/brands must be legible; even if they were checked last year, they have to be read again this year. If tattooed, please be sure ears are clean.

LOCAL INFORMATION

Hilton Garden Inn West Monroe
400 Mane Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291

RV Sites are available on the grounds for \$50.00/night.
Please reserve through showman.app

2026 NJSGS RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRY DEADLINE MAY 1

The National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show consists of six divisions: owned purebred females, owned purebred bulls, bred and owned purebred females, best of polled purebred females, donated heifers and star five females. All entries must be registered/recorded with Santa Gertrudis Breeders International and meet the SGBI Standard of Excellence. See www.santagertrudis.com.

Any and all entries that are unruly or unmanageable (bull or female) may be subject to disqualification from the show by Vice President of the Youth Activities Committee.

All purebred females in classes 1-5 and purebred bulls in classes 1-3 will be required to weigh in at the designated time for weigh in at the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show. Each animal designated will be divided into weight breaks for NJSGS. This will not change the requirement of registration papers or the entry system for the NJSGS.

The first and second place animals in classes 1-5 of purebred females and 1-3 of purebred bulls may be required to weigh back as soon as possible after their respective class. The animal must weigh within 5% of the overage or it will be disqualified. Animals will be weighed once (no re-weighs). If either or both, of the first or second place animals are disqualified, weighing through the order of the class will continue until an official first and second are determined.

- A. Exhibitors and Non-Animal Participants must be eight (8) years old (or entering the third grade) through twenty (20) years old as of June 1, 2026 to be eligible to participate.
 - a. **Junior:** 8 years old (or entering the third grade) through 12 years old
 - b. **Intermediate:** 13 years old through 15 years old
 - c. **Senior:** 16 years old through 20 years old
- B. All exhibitors and non-animal participants must be bona fide junior members of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International. This means the junior has paid all current dues and fees with no outstanding balances on their account.
- C. You must enter ONLINE in order to participate in the 2026 National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show. The areas of competition in which an individual may participate (ie: Public Speaking, Showmanship, Livestock Judging, etc.) must be designated online at the same time. You MUST enter and pay with a credit card online. **No mail entry forms will be accepted.**
- D. 2026 NJSGS entry fees are listed on page 6 of this packet. Entry Deadline – May 1. LATE ENTRIES will be accepted from May 2-15, 2026 (see Late Fees, page 6). **ABSOLUTELY NO CATTLE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 15, 2026.** SUPER LATE ENTRIES (for contests only) will be accepted until the close of check-in on June 14, 2026.

- E. Non-animal participation fee is \$40.00 per person and is due on or before May 1, 2026. The late non-animal participation fee (for entries submitted May 1, 2026) will be \$80.00 per person.
- F. Exhibitors will receive one (1) complimentary banquet ticket. Additional tickets can be purchased online for \$40.00 during the online entry window, or will be available at the show through Tuesday, June 16th for \$50.00 per ticket. Pre-purchased tickets will be included in the exhibitor's packet which they will receive at check-in. All others can be picked up in the show office.
- G. Junior members/exhibitors will maintain possession, exhibit and utilize best management practices of their entries from the date of ownership through the final day of the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show under the supervision of a County Agent, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Designated 4-H Adult Leader, Legal Guardian and/or Family consisting of a relative by blood, marriage, adoption or any person who resides in the same household or as a functional unit in the same household or a bona fide current paid junior SGBI member.
- H. No participant will be discriminated against as a result of physical, emotional or mental handicap. The only requirement is to notify the Vice President of Youth Activities in advance so accommodations can be made.
- I. OWNERSHIP DEADLINES are listed for cattle exhibiting in the 2026 National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show.
- J. All animals must be REGISTERED and PERMANENTLY identified with a brand or an ear tattoo. All animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name, not a ranch name or joint names. **Exhibitors and animals not adhering to this rule WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- K. Entries must be exhibited by the owner unless he or she owns two animals in the same class whereupon another paid bona fide junior EXHIBITOR on non-animal participant may exhibit one of the animals in the 2026 NJSGS.
- L. Official health certificates must accompany all cattle and must be presented to representatives at cattle check-in (see enclosed regulations). Please have a copy of your veterinary health certificate available upon arrival.
- M. Any junior exhibitor that is a qualified entrant to show and cannot, due to illness or injury during the show, may have his or her animal exhibited by another paid bona fide junior exhibitor or non-animal participant with **prior approval of the Youth Activities Committee.**
- N. A junior member who is not exhibiting an animal may participate in all contests except Showmanship. He or she MUST register as a non-animal participant.
- O. Junior member exhibitors participating in the NJSGS will dress appropriately in collared shirts with sleeves, belts and with no midriffs showing. Appropriate pants and footwear – no tennis shoes. No baseball caps. **The only exception to this rule is that exhibitors must wear their official NJSGS t-shirt for Thursday shows only.**
- P. Two-year-old heifers must have produced a calf or be safe in calf as verified by a pregnancy certificate and included in the health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian. The certificate must be presented at the time the animal is checked in. If the animal is open due to being in an embryo transfer program, this fact must be

verified by a written statement signed by a licensed embryo transfer technician to be eligible to show.

- Q. Cow/Calf Pairs – if a cow is shown with a calf at side, the calf must be her natural calf meeting the SGBI Standards of Excellence, meaning the calf is registerable. Calves over 30 days of age must be registered. If the cow has a calf that does not meet the Standards of Excellence, possible crossbred calf, the calf is not eligible to enter the show arena with the cow. The cow is eligible to show in her respective class and the judge will be notified as to why her calf is not present. The cow must be shown by the owner, and calf must be exhibited by a paid bona fide junior exhibitor.
- R. Star Five Female – the Star Five Female Show will follow the same animal age and ownership guidelines as the Purebred Female Show. Clarification of a Star Five Female by SGBI Rules is as follows: A Star Five Female is a female recorded with SGBI according to the SGBI Rules and must be between 50% and 87.5% Santa Gertrudis. These females will have a recordation certificate indicating they are a Star Five Female.
- S. All bulls 6 months of age and older **MUST** have a nose ring. Bulls in classes 1 and 2 may use a nose clip or a permanent nose ring. Bulls in classes 3-9 **MUST** use a permanent nose ring.
- T. Each animal shall be presented in the show ring in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical, chemical, electrical, or other appearance changes for cosmetic purposes, save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming or dehorning. Silicon injections or other injections for cosmetic purposes shall be prohibited.
- U. No pumping or filling of an animal with liquid, air or any other substances is allowed. Violations will result in disqualification and banning from all shows of that exhibitor and/or owner.
- V. Conduct and Disciplinary Action – All junior members of SGBI in attendance at the 2026 National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming of a junior member of SGBI and abide by the on-site directives of the host state. Violations of the above standard include but are not limited to: misrepresentation of animals (all animals must be registered and meet breed standards), vandalism, theft, fighting, unsportsmanlike conduct, failure to comply with the directives of officials, being in possession or under the influence of intoxicating or prohibited substances on or about the grounds, or willful violation of rules. Any violation of state and federal laws will be turned over to local authorities for investigation. The SGBI Youth Activities Committee will mandate any other disciplinary action.
- W. Liability Provisions – When contestant finishes the online entry process, he/she will be able to read the release statement and by typing YES releases the NJSGS committee and any of its employees and the host grounds and/or any of its employees from any responsibility for any accidents or theft.
- X. **Wholesome Assurance will be submitted online when each exhibitor checks out by typing YES.**
- Y. Santa Gertrudis Breeders International and its representatives reserve the right to require any test deemed necessary to verify the accuracy of an entry, classification

and/or the pedigree of exhibited Santa Gertrudis animals, including calves exhibited at the side of a Santa Gertrudis female.

