



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ORAL COMPETITION

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Undergraduate Student Oral Competition is to provide an opportunity for undergraduate students to gain experience in reviewing, discovering, and presenting scientific information in a scholarly manner on a topic of current importance and interest to the animal industry.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contestants must be enrolled as an undergraduate student in an institution within the ASAS Midwest Section which offers a baccalaureate degree in Agriculture at the time of abstract submission. The contestant must be a member of ASAS. Undergraduate students enrolled in institutions outside of the Midwest region or at institutions that do not offer degrees in Agriculture may also enter the competition as long as the student is a member of the ASAS Midwest Section.
2. There is no limit as to the number of students that can participate from one college/university.
3. An individual student may enter only one competitive abstract in either the oral or poster division. Additional abstracts may be submitted for non-competitive presentation in appropriate disciplinary sections.
4. The project supervisor's name should be included as an author on the abstract.

**\* There is no limit on the number of undergraduates from one institution presenting undergraduate research abstracts. However, an individual student is limited to entering only one competitive abstract in either the oral or poster competition.**

### SUBJECT MATTER

The abstract must include original research in which the student was involved at a level appropriate for an undergraduate student.

### LOCATION AND SETTING

Abstracts will be presented at the ASAS Midwest Annual Meeting in an Undergraduate Oral Competition Session.

**TIME LIMIT**

1. The oral presentation must be a minimum of nine (9) minutes in length and a maximum of twelve (12) minutes.
2. At the completion of each abstract, there will be questions from the audience and/or judges.
3. Total time for the oral presentation and the discussion should not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.

**VISUAL AIDS**

PowerPoint slides may depict data, graphs, illustrations, or any other material that might enhance the oral presentation.

**AWARDS**

1. Cash awards will be presented to the three entrants receiving the highest point totals (first, \$300; second, \$200; and third, \$100).
2. Winners will be announced, and cash awards presented at the ASAS Midwest Annual Awards and Business Meeting.
3. Students are required to attend the Awards Ceremony.