Georgia Junior Cattlemen's Contests 2027

GJCA Public Speaking

The Georgia Junior Cattlemen's Association invites members to participate in the GJCA Public Speaking Contest at the 2027 GCA Convention. This contest provides an opportunity for young cattlemen to develop their public speaking skills while sharing their knowledge, experiences, and passion for the beef cattle industry.

Eligibility

- Open to current GJCA members
- Junior Division: 4th-8th grade
- Senior Division: 9th-12th grade
- Collegiate Division: Enrolled in college/university/ technical school, 21 years old and under

Rules

- Speeches will be delivered in person at the GCA Annual Convention.
- Speeches must relate to beef cattle, the beef industry, or an issue relevant to cattle production and the beef industry. Contestants may select their own topic. Speeches should be educational, informative, or persuasive in nature.
- Speeches must be the original work of the contestant. Contestants should acknowledge sources when using outside information, statistics, or quotations.
- Junior speeches must be **3-5 minutes** in length, and contestants may use note cards during their presentation.
- Senior and Collegiate speeches must be **5-7 minutes** in length and contestants may not use note cards, manuscripts, or other written materials during their presentation.
- All contestants must submit a typed manuscript using 12-point font and double spacing, along with their contest registration form by mail, delivered to the office, or by email in PDF format to Sarah Williams at swilliams@gabeef.org. The digital file should be labeled with the contestant's name and division.
- Visual aids, props, and electronic presentations are not permitted.
- All registration information and typed speech manuscripts must be submitted by the deadline. Late entries may not be accepted.

ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2027

Submit completed entry forms and any contest materials to
GJCA Contests, c/o Sarah Williams
101 General Courtney Hodges Blvd., Perry, GA 31069
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GJCA Public Speaking Contest Entry Form

Contestant Information

Contestant Name: _____ DOB: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

GCA Chapter: _____ GJCA Member #:_____

School: _____ Current Grade/Year: _____

Entry Information: Speech Title: _____

Contest Division

☐ Junior (4th–8th Grade) ☐ Senior (9th –12th Grade)

☐ Collegiate (Currently enrolled in college/university/technical school, 21 and under)

Release & Permission

I grant the Georgia Cattlemen's Association (GCA) and Georgia Junior Cattlemen's Association (GJCA) permission to photograph, record, display, reproduce, publish, and share my submitted speech manuscript, photographs, and video recordings of my contest presentation in GCA/GJCA publications, websites, social media, promotional materials, and educational resources. I understand that these materials may be used without additional compensation and that my name and likeness may be included. This permission is voluntary and is not required to participate in the contest.

☐ YES, I grant GCA/GJCA permission to use my speech manuscript, photographs, and video recordings.

☐ NO, I do not grant GCA/GJCA permission to use my speech manuscript, photographs, or video recordings.

Contestant Agreement

By submitting this entry, I acknowledge that:

- My speech is my original work.
- My speech meets the contest topic and time requirements.
- I understand and agree to follow all GJCA Public Speaking Contest rules.
- I understand that I must be present at Convention to participate.

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Contestant Date Parent *(if under 18)* Date

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GJCA Photography Contest

The Georgia Junior Cattlemen's Association invites members to showcase their creativity and perspective through the GJCA Photography Contest. Contestants are encouraged to capture the people, places, and experiences that make the beef cattle industry special.

Eligibility

- Open to current GJCA members
- Novice Division: Kindergarten-3rd grade
- Junior Division: 4th-8th grade
- Senior Division: 9th-12th grade
- Collegiate Division: Enrolled in college/university/ technical school, 21 years old and under

Rules

- Photographs must relate to beef cattle, the beef industry, or life in agriculture.
- Each contestant may submit **one photograph**.
- Photographs must be the original work of the contestant and must have been taken by the contestant.
- Photographs may be taken using a digital camera, tablet, or cell phone.
- Basic photo editing, including cropping, brightness, contrast, and color adjustments, is permitted. AI-generated images, stock photographs, and photographs taken by someone other than the contestant are not permitted.
- Photographs must be appropriate for public display and suitable for use in GJCA publications or social media.
- All entries will be pre-judged prior to Convention.
- Submitted photographs will be displayed during the GCA Convention.
- Completed entry forms and photographs must be received by the deadline. Late entries may not be accepted.

Photograph Submission

- **Photographs must be submitted physically and digitally** with the completed contest entry form.
- Printed photos must be submitted as an 8" × 10" printed photograph in a frame via mail or delivered to the office. Contestant name and division must be included on the back of the photograph.
- A digital copy of the photo must be submitted via email in JPG or PNG format to Sarah Williams at swilliams@gabeef.org. The digital file should be labeled with the contestant's name and division.
- Physical photos and frames will be available to pick up at the conclusion of convention. Unclaimed photos will not be returned.

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Contestant Information

Contestant Name: _____ DOB: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

GCA Chapter: _____ GJCA Member #:_____

School: _____ Current Grade/Year: _____

Entry Information: Photo Title: _____

Contest Division

☐ Novice (K-3rd Grade) ☐ Junior (4th–8th Grade) ☐ Senior (9th –12th Grade)

☐ Collegiate (Currently enrolled in college/university/technical school, 21 and under)

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☐ YES, I grant GCA/GJCA permission to use my submitted contest entry.