Z. Fitting – Show and Exhibits Rules:

- a. **Purebred fitting** – All purebred animals must be exhibited with the hair brushed down on the entire body, legs, and tail with no foreign objects attached to the animal in a manner as to alter the animal's confirmation or change its appearance. Exhibitors failing to abide by this rule will not be allowed to show.

Specifically, all hair must be brushed down slick; head clipped smooth; underline clipped blending sides; udder and teats clipped with no long hair to emphasize udder; ears clipped as to environmental and local standards; neck and brisket clipped; body clip using common sense as to season; leg hair clipped and do not leave long from hock or knee to hoof; tail head clipped; pull switch or brush out (no ball, etc.); trim tail to personal preference.

- b. **Star Five fitting** – Star Five exhibits are not subject to purebred clipping rules. Entries are to be fitted blow and go. Hair may be brushed according to preference with no foreign substances/fitting materials on any part of the body.

Standard of Excellence

Please read and understand: Purebred Santa Gertrudis must meet appearance standards. For full explanation go to www.santagertrudis.com – look under **Performance** then go to **Breed Standards**. This will explain what conditions could cause disqualification of your animal. Please note one of the most obvious problems is hair color. White outside the underline or other spotting in other parts of the body could cause disqualification. Brindle in any extent could cause disqualification. There should be no more than 50% of the underline white, white must remain behind the front legs and may not extend past the udder or testicles. Any questions, please call a member of Breed Standards Committee.

Please read carefully. If you have any questions, please contact

Trai Stegall at (662) 296-5120 before the show begins.

Do not wait to ask questions once the show begins – it may be too late!

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- An exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any livestock show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation(s) will not be allowed to compete in other shows. This shall include, but not be limited to, disqualification for fraud, misrepresentation, unethical fitting or deception.
- Judging procedures will NOT be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. No complaint or appeal regarding a judge's decision or method of selection will be considered.
- Show officials may excuse an exhibitor from the ring and exclude them from further competition if an exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by their representative interferes or shows disrespect to a judge or show official.
- In the event that an exhibitor or animal is disqualified after they have been awarded premiums or awards, the exhibitor or animal placing immediately below them may be moved up to fill the vacated position at the discretion of the Youth Activities Committee.

PROCEDURES TO FILE PROTEST/APPEAL:

1. File protest or appeal with the Youth Activities Vice President.
2. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$200.00, cash or check, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The protest or appeal must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Youth Activities Committee Chairman within twenty-four (24) hours after the occasion for such protest.
3. Order of hearing a protest or appeal:
 - A. Vice President of the Youth Activities Committee and SGBI Executive Director
 - B. Action of Youth Activities Committee with additional fee of \$100.00, cash or check.
 - C. Final action by Board of Directors with additional fee of \$300.00, cash or check.
4. All rules and regulations that have been properly protested and appealed to the Youth Activities Committee shall be subject to the following penalties:
 - A. Loss of premium money
 - B. Loss of awards
 - C. Suspension from showing the subject animal as deemed necessary. Penalty may be for one or more shows as deemed necessary for the severity of the offense.



DESCRIPTIONS OF THE SPECIAL SHOWS

NATIONAL JUNIOR SANTA GERTRUDIS DONATED HEIFER PROGRAM

“To encourage donated heifer recipients to build their herds with genetics through the generosity of the breeder’s donation, to hone communication skills of recipients and foster relationships between juniors and breeders, all while enhancing the promotion of the Santa Gertrudis breed.”

Rules and Regulations

1. Division Grand and Reserve Champions in the Purebred Female Show (8 winners), Grand & Reserve Champion Star Five (2 winners) and Grand & Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Winners (2 winners) will receive a Donated Heifer. Recipients can receive a maximum of 1 donated heifer each year. If a recipient wins more than one heifer or if the recipient chooses to forfeit the donated heifer, it will be awarded to the next placing animal in the division drive. Judges will be asked to place divisions to 4th Overall.
2. Each recipient of a donated heifer and his/her parent or legal guardian **is required** to sign a written statement agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations of the NJSGS Donated Heifer Program. Those that refuse to sign the statement will automatically forfeit the donated heifer to the third-place winner of the division.
3. Donated Heifer recipients will draw for their assigned donor at the conclusion of the NJSGS. Recipients may not trade donors. **If recipient does not want ranch drawn, recipient will forfeit the donated heifer.**
4. Each recipient **MUST** send a handwritten thank you letter by **July 30, 2026** to the donor of the heifer, which they were awarded at NJSGS. **A copy of the thank you letter must be sent to the YAC Donated Heifer Subcommittee Chairmen.**
5. Once the heifer’s registration papers have been transferred to the recipient’s name at SGBI, a copy of the original registration papers stamped with a red NJSGS Donated Heifer Program stamp will be forwarded to the recipient along with a letter from the NJSGS Donated Heifer Program. (This documentation should be acceptable for your local shows as well as major shows.) The original registration certificate **will remain** in the files of SGBI c/o Donated Heifer Committee until the end of the 2027 NJSGS.
6. Donated heifers **MUST** be registered in the name of the recipient and picked up by **January 1, 2027. (The Donated Heifer Subcommittee should be notified if the heifer cannot be picked up by January 1, 2027 so that other plans can be made.)**
7. The recipient **MUST** write a letter to the breeder of the donated heifer every 3 months after being awarded the heifer at the 2026 National Junior Santa

Gertrudis Show. The first communication is a handwritten thank you letter due by **July 30, 2026**. Subsequent letters are due by **September 30, December 30, March 30 and June 30** (which is the final letter due after next year's Jr Nationals). Once the heifer is received a monthly progress report is due during the months the letter is not written. This can be in the form of personal contact, email, photos, etc. **Communicate with your donor!!!**

Copies of reports/letters must be sent to the YAC Donated Heifer Subcommittee Chairmen. (Texting is not an acceptable form of communication)

If recipient has not fulfilled requirements of the Donated Heifer Program: The recipient will be notified in writing by April 15th (prior to Jr Nationals) that he or she may be in violation of the donated heifer contract. The recipient will then have until May 1st to correct the deficiencies and notify the committee of the corrections. If the committee has not been informed of the corrections by May 1st, the recipient will be notified immediately by letter that the terms of the donated heifer contract have been violated. Any recipient who has violated the terms of the donated heifer contract, and has been sent written notification, may not show the donated heifer at the ensuing National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show and will not be eligible to receive a donated heifer at the show again.

8. **Donors will notify the recipient and the Donated Heifer Subcommittee, at the time of transfer, if they would like the heifer to be shown at the following NJSGS.** If the donor has requested that the animal be shown, all efforts must be made by the recipient to have the donated heifer at the NJSGS. If the Donor does not require the heifer be shown, the recipient does not have to bring it back the following year but is more than welcome to and encouraged. The **donated heifers can be shown** in their respective classes and a special class at that National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show.

9. The recipient, while attending the 2027 NJSGS, **MUST** display a sign above the donated heifer indicating the heifer donor, heifer's name, and heifer recipient. The sign may also be displayed at various shows throughout the year as a sign of gratitude.

10. **Exceptions to the above:**

The recipient of a donated heifer who is ineligible to return to the NJSGS may transfer the donated heifer to another junior (who is an eligible SGBI junior member) or the third-place winner in the division with the understanding that all rules and regulations of the NJSGS Donated Heifer Program will be met. The ineligible recipient may also just keep the heifer, fulfill the requirements of the letter writing/progress reports (as stated in #5 and #8) and would therefore be able to bring the heifer back to the NJSGS for the Donated Heifer class. **The Donated Heifer Subcommittee MUST be notified of this decision.**

11. An award at the 2027 NJSGS for the Donated Class will be presented to the Grand Champion and **the Donor.**

12. The original registration certificate will be mailed to the heifer recipient, after all of the rules and regulations of the NJSGS Donated Heifer Program are met, following the 2027 NJSGS.

