2016 Information Sheet

Sunday, January 17, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. • French Room – Watt Arena

The Texas M.A.D.E competition will be open to all 2016 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show Junior Agricultural Mechanics Show exhibitors that are currently enrolled in their senior year of high school and have shown in the Southwest Exposition and Livestock Show Junior Agricultural Mechanics Show a minimum of two (2) years, including the 2016 Show.

Scholarship funds will be provided to the winning students to be used as scholastic assistance and will be available beginning with their first semester of enrollment at a college or university of their choice.

The Texas M.AD.E. event will consist of two competitions: **Educational Information** and **Verbal Presentation**. Each competition will be scored separately and the final placings will be based on a combination of the contestant's scores from these two competitions.

Educational Information - consists of 50 questions based on selected units from *Agricultural Mechanics Fundamentals and Applications*, *6th Edition* by Ray V. Herren. Specific details of the educational information study materials may be referenced at the following link: *Study Materials.* On the Educational Information portion of the contest a maximum of 100 points will be scored.

Verbal Presentation – the top participants from the Educational Information section will make a verbal presentation over the design and construction of their 2016 Ag Mechanics Project. This presentation must be 3 minutes or less and be made without the assistance of written or visual aids. A panel of 3 industry judges will evaluate the presentations on a 50-point scale. The judges' scores will be averaged to obtain the final Verbal Presentation score.

The scores from the **Educational Information** and the **Verbal Presentation** will be added together to determine the final overall placings. Scholarship winners will be announced Sunday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m. during the Junior Agricultural Mechanics Award Presentation.

Contestants will be limited to the first 50 qualified applicants and applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. All entry applications must be complete, including appropriate signatures. Students will be notified through their AST or CEA regarding the status of their entry applications.

General Information:

- Contest will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. – contestants must report to French Room – Watt Arena at 7:30 a.m. for check-in.
- Only contestants entered in the Texas M.A.D.E. competition will be allowed in the French Room – Watt Arena. Spectators will not be allowed in contest area.
- Contestants **must** present valid **photo identification** at check-in prior to being admitted to the contest area.
- Contestants will carry only their ID into the contest area. All other materials (purses, packs, electronics, notebooks, etc.) must be left outside.

Texas M.A.D.E Application