☐ NO, I do not grant GCA/GJCA permission to use my submitted contest entry.

Contestant Agreement

By submitting this entry, I acknowledge that:

- My photo is my original work.
- I understand and agree to follow all GJCA Photography Contest rules.
- I understand that my photograph may be displayed at the GJCA Convention and used in GJCA publications or social media.
- I understand that if I do not pick up my photo at convention it will not be returned to me.

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Contestant Date Parent *(if under 18)* Date

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GJCA Essay Contest

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Eligibility

- Open to current GJCA members
- Junior Division: 4th-8th grade
- Senior Division: 9th-12th grade
- Collegiate Division: Enrolled in college/university/ technical school, 21 years old and under

Rules

- Essays must relate to beef cattle, the beef industry, cattle production, or an issue relevant to the beef industry. Contestants may select their own topic.
- Essays should be informative, educational, persuasive, or reflective in nature.
- Essays must be at least 100 words for Junior contestants, 250 words for Senior contestants, and 500 words for Collegiate contestants. There is no maximum word count.
- Essays must be typed, using 12-point font and double spacing.
- Essays must be the original work of the contestant. Parents, teachers, and advisors may provide guidance but may not write or substantially rewrite the essay.
- Sources must be acknowledged when outside information, statistics, or quotations are used. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to generate, write, or substantially rewrite any portion of an essay is prohibited. Plagiarism, including copying another person's work or presenting another person's ideas or writing as one's own, is prohibited.
- All entries will be pre-judged prior to Convention.
- Submitted essays may be used in GJCA publications or educational materials, subject to appropriate permission.

Essay Submission

- Essays must be submitted with the completed contest entry form via mail, delivered to the office, or via email in PDF format to Sarah Williams at swilliams@gabeef.org. The digital file should be labeled with the contestant's name and division.

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GJCA Essay Contest Entry Form

Contestant Information

Contestant Name: _____ DOB: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

GCA Chapter: _____ GJCA Member #:_____

School: _____ Current Grade/Year: _____

Entry Information: Essay Title: _____

Contest Division

☐ Junior (4th–8th Grade) ☐ Senior (9th –12th Grade)

☐ Collegiate (Currently enrolled in college/university/technical school, 21 and under)

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☐ NO, I do not grant GCA/GJCA permission to use my submitted contest entry.

Contestant Agreement

By submitting this entry, I acknowledge that:

- My essay is my original work.
- I understand and agree to follow all GJCA Essay Contest rules.
- I understand that my essay may be displayed at the GJCA Convention and used in GJCA publications or social media.

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Contestant Date Parent *(if under 18)* Date

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GJCA Poster Contest

The Georgia Junior Cattlemen's Association invites members to showcase their creativity and promote the beef cattle industry through the GJCA Poster Contest. Contestants are encouraged to create an original poster that educates, informs, or inspires others about beef cattle, agriculture, and the people who make the industry possible.

Eligibility

- Open to current GJCA members
- Novice Division: Kindergarten-3rd grade
- Junior Division: 4th-8th grade

Rules

- Each contestant may submit **one poster**.
- Posters must relate to beef cattle, the beef industry, cattle production, or an issue relevant to the beef industry. Contestants may select their own topic.
- Posters must be original work created by the contestant. Hand-drawn, painted, and digitally designed posters are all accepted. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to generate artwork, images, or substantial portions of a poster is prohibited. Plagiarism and copying another person's work are prohibited.
- There is no required poster size. Posters must be two-dimensional and suitable for safe transport and display. Three-dimensional projects, models, and dioramas are not eligible.
- Contestants are responsible for ensuring their posters are sturdy enough to be displayed.
- All entries will be pre-judged prior to Convention.
- Posters will be displayed at the GJCA Convention and will be available to pick up at the conclusion of convention. Unclaimed posters will not be returned.
- Submitted posters may be used in GCA/GJCA publications, websites, social media, promotional materials, or educational resources, subject to appropriate permission.

Poster Submission

- Posters must be submitted with the completed contest entry form by mail or delivered to GCA.
- Posters must be labeled with the contestant's name and division.
- All entries must be received by the deadline.

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GJCA Poster Contest Entry Form

Contestant Information

Contestant Name: _____ DOB: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

GCA Chapter: _____ GJCA Member #:_____

School: _____ Current Grade/Year: _____

Entry Information: Poster Title: _____

Contest Division

☐ Novice (K-3rd Grade) ☐ Junior (4th–8th Grade)

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☐ NO, I do not grant GCA/GJCA permission to use my submitted contest entry.

Contestant Agreement

By submitting this entry, I acknowledge that:

- My poster is my original work.
- I understand and agree to follow all GJCA Poster Contest rules.
- I understand that my poster may be displayed at the GJCA Convention and used in GJCA publications or social media.

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Contestant Date Parent *(if under 18)* Date

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