13. All obligations of the NJSGS Donated Heifer Program **MUST** be met and **MUST** be verified by the Donated Heifer Subcommittee. Considerations from all parties - Donated Heifer Subcommittee, Donor, and Recipient- will be taken into judgement before action is taken.

14. If you have any questions or concerns, please immediately contact:

Callie Loden

callie@straittranches.com

210.837.1199

Remember, this opportunity is yours ONLY because of your Donor!
Treat them as you would like to be treated.

Bred and Owned Show

All general rules will apply to the Bred and Owned Show. Purebred Females **ONLY** are allowed to show in the Bred and Owned Show. Class breaks are set – please see enclosed sheet in this packet. Bred and Owned females are defined as those which the exhibitor has solely and continuously owned from conception until the time of the show. Therefore, the junior exhibitor must be the **ONLY OWNER LISTED** on the dam's registration certificate at the time of conception. The same female entry must not have been transferred out of the junior exhibitor's name at any time. NJSGS Bred and Owned entries must be designated during the NJSGS online entry. This consists of classes B&O01-09. Entry fee is \$20.00/head.

All animals must be shown during the NJSGS purebred show to be eligible

Star Five Female Show

The Star Five Female Show will follow the same animal age and ownership guidelines as the Purebred Female Show. Clarification of a Star Five Female by SGBI Rules is as follows: A Star Five Female is a female recorded with SGBI according to the SGBI Rules and must be between 50% and 87.5% Santa Gertrudis. These females will have a recordation certificate indicating they are a Star Five Female. Star Five entries must be designated during the NJSGS online entry. These are Star 5 Classes S5 01-09. Entry fee is \$40.00/head.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ownership deadlines are listed in this packet for all cattle entries.• ALL entries MUST be entered and paid for using the ONLINE ENTRY system. Link can be found on the SGBI website, 2026 National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show Facebook page, or showman.app |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entry deadline is Thursday, May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM. LATE FEES will be applied from May 2-May 15th. ABSOLUTELY NO cattle entries will be accepted after May 15th. |

NATIONAL JUNIOR SANTA GERTRUDIS YOUTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The National Junior Santa Gertrudis Youth Foundation sponsors a college scholarship program to encourage young members to continue their education beyond the high school level. The recipients are chosen by a scholarship committee. The amount of each scholarship is determined annually by the NSGYF Management Committee. The scholarships are awarded based on membership and participation in the junior association, grades, need and the perception of the committee that the applicant will complete the future plans in higher education that he or she has.

Applications will be available on SGBI's website under the Youth tab, and must be completed and returned in a PDF format to nsgyfscholarships@gmail.com by **June 1, 2026**. No late applications will be accepted.

Only 2026 graduating seniors are eligible for scholarships being offered. The students must be current members (dues paid for the 2026 member year). In addition, the students must have participated in at least three (3) National Junior Santa Gertrudis Heifer Shows (the 2026 show can be included as one of the three (3)). The 3 required national shows need not be consecutive.

The Polled Santa Gertrudis Association offers a scholarship for members of the Polled Santa Gertrudis Association. Membership in the Polled Association is required for the current year.

Graduating seniors applying for the NSGYF scholarships are requested to attend the NJSGS for the interview process. Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday during the show. If a student is unable to attend the scholarship interview during the show, they must give the Foundation Chairman/Scholarship committee 14 days' prior notice so arrangements can be made for an alternative interview. Emergencies are exempt.

Times are flexible as we know several junior members are involved in other activities. Once you receive notice of your time and there is a problem, please notify the show office.

ADDITIONAL STIPULATIONS (which will be addressed in depth at the scholarship meeting)

1. Membership must be maintained in SGBI for length of scholarship.
2. Thank you letters must be sent each semester.
3. Mandatory meeting – one will be notified if need to attend.

SPECIAL AWARDS EXPLANATIONS

Eldon Flowers Award

This award is given in memory of a past junior member, Eldon Flowers. Selection of the junior individual to honor with this award is given based on friendliness, helpfulness to others, attitude and care given to the junior's animal(s), as well as the junior's willingness to support the Santa Gertrudis breed. The junior individual possesses outstanding attributes for kindness, helpfulness, and giving of themselves.

The junior individual will be selected from both exhibitors and non-exhibitors participating in the NJSGS. Remember – you as a junior member are always being watched for your actions, deeds and helpfulness. If there is someone that you think is deserving of the Eldon Flowers Award, please speak to a NJSGA Director.

Honorary Junior Member(s)

Honorary junior membership may be awarded to a non-junior member(s) that has made an outstanding contribution to the NJSGA to merit the recommendation from the junior membership. The junior membership shall nominate candidates from the floor at the annual meeting who are not junior members of the NJSGA. Following nomination, a vote of the general membership may grant honorary junior membership to an individual or couple. Honorary Junior Membership is a lifetime award and may only be received once.

NJSGS High Point Junior Breeder Award

This award is given to the junior member who gains the most points from cattle that were produced by each individual junior's herd and were shown during the NJSGS – Purebred Shows (male & female) and Star Five Show. The bred & Owned Show will be used for tiebreaker purposes. Points are accumulated on the top five in each class as follows: 5 points for 1st, 4 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th, and 1 point for 5th.

NJSGS High Point Open Breeder Award

This award is given to the adult breeder who gains the most points from cattle that were produced by each individual breeder's herd and were shown during the NJSGS - Purebred Shows (male & female) and Star Five Show. Points are accumulated on the top five in each class as follows: 5 points for 1st, 4 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th, and 1 point for 5th.

NJSGS High Point Exhibitor Award

This award is given to the exhibitor of the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show who accumulates the most points with the animals they own/exhibit during the NJSGS – Purebred Shows (male & female) and Star Five Show. The bred & Owned Show will be used for tiebreaker purposes. Points are accumulated on the top five in each class as follows: 5 points for 1st, 4 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th, and 1 point for 5th.

Old Joe Award

This award is given to a junior member that exhibits qualities of leadership, maturity, self-control, and enthusiasm for this organization. This is given in remembrance of Mr. Joe Garrett who was the Executive Director for SGBI in the 1990's. This award is chosen by the Vice President of Youth Activities.

Norval and Anna Sells Hard Luck Award

This award is given to a junior member that has had "bad luck" or hard luck during the previous year. **Written stories must be turned into the office by Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at noon.** A panel of 3 people chosen by the Vice President of Youth Activities will conclude whom is most deserving.

BYRON THOMS HIGH POINT AWARD

To be eligible for the Byron Thoms High Point Award:

A junior member must exhibit cattle at the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show. This means either Purebred Females & Males or Star Five Females. The highest placing entry of all cattle shown will be counted towards the Byron Thoms.

The following contests will be counted towards the Byron Thomas with ONLY the TOP FIVE scores to be tabulated toward the high point award:

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| 1. Cattle Shows (female, male or Star Five) | 4. Public Speaking |
| 2. Livestock Judging | 5. Showmanship |
| 3. Sales Talk | 6. Cattlemen's Contest |

You must compete in one aspect of the show, either the Purebred Female or Male shows or the Star Five Show, but you do not have to compete in all the leadership contests. There will be high point winners named for each age division. See Rule A for divisions. In the event of a tie, it will be broken based on the purebred heifer show. If there remains a tie, then both individuals will be recognized.

