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# **Lawn Tractor Operators Contest - Sponsored by James River Equipment**

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#### REGISTRATION

**Entry Deadline**: **September 16th -** https://www.vaffa.org/state-fair-of-virginia **Location**: State Fair of Virginia, Blue Ribbon Pavilion in Harvest Landing

Date: September 23rd, 2022

**Time**: Orientation at 10:30 AM, contest begins at 11:00 AM, awards announced at the conclusion of event.

Participants must have a \$5.00 Student Competition Ticket to enter the Fairgrounds. 4-H Agent/FFA Coach is responsible for ordering tickets: <a href="https://www.vaffa.org/state-fair-of-virginia">https://www.vaffa.org/state-fair-of-virginia</a>

#### **RULES**

- 1. Each county/club/city is invited to enter a contestant (limited to the first 25 contestants).
- 2. Contestants must be between 13 and 18 years of age on January 1st in order to be eligible to compete.
- 3. Each contestant should bring a clipboard and pencil.
- 4. In case of a tie for individual awards, ranking will be determined by 1.) written exam, 2.) parts identification, 3.) obstacle course, 4.) time. If electrical storms prevent the driving portion of the contest, then written scores will be used to determine the state winner.
- 5. Contestants are judged on safety at all times while at the contest site: before, during, and after their contest operation. At the discretion of the judges, unsafe operation may disqualify a contestant.
- 6. While at the contest, all participants are scored on safety, written quiz, parts identification, lawn and garden operation on the course, and time.
- 7. Any rule or interpretation not covered here is decided by the superintendent and assistants of the contest; their decisions are final.
- 8. Please contact Andy Seibel, <a href="mailto:gseibel@vt.edu">gseibel@vt.edu</a> for additional information.

CLASSES (more detailed information can be found in the Virginia 4-H Lawn Mower Contest manual.)

- 1. Written Exam
- 2. Parts Identification
- 3. Obstacle Course

## **PREMIUMS**

Top six individuals will receive rosettes. Seventh through tenth will receive ribbons.

$1^{st}$	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>\$50</b>	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$10</b>	\$

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Contestants will be eligible to participate in the State Fair Scholarship Program. Please see the **State Fair** website, <u>www.statefairva.org</u> for more information regarding the State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program and eligibility requirements for other available scholarships. The following scholarships will be awarded to the top four individuals:

<b>1</b> st	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
\$300	\$200	<b>\$150</b>	\$100