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2026 National Bison Association Winter Conference

JUNIOR JUDGING CONTEST

The Larry Higgins Bison Junior Judging Contest will be held Friday, January 23, 2026 at 9AM at the National Western Stock Show bison yards. This event is hosted by the National Bison Association and Rocky Mountain Bison Association, and held in conjunction with the Gold Trophy Show and Sale in Denver, Colorado.

Placing	Junior Division	Senior Division	Collegiate Division
1st Place	Plaque	Plaque and \$1000 scholarship	Plaque and \$1500 scholarship
2nd Place	Plaque	Plaque and \$750 scholarship	Plaque and \$1200 scholarship
3rd Place	Plaque	Plaque and \$500 scholarship	Plaque and \$900 scholarship

To Participate: Register online at www.bisonranchers.com/events/the-larry-higgins-bison-junior-judging-contest/ or in-person

ENTRY RULES

Contest Highlights

- Participants will judge four classes of bison and provide oral reasons on one class, as selected by the judges.
- Open to individuals 8-21 years old who are academically eligible (i.e. passing all classes). Individuals will compete in one of three divisions:
 - Junior Division: Grades 3-6
 - Senior Division: Grades 7-12
 - Collegiate Division: Freshman - Senior in College
- Everyone competes as an individual, but can choose to compete in the Team Division as well.
- Scholarships will be awarded to the top three scoring individuals in the Senior and Collegiate divisions and paid to the higher education school of their choice.
- NBA/ RMBA membership not required, but available. No entry fee.



Questions?

Please contact info@nationalbison.org or 303-292-2833