1 POINT WILL BE TABULATED FOR PARTICIPATION

Points will be tabulated in each event as follows:

Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

1. To be eligible to participate in the national Public Speaking Contest the contestant must be a member of the NJSGA.
2. Contestants will compete in their respective age divisions only. Former public speaking contest winners remain eligible for competition in their applicable age division, regardless of past wins.
3. Contestants are free to choose their subject matter. However, speech topics should pertain to the Santa Gertrudis breed, agriculture, or the beef industry.
4. Contestants should present speeches composed of original material. Contestants MAY NOT repeat a speech previously used in this contest. If sources of information are used in speech preparation, the source should be cited. In speeches that address technical or scientific matter, resource information should be given. The speaker must give credit when he/she quotes directly the words or writing of another individual.
5. Each speech shall be a minimum of four (4) minutes and a maximum of seven (7) minutes in length. A maximum of twenty (20) points will be deducted for speeches under four (4) minutes or over seven (7) minutes in length. Point deductions will be left to the judges' discretion.
6. Following each speech, a three-member panel of judges will be allowed to ask relevant questions to all participants in ALL THREE DIVISIONS; however, questions will not be scored for the junior division.
7. Contestants will be judged on: Subject Knowledge (20%); Organization (10%); Presentation (40%); Response to Questions (20%) and General Effectiveness (10%).
8. Contestants in each division will draw for speaking order with accommodations allowed for siblings participating in more than one division. Draw will take place one day prior to the contest at which time, potential sibling conflicts must be identified to allow accommodations to be made. There will be a three-member judge panel for each division.
9. Contestants are permitted to use notes, but excessive reference to note cards may result in point deductions by the judge.
10. No props, visual aids, music, etc. will be permitted.
11. A designated timekeeper will record speech lengths, noting time deficits and overages.
12. At the conclusion of each speaker, judges will total scores for that speaker. The scores shall then be averaged and a ranking of contestants determined at the conclusion of the contest.
13. All contestants MUST enter ONLINE if they are participating. Online entry is due May 1, 2026. Entry fee is \$10.00.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Contestant: _____ Judge: _____

SPEECH CONTENT & COMPOSITION: 30 POINTS POSSIBLE

	Points Allowed		Points Awarded
1. Content of Speech			
Is the topic current and of interest?	10	Poor: 1-2 pts Fair: 3-4 pts Good: 5-6 pts Excellent: 7-8 pts Superior: 9-10 pts	
Is the topic relevant and pertain to the Santa Gertrudis breed, agriculture, or the beef industry?	10		
2. Organization			
Is the speech content written in a logical order, and does it maintain unity thought throughout?	5	Poor: 1 pt Fair: 2 pts Good: 3 pts Excellent: 4 pts Superior: 5 pts	
Does the content accomplish the speech's purpose?	5		
Total Points (Max 30)			

DELIVERY: 50 POINTS POSSIBLE

	Points Allowed		Points Awarded
3. Oral Communication			
Speaks Without Hesitation	10	Poor: 1-2 pts Fair: 3-4 pts Good: 5-6 pts Excellent: 7-8 pts Superior: 9-10 pts	
Consistent and Appropriate Tone	10		
Command of Audience	10		
4. Non-verbal Communication			
Attention (eye contact)	10	Poor: 1-2 pts Fair: 3-4 pts Good: 5-6 pts Excellent: 7-8 pts Superior: 9-10 pts	
Well Poised	10		
Total Points (Max 50)			

Public Speaking (Cont.)

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS: 20 POINTS POSSIBLE **(NOT TO BE SCORED FOR JUNIORS)**

	Points Allowed		Points Awarded
5. Questions			
Speaks unrehearsed and with comfort and ease. Is able to speak quickly with organized thoughts and answers.	10	Poor: 1-2 pts Fair: 3-4 pts Good: 5-6 pts	
Demonstrates knowledge of the topic during Q&A period.	10	Excellent: 7-8 pts Superior: 9-10 pts	
Total Points (Max 20)			

TIME:

Time deduction (-1 point per 5 seconds under 4 minutes or over 7 minutes, max of 20 points deducted)	
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NET TOTAL POINTS	
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COMMENTS: _____

SALES TALK CONTEST

The Sales Talk Contest uses a live setting complete with an animal and potential buyers. The contestant's effectiveness will determine his/her value as a salesperson.

Contestants may use a heifer, cow, or bull as the subject of the Sales Talk. Contestants may use a heifer, cow, or bull other than their own. The contestant may hold or tie the heifer, cow, or bull or have another junior member hold the animal during the talk. The heifer, cow, or bull is not to be groomed for show.

1. Immediately preceding the talk, contestants will be required to provide the judges with a registration certificate for the animal being "sold". **ONLY 1 COPY IS REQUIRED. COME PREPARED. THE OFFICE WILL NOT MAKE COPIES FOR YOU.** The judges will use the registration certificate to evaluate the accuracy of pedigree and performance information provided by the contestant and to also ask questions.
2. Contestants will be judged on their knowledge of the animal they are selling (25%); ability to relay important information about the animal (organization and style 25%; poise and delivery 25%); and their overall effectiveness in convincing the judges to buy the animal (25%). Ties will be broken by a predetermined point breakdown.
3. A contestant's score will be reduced 10% if additional materials are presented to the judges and used in the presentation, other than those listed in the above rules.
4. Sales Talk will be 3-5 minutes in length for juniors and 5-7 minutes in length for intermediate and seniors. Time elapsed will be indicated during the contest so that contestants are aware of time constraints.
5. At the conclusion of each presenter, judges will total scores for that presenter. The scores shall then be averaged, and a ranking of contestants determined by the judges at the conclusion of the contest.
6. All contestants **MUST** enter online if you are participating. Online entry deadline is May 1, 2026. Entry fee is \$10.00.

SALES TALK COMPETITION

Contestant: _____ Division: _____

Content of Sales Pitch					
	Excellent: 5 pts	Good: 4-3 pts	Fair: 2-1 pts	Poor: 0 pts	Points Earned:
Pedigree (Sire, Dam and accuracy of information)					
Performance Data					
Physical attributes (accuracy in describing strengths/weaknesses of their animal)					
Breeding Plan (what would you look for in a bull/female to enhance or improve the genetics of the offspring)					
Conditions of the Sale					
Points Earned					

Presentation					
	Excellent: 5 pts	Good: 4-3 pts	Fair: 2-1 pts	Poor: 0 pts	Points Earned:
Originality (are they creative in their sales pitch)					
Organization (clearly organized and logical in presentation)					
Command of Audience (captivates and engages audience throughout the presentation)					
Believability (do they provide a true representation of their animal)					
Communication Skills (ability to relate the important information about this animal)					
Points Earned					

Sales Talk (Cont.)

Poise and Delivery					
	Excellent: 5 pts	Good: 4-3 pts	Fair: 2-1 pts	Poor: 0 pts	Points Earned:
Vocal Delivery (presentation is easily understood with appropriate pacing, volume, pronunciation, and articulation)					
Confidence (showed composure and confidence in their presentation)					
Gestures/Mannerisms (demonstrates nonverbal behavior that supports the verbal message)					
Eye Contact (appropriate eye contact with judges throughout presentation)					
Appearance (good personal appearance and body posture)					
Points Earned					

Overall Effectiveness					
	Excellent: 5 pts	Good: 4-3 pts	Fair: 2-1 pts	Poor: 0 pts	Points Earned:
Overall Sales Pitch (constructs an effective persuasive message with credible and sound reasoning)					
Response to Questions (do responses indicate originality and their ability to think quickly in order to provide additional supporting information)					
Knowledge of Breed (do their answers and presentation make you as a buyer feel that they are knowledgeable about the breed and their animal)					
How convincing was their sales pitch? (were you sold on the animal?)					
General impression of entire presentation					
Points Earned					

Total Points All Categories					
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Point Deductions

Used additional materials other than those listed -10 points _____
 Did not provide a copy of registration certificate - 5 points _____
 Failed to introduce themselves - 2 points _____

Total Deductions					
Overall Score					

CATTLEMEN'S CONTEST

The Cattlemen's Contest is designed to test individual's knowledge of beef production and management tools. Contestants are expected to identify, by name and function, items used in the course of beef cattle production and management. Entry fee is \$10.00.



