



2020 Travis County Youth Show Consumer Decision Making Contest Description & Rules

All registration must be completed online by your AST/CES leader and postmarked to the TCYS office by the date in the rule book. **Late registrations WILL NOT be accepted. Clubs/Chapters MAY have different due dates.**

The Texas 4-H Consumer Decision Making Guidelines and study materials can be obtained at:
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education/>

1. **Entry:** An Entry fee of \$10 per individual is required. Participation is by individual only.
2. **Eligibility:** Contestants must meet all Junior Show Rule Requirements. This contest is open to eligible 4-H and FFA youth in the junior and senior age divisions – Jr.: 3 – 8 grades and Sr.: 9 – 12 graders.
3. **Contest Format:** Contestants will judge six (6) classes selected from consumer product categories (Example: blue jeans, snack foods, sunscreens, shampoo, checking account, etc.). Five (5) of these classes will come from the categories listed in the Texas 4-H Consumer Decision Making Study Guide and one (1) will be a mystery class.
4. **Rules of Play:** The following is a summary of the contest procedure and rules:
 - A) Individuals will judge each class individually and mark their class rankings on the scan sheet.
 - B) After judging all classes, each contestant must present oral reasons to a judging panel
 - C) Once Judging and Reasons have been completed, contestants may exit the contest area
 - D) Talking and cell phones will not be permitted during the contest. If contestants are found talking or using cell phones during the contest, they may be disqualified
5. **Time:** Contestants will be allowed six (6) minutes for judging each class. Contestants will be allowed five (5) minutes per class of reasons.
6. **Reasons:** Juniors will provide one (1) set of reasons to a judging panel. Seniors will provide two (2) sets of reasons to a judging panel. Reasons classes will be both visibly designated and announced before the start of the contest.
7. **Supplies:** Scan sheets (Universal #705A-12) and blank scratch paper will be provided by TCYS. Contestants must provide their own #2 pencils and clip board. Contestants may also bring a calculator. Cell phones or other electronic devices may not be used in the place of a calculator.
8. **Categories:** Current categories can be found online at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/consumer_decision_making_categories_descriptions_2020.pdf
9. **Scores:** All ties among any placing team or individual will be broken via pre-designated class tie-breakers.