

# Enter Early and Speak Out

There is a saying that I have heard many times growing up. It goes, "If you are early, you are on time. If you are on time, then you are late. If you are late, then don't bother showing up!"

Entering your cattle for the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) is no exception to this adage. This year, the early bird entry deadline for the JNHE is May 2. The early deadline is beneficial to you as a National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) member in that it saves money.

By entering early, you pay a smaller entry fee than at the final June 1 deadline. The early bird deadline also makes preparing for the show a little easier on the American Hereford Association (AHA) staff in Kansas City.

Everyone at AHA works hard to support the NJHA and help us have a great JNHE every summer, so help them by sending your entries in early. If you do not make the early deadline, there will still be time to

enter the JNHE. However, if your entries are not received by June 1, you will not be able to show your animals in Kansas City this summer.

While you are preparing your cattle for the summer show season, it is important to look into the many contests and competitions that are offered each year at the JNHE.

One of my favorites is the illustrated speech contest. The age divisions for the illustrated speech contest are the same as those for JNHE showmanship: peewee, junior, intermediate and senior.

The length of the speech depends on your level of competition. Speeches must relate to the beef industry, but not necessarily to Herefords. Each speaker must have at least one illustration, such as a poster or something similar. No electronic devices are allowed for illustrations. Items such as video and PowerPoint slides are no longer permitted.

There are several benefits to participating in the illustrated speech contest. First, it allows juniors to stand up in front of a room of people and talk about agriculture. It is important to be able to talk about agriculture to others. Giving a speech at JNHE is a great opportunity to hone

communication skills for the future.

Another great benefit to the illustrated speech contest is the prize money available to the winners. The National Hereford Women presents the winners of the junior, intermediate and senior divisions with scholarships. They are awarded as follows:

**Senior division:** First, second and third place will be awarded scholarships of \$750, \$500 and \$250 respectively.

**Intermediate division:** First, second and third place will be awarded scholarships of \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively.

**Junior division:** First, second and third place will be awarded scholarships of \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively.

As you finish the spring semester and gear up for the summer show season, keep these things in mind. For entry information and speech contest rules, visit [JrHereford.org](http://JrHereford.org).

Remember to get your JNHE entries in early, and consider putting together a speech for the illustrated speech contest. It will be well worth your effort. **HW**

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## 2011 Junior National Hereford Expo

July 9-16, 2011

American Royal Complex,  
Kansas City, Mo.



### Hyatt Regency Crown Center (Headquarters Hotel)

2345 McGee St.  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
816-421-1234 or 800-233-1234  
<http://www.Hyatt.com>

Hotel Room Rate: \$95 plus tax  
Hotel Reservations must be made by June 6.

### Entry Deadlines

Early Bird Deadline: May 2

Save \$20 per entry

Paper and online entries will be accepted.

### Final Entry Deadline: June 1

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY accepted after May 2; no paper entries will be accepted for final June 1 deadline.

For online entry, visit [JrHereford.org](http://JrHereford.org)