This year's contestants will take Cattlemen's Contest via online, digital test. Contestants will complete the test on designated computers at the designated location. Contestants will be able to complete Cattlemen's Contest during a six hour window from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

1. Contestants must work individually and without resource material.
2. Designated tablets/laptops will be available for contestants to take the test.
3. No electronic or communication devices of any kind will be permitted during the contest. This includes cell phones and smart watches. If any devices are seen during the contest, you will be disqualified.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The objective of the judging contest is to test the observation skills of contestants and expand their understanding of economically significant traits and performance data. Entry fee is \$10.00.

1. The competition is for single entries.
2. At the official's discretion, performance data may be provided to aid in class placings.
3. Junior and Intermediate participants will be asked multiple choice questions on two classes. The Senior division will give oral reasons on one class and answer multiple chose questions on one class.
4. No reference materials allowed, except data furnished by the contest officials.
5. No talking among contestants is allowed during the test.
6. NO electronic or communication devices of any kind will be permitted during the contest. This includes cell phones and smart watches. If any electronic devices are seen during the contest, you will be disqualified.
7. Fifty points are available per placing class and fifty possible points for each questions and reasons class.
8. A panel of judges will make the official placing.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

The Showmanship Contest evaluates an exhibitor's ability to present his/her animal during competition. The appearance, attitude and skills of each showman will be considered in the contest. Each exhibitor **MUST** show his/her own animal in the Showmanship Contest. No Bulls are allowed to be in Showmanship. (Only exception to this is if the exhibitor has only bulls, then that exhibitor will be allowed to show another exhibitor's heifer).

Showmanship order will be judged in this order:
PeeWee (5-7 yr.), Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Old Timers

Division heats will be posted on showman.app.
Showmanship number will be in your show packet!

PeeWee = no fee; Old Timers = \$20 fee for exhibitors

Old Timers may be nominated for a \$50 fee. If nominated and they do not wish to participate, the nominee must pay \$20 fee to remove themselves.

Please enter online if you will be participating. Entry deadline is May 1, 2026.

BETTER BEEF CONTEST

The true purpose of any Santa Gertrudis is to produce offspring to produce beef. The NJSGS conducts the Better Beef Contest to raise awareness of beef quality in our breed, identify individual animals with superior carcass attributes, and add data to our registry.

BULLS born between March 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025 the following data will be collected: Weight, Carcass Data Ultrasound Information (Intramuscular Fat %, Rib Eye Area, Fat Thickness and Rump Fat Thickness), Scrotal Circumference, Hip Height (Frame Score) and DNA Collection.

HEIFERS born between March 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025 the following data will be collected: Weight, Carcass Data Ultrasound Information (Intramuscular Fat %, Rib Eye Area, Fat Thickness and Rump Fat Thickness), and Hip Height (Frame Score).

Contest will take place on **Monday from 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM**. Cattle must be in line by 2:00 PM. Exhibitors with eligible aged cattle are encouraged to participate, as not only will this provide important information on the carcass quality of your animal, but it will also aid our breed registry in acquiring valuable data. Please be advised that the scan does require oil to be put on the back of the animal while it is restrained in the chute.

BRAIN BOWL CONTEST

Entry Deadline June 1, 2026

Please read over all rules and be acquainted with the contest. An affiliate youth advisor can contact Amanda Millican agmillican@gmail.com for entry forms.

All entries must be emailed by the affiliate rep by June 1, 2026.

Brain Bowl study questions are available to affiliate youth advisors. Additions, deletions, or corrections may be made periodically. All changes will be made no later than one month prior to the entry deadline. Any study questions received prior to this date may not be current. The most recent study questions will be identified by date of changes. Study questions (one set for each division) will be sent to affiliate youth advisors by request only. Affiliates will be responsible for making copies for each contestant. Contact Amanda Millican for study questions. agmillican@gmail.com

If an affiliate intends to have a team compete in any of the three divisions of Brain Bowl, an affiliate youth advisor must enter the team. The competition will consist of Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions. An affiliate will enter four (4) member teams.

See 2026 NJSGS Rules and Regulations, Rule A, for division age breaks. If an affiliate is unable to fill a team with 4 members upon arrival at the Brain Bowl meeting, they will have several options:

An affiliate may enter a team with junior members from other affiliates so long as at least one team member is a member of the sponsoring affiliate at the time of entry and the other team members are National Junior Santa Gertrudis Association Members and must be an exhibitor or non-animal participant entered in the NJSGS.

An affiliate may move a participant(s) from a younger age division up to an older age division in order to fill a team. At no time though will an older age division participant be allowed to participate on a younger division team.

As a last resort, if a team member drops out for any reason, then the affiliate may still compete with a minimum of three (3) team members. If a three-member team is used, then that team will have an empty chair and be at a disadvantage. In a one-on-one question sequence, the opposing team member opposite of the empty chair will be asked the question directly. No one from the three-member team may answer that question for the empty chair position. If the four-member team member is unable to answer the question, then Rule 3 will apply.

To allow the opportunity for all junior members to compete in the Brain Bowl competition, special consideration may be made, if necessary. When the entry (for each division) is submitted, contestant names list on line 1, 2, 3, and 4 will make up a team. If an affiliate has more than four contestants (per division) these names will be entered on the additional lines provided. When all entries are received, the contest chairperson will review the entries. The additional entries will be grouped together to form a team(s). If there are not enough participants to complete a team, the affiliate youth advisors for the participating team(s) will decide if additional team members will be added or if the team will compete with the three-member team member requirement.

Note: Please only enter names of junior members who are interested in participating in the Brain Bowl Contest. Do not enter a name just to fill a spot. This will allow the committee to assemble a team(s) for all junior members who are interested in participating.

There will be a Brain Bowl meeting held prior to the contest each year. Drawing for bracket assignments for each division, distribution of blank contestant team and name cards, and general guidelines will be discussed at this meeting. **In addition, Brain Bowl members will draw for their seat each round and must remain in the drawn seat for the duration of that round.** Affiliate youth advisors or an adult representative must attend this meeting. Absence of an affiliate representative will result in drawing for bracket placement by a committee member. It will be the responsibility of the affiliate youth advisor or their representative to write team name and team member names on the cards. Team members will be responsible for placing their individual name card in their holder and the affiliate youth advisor will place the team name in the holder at the Brain Bowl contest.

Teams “A” and “B” are competing – the first question will be directed to contestant 1 on “A” team and 1 on “B” team. 1A and 1B will have ten (10) seconds to buzz and ten (10) seconds to answer the question.

- If the question is answered correctly, the team will score one (1) point.
- If the question is answered incorrectly, the opposing team will have ten (10) seconds to discuss the question and give an answer.
- If after discussion the opposing team answers the question correctly, the team will score one (1) point. If the team answers incorrectly, the question dies.

The second question will be an “all play” directed to any contestant on either team. Contestants will have ten (10) seconds to buzz and ten (10) seconds to answer. There is no team discussion except as follows:

- If the question is answered correctly, the team will score one (1) point.

- If the question is answered incorrectly, the opposing team will have ten (10) seconds to discuss the question and give an answer.
- If after discussion the opposing team answers the question correctly, the team will score one (1) point. If the team answers incorrectly, the question dies.

The third (3rd) question will be directed to contestants 2A and 2B with the rules for #2 and #3 above. The same sequence will be followed throughout the contest.

If an answer is heard from the audience, the question will be dropped.

If two lights come on at the same time, the question will be dropped.

The moderator will stop reading the question when a light appears. The contestants must give an answer within ten (10) seconds. If the answer is incorrect, the question will be repeated in its entirety for the opposing team.

There will be no true/false questions asked.

Each contest is ten (10) minutes long. Time will pause for answers referred for review by the moderator.

At the end of each round, one (1) bonus point will be given to any team whose members all answered at least one question correctly.

In the event of a time, five (5) minutes will be added to the clock.

If there are only two teams in one division, there will be a double-elimination tournament to win.

Finals will be done last.

QUEEN & PRINCESS CONTEST

The following rules and responsibilities approved by the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Association, the NJSGA Board of Directors, and the SGBI Youth Activities Committee will be in effect during the 2026 NJSGS.

Each junior affiliate recognized by SGBI may enter ONE contestant in the Queen and Princess contests.

Affiliate representatives can contact Trai Stegall, Vice President of Youth Activities (trais3@hotmail.com) for an entry form.
All entries must be received by June 1, 2026.

Rules and Responsibilities of the National Santa Gertrudis Queen and Princess:

Rules:

1. Contestant must be a member of the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Association.
2. Contestant must be sponsored by a Junior Affiliate to enter the contest.
3. Contestant must be 16 years of age, but not older than 20 years of age, by June 1 to run in the Queen contest. Princess contestants must be 8-15 years old by June 1 to run in the contest.
4. Queen and Princess contestants will be introduced at the opening general session of the NJSGS and will be allowed to campaign until the NJSGA business meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2026. All Queen and Princess contestants MUST give a two (2) minute prepared speech during the opening session of the NJSGS on Sunday, June 14, 2026.

Responsibilities:

1. The National Queen and Princess will serve a one-year term.
2. The National Queen and Princess will present awards at as many shows and field days as possible.
3. The Queen and Princess must attend the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show and the National Open Show. Financing to attend these events is the responsibility of the Queen and Princess.
4. The National Queen and Princess are encouraged to represent the NJSGA at various conventions and parades.

5. The National Queen and Princess will be available for informative talks related to breed promotion.
6. The National Queen and Princess will always be an ambassador for the Santa Gertrudis breed. Social media accounts of the National Queen and Princess will be reviewed periodically.

Election Process:

Queen and Princess candidates will participate in the opening session of the NJSGS on Monday, June 15, 2026 at which time they will be introduced to the general membership and give a two (2) minute prepared speech.

Candidates will be interviewed and judged by a panel of approximately three judges during the Queen and Princess Interviews/Tea on Monday, June 15, 2026 from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. This is a “ladies” event. Contestants are encouraged to invite their mother, grandmother, or another important female friend.

The judging panel will score each candidate separately. The judging of the Queen and Princess candidates and their scores will be based on the following format:

60% Knowledge of the Breed, Personality, and Poise

40% Junior Membership Vote – Designated voting times will be set.

No Proxy Votes.

Queen and Princess Candidates will be able to campaign the whole week of the show. REMEMBER: No taping is allowed at the fairgrounds – you must use easels or other items in your campaigning process. Be creative! All campaign material must be taken down by 8:00 AM on Friday, June 19, 2026. Winners of the contest will be announced Friday, June 19, 2026 at the awards banquet.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Contestants must be entered in the 2026 NJSGS as an exhibitor or non-exhibitor.
Entry fee is \$10.00.

- Only one (1) entry per contestant.
- Photos **MUST** be delivered near the office between 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Sunday, June 14, 2026. Photograph entry **MUST** be taken by the junior member who has entered it.
- Entries **MUST** be 8x10 color photographs, mounted on a thin black or white foam board which is no larger than 10x12 inches – absolutely no wood or metal framing.
- **Entries must include:** Junior Name, Age, Division, Home Address, City, State, Zip and Phone # on back of foam board.
- Photos cannot be altered or digitally enhanced in any way.
- Photos **MUST** contain Santa Gertrudis cattle or related activities.
- Photos not meeting the above criteria will not be judged.
- Judging will concentrate on all aspects of photography.

Pictures will be available at the conclusion of Thursday's events for pickup.

Please enter ONLINE if you will be participating.
Entry deadline is May 1, 2026.

NJSGS Photography Score Card

- 1. Focus/Exposure/Lighting – 30 Total Points Possible in Category**
 - a. Sharp Focus (stead, camera control, depth of field)
 - b. Proper Light/Used Correctly (front, back, side, top, time of day)
 - c. Color Quality (well balanced, appropriate contrast)
- 2. Composition/Distance – 30 Total Points Possible in Category**
 - a. Strong center of interest (obvious/interesting focal point, uncluttered foreground/background)
 - b. Angle/Viewpoint and Proper Camera Position (portrait or landscape)
 - c. Photo fill frame (intended image isolated, move closer/back)
- 3. Creativity and Appeal – 40 Total Points Possible in Category**
 - a. Unique or interesting subject
 - b. Creative technique/angle/viewpoint
 - c. Overall appeal of photo
 - d. Focus on Santa Gertrudis breed or related activities

HERDSMAN CONTEST

Affiliate, 4-H, FFA or other groups participating in the Herdsman Contest must select an affiliate (CLUB) in order to have an area in the barn to stall cattle. NO ENTRY FEE.

Each group will be assigned a booth area of 10 ft. x 10 ft. The affiliate booths should promote the acts of hospitality and junior mentorship, comradery, and connection among members in individual affiliates as well as across affiliates to connect exhibitors from all states.

ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING ONE ENTERED ANIMAL into the cattle ties and exhibit area on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 16 & 17, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Any exception to this rule must be approved by a panel of three Youth Activities Members. This is for all cattle, even those not participating in herdsman.

The Herdsman Contest will be judged on specific criteria. These criteria are listed below, and points will be given respectively. At the end of the judging, points will be totaled, and the highest group(s) will be named as the winner. There will be NO daily winners announced. The top three winners will be announced at the awards banquet.

Point System – based on 100 points. This is a positive/negative point system. For example: if parents spend a lot of time working on stalls, then the group may have 10 points deducted.

Cleanliness:

20 points – Cleanliness of stalls (area where cattle are bedded – manure picked up and stalls kept clean – free of hay, feed, manure, etc.)

15 points – Cleanliness of aisles (aisles kept clean, no trash in aisles, if concrete aisles then how aisles is swept up, etc.)

5 points – Feed pans and water buckets put up and out of stalls.

Work/amount of time that is put into stalls:

25 points – Work by juniors on keeping stalls clean. Continuity of display.

10 points – Promptness to stalls in the morning with cattle and taking them out at designated time.

10 points – Time spent by parents keeping stalls clean.

10 points – Friendliness to spectators walking by.

Creativity of Booth Area:

1-5 points – decorations, theme, set-up and hospitality

NJSGA AD CONTEST

The National Junior Santa Gertrudis Association will sponsor an Ad Contest. The purpose is to encourage the enhancement of visual communication skills and to allow junior Santa Gertrudis members another chance to compete in the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show (NJSGS). **Entry fee is \$10.00. Completed Ad must be turned in near the Show Office on Sunday, June 14, 2026 between 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.**

1. Entries should be informative and promotional. The junior's purpose is to create an entry that would be suitable for national advertising.
2. Ad must contain Santa Gertrudis cattle.
3. Each year a topic of the Ad will be selected.

This year's topic is:

Gert Dynasty: Celebrating 50 Years of Cherry Red Tradition

Create an ad introducing someone to the Santa Gertrudis Breed

4. Entries must be no larger than 8.5x11 (letter paper size), mounted on a thin black or white foam board which is no larger than 10x12 inches. Absolutely NO wood or metal framing.
5. The scoring will be based on a 50-point scale with 10 points given for each of the following categories:
 - Originality/creativity
 - Message, attracts attention
 - Appealing
 - Organization

**Please select Ad Contest while entering ONLINE if you will be participating.
Entry Deadline is May 1, 2026.**

HALTERED BULL SHOW

1. Haltered & broke to lead.
2. All bulls 6 months of age and older MUST have a nose ring. Bulls in classes 1 and 2 may use a nose clip or a permanent nose ring. Bulls in classes 3-7 MUST use a **permanent** nose ring. All bulls that are led at anytime and anywhere on the grounds must have a lead strap attached to the nose ring and the handler must use the strap to control said animal or be prepared to control animal.
3. Any entry that is unruly or poses danger to other exhibitors anytime during the week that animal may be disqualified by the Vice President of Youth Activities, or if exhibitor loses control of their animal twice during the class, the animal will be dismissed from the show arena by the judge, arena director or designee.
4. All bulls must be weaned and cannot be nursing at the Junior National Show, unless they are also entered as a cow/calf pair.
5. During the bull show, Junior Board Members will assist in the arena. Experienced adults will be allowed in the ring as assigned by the Youth Activities Show Coordinator.
6. There will be "catch" pens in various places in the arena.
7. All age eligible bulls must participate in the Better Beef Contest (10-15 months).
8. All age eligible bulls will have DNA testing done at the NJSGS.
9. Only purebred Santa Gertrudis bulls will be eligible to participate in the bull show.
10. NO BULLS WILL BE ALLOWED TO SHOW IN SHOWMANSHIP BUT ARE ALLOWED TO BE USED IN SALES TALK. If an exhibitor has only bulls to show and NO females, purebred or Star Five, then that exhibitor would be allowed to borrow a female from another exhibitor to participate in showmanship.

2026 NATIONAL JUNIOR BULL CLASSES

CLASS	FROM	TO	OWNERSHIP
B-01	January 1, 2026	Later	May 1, 2026
B-02	November 1, 2025	December 31, 2025	May 1, 2026
B-03	September 1, 2025	October 31, 2025	May 1, 2026
B-04	Champion Junior Bull		
B-05	Reserve Champion Junior Bull		
B-06	July 1, 2025	August 31, 2025	May 1, 2026
B-07	May 1, 2025	June 30, 2025	May 1, 2026
B-08	March 1, 2025	April 30, 2025	May 1, 2026
B-09	Champion Intermediate Bull		
B-10	Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull		
B-11	January 1, 2025	February 29, 2025	May 1, 2026
B-12	October 1, 2024	December 31, 2024	November 1, 2025
B-13	July 1, 2024	September 30, 2024	November 1, 2025
B-14	Champion Senior Bull		
B-15	Reserve Champion Senior Bull		
B-16	Grand Champion National Junior Bull <i>receives \$1,000 donated by Red Doc Farms</i>		
B-17	Reserve Grand Champion National Junior Bull <i>receives \$500 donated by Wendt Ranches</i>		

2026 NATIONAL JUNIOR SANTA GERTRUDIS FEMALE CLASSES

CLASS	FROM	TO	OWNERSHIP
PB-01	January 1, 2026	Later	May 1, 2026
PB-02	November 1, 2025	December 31, 2025	May 1, 2026
PB-03	September 1, 2025	October 31, 2025	May 1, 2026
PB-04	July 1, 2025	August 31, 2025	May 1, 2026
PB-05	June 1, 2025	June 30, 2025	May 1, 2026
PB-06	Champion Calf Female <i>receives donated heifer</i>		
PB-07	Reserve Champion Calf Female <i>receives donated heifer</i>		
PB-08	May 1, 2025	May 31, 2025	May 1, 2026
PB-09	April 1, 2025	April 30, 2025	May 1, 2026
PB-10	March 1, 2025	March 31, 2025	May 1, 2026
PB-11	February 1, 2025	February 29, 2025	May 1, 2026
PB-12	January 1, 2025	January 31, 2025	May 1, 2026
PB-13	Champion Yearling Female <i>receives donated heifer</i>		
PB-14	Reserve Champion Yearling Female <i>receives donated heifer</i>		
PB-15	November 1, 2024	December 31, 2024	November 1, 2025
PB-16	September 1, 2024	October 31, 2024	November 1, 2025
PB-17	July 1, 2024	August 31, 2024	November 1, 2025
PB-18	May 1, 2024	June 30, 2024	November 1, 2025
PB-19	Champion Intermediate Female <i>receives donated heifer</i>		
PB-20	Reserve Champion Intermediate Female <i>receives donated heifer</i>		
PB-21	March 1, 2024	April 30, 2024	November 1, 2025
PB-22	January 1, 2024	February 28, 2024	November 1, 2025
PB-23	October 1, 2023	December 31, 2023	November 1, 2025
PB-24	July 1, 2023	September 30, 2023	November 1, 2025
PB-25	Champion Senior Female <i>receives donated heifer</i>		
PB-26	Reserve Champion Senior Female <i>receives donated heifer</i>		
PB-27	Grand Champion Female		
PB-28	Reserve Grand Champion Female		
PB-29	Third Place Overall Female		
PB-30	Fourth Place Overall Female		
PB-31	Fifth Place Overall Female		
PB-32	Best of Polled Female <i>if the Overall Champion or Reserve Champion is not polled the selection will be made from the other remaining division winners.</i>		

2026 NATIONAL JUNIOR SANTA GERTRUDIS SHOW SPECIAL CLASSES

DONATED HEIFER CLASS

CLASS			
D-01	Donated Heifer (Heifers awarded during the 2025 NJSGS Only)		
D-02	Grand Champion Donated Heifer		

STAR FIVE CLASSES

CLASS	FROM	TO	OWNERSHIP
S5-01	January 1, 2026	Later	May 1, 2026
S5-02	October 1, 2025	December 31, 2025	May 1, 2026
S5-03	July 1, 2025	September 30, 2025	May 1, 2026
S5-04	April 1, 2025	June 30, 2025	May 1, 2026
S5-05	January 1, 2025	March 31, 2025	May 1, 2026
S5-06	September 1, 2024	December 31, 2024	November 1, 2025
S5-07	May 1, 2024	August 31, 2024	November 1, 2025
S5-08	January 1, 2024	April 30, 2024	November 1, 2025
S5-09	July 1, 2023	December 31, 2023	November 1, 2025
S5-10	Grand Champion Star Five <i>receives donated heifer</i>		
S5-11	Reserve Champion Star Five <i>receives donated heifer</i>		

BRED AND OWNED CLASSES

The SGBI office will verify them, but the exhibitor must enter those animals on the entry form.

In order to compete in the Bred & Owned Show, the exhibitor must have owned the dam at the time of conception. Exhibitor must have continually owned the animal being shown from conception until the show. If the animal was transferred from the exhibitor to someone else (including siblings) and then back to exhibitor, the animal is ineligible to show in the Bred & Owned Female Show.

CLASS	FROM	TO
B&O-01	January 1, 2026	Later
B&O-02	October 1, 2025	December 31, 2025
B&O-03	July 1, 2025	September 30, 2025
B&O-04	April 1, 2025	June 30, 2025
B&O-05	January 1, 2025	March 31, 2025
B&O-06	September 1, 2024	December 31, 2024
B&O-07	May 1, 2024	August 31, 2024
B&O-08	January 1, 2024	April 30, 2024
B&O-09	July 1, 2023	December 31, 2023
B&O-10	Grand Champion Bred & Owned Heifer <i>receives donated heifer</i>	
B&O-11	Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Heifer <i>receives donated heifer</i>	

NJSGA Director Elections

The following National Junior Santa Gertrudis Association director positions are available for election. As a director, an individual must be a paid junior member of SGBI, **a minimum of 14 years old OR enrolled in 9th grade** and cannot be older than eighteen (18) years of age when the term begins. Directors run for a two-year term and cannot service more than three (3) two-year terms.

District Positions Available:

District 1 – 2 positions District 3 – 1 position
District 4 – 1 position District 5 – 1 position



- District positions will be elected at the district level **PRIOR** to arrival at the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show.
- Each district will announce their representative(s) at the National Junior Membership Meeting.
- Each district's representative(s) must have a permanent address on file with SGBI as being in that district. If you do not know what district you are in, see map on next page or contact the SGBI office at (361) 592-9357**

At-Large District Positions Available:

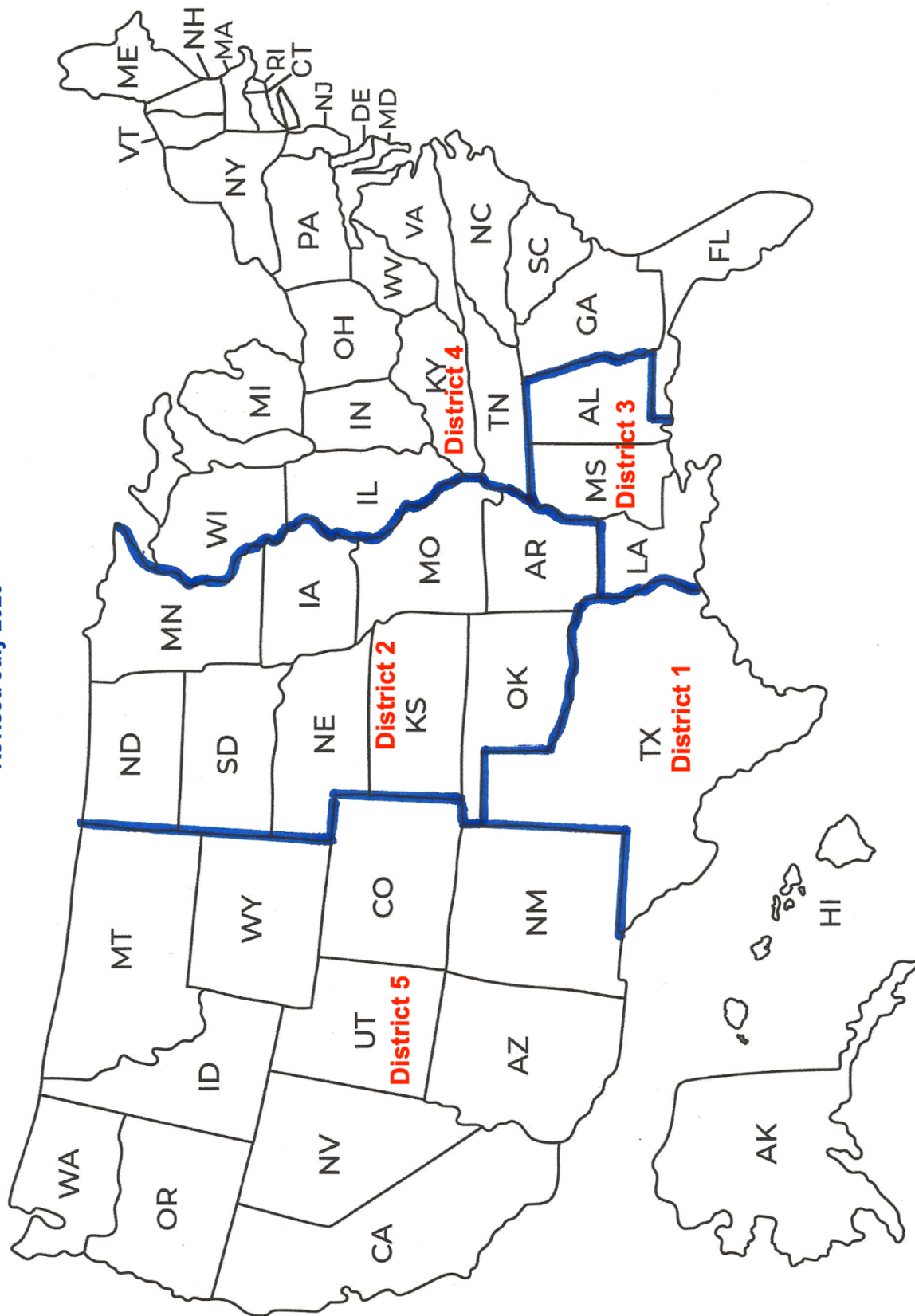
At Large - 4 positions (**3 two-year terms and 1 one-year term**)

- Any junior member can run for At-Large positions regardless of residency.
- In the event there is a district that is unable to fill their seat, the district position can then be filled by the candidates from the At-Large ballot, once all At-Large positions are filled. This position will be a one year position with the option for two years if there is no candidate to fill the seat during the second year of the term. This rule shall be utilized to maintain the number of 15 members on the board of directors.
- Director applications for At-Large candidates can be obtained at www.santagertrudis.com.
- **Director applications must be emailed in a PDF format to njsqboardapp@gmail.com no later than June 1, 2026. No exceptions.**
- Once all applications are received, interview times will be assigned. At-Large directors will be elected based on review of application, interview with committee panel, and vote of the general membership.
- Candidates will be allowed to campaign beginning at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 14, 2026 through Thursday of the show. The Membership meeting is Thursday, June 18, 2026 and will begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the show. Remember: No taping is allowed at the arena – you must use easels or other items in your campaigning process. Be creative. All campaign material must be taken down by Friday, June 19, 2026.

For voting rules, see page 3 of this packet.

NJSGA Voting Districts

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2026 NATIONAL JUNIOR SANTA GERTRUDIS SHOW ONLINE ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

For the 2026 NJSGS exhibitors can enter the show, purchase additional items, submit electronic signature for Wholesome Assurance and pay online – ONE STEP. **Print receipt to verify information.** If any errors are found, please contact Trail Stegall (662) 296-5120 or trais3@hotmail.com.

The 2026 NJSGS Online Entry system will allow you to enter from
April 1, 2026 until 11:59 PM on May 1, 2026

ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 1, 2026 ALL ENTRIES FOR THE 2026 SHOW MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY SELECTION NATIONAL JUNIOR SANTA GERTRUDIS SHOW ON SHOWMAN.APP

LATE ENTRIES: ACCEPTED FROM MAY 2, 2026 THROUGH MAY 15, 2026. ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 15TH DEADLINE.

Affiliate Representatives – REMEMBER to contact Trai Stegall at trais3@hotmail.com to request your Queen/Princess entry form and Amanda Millican agmillican@gmail.com for Brain Bowl entry form. These are only to be entered by an a **Affiliate Representative** and therefore unavailable on the online entry system.

Banquet Tickets can be purchased at this time for \$40.00. Tickets will be available at the Show until Tuesday, June 16, 2026 for \$50.00 per ticket. Once you have made all of your selections, double check and pay.

All exhibitors MUST pay online at this time:
DO NOT send a check to the SGBI Office.

Remember – Save a copy of your receipt!

We hope this is a smooth online entry process!