

Consumer Smarts  
Selection Process for Pilot year 2006 (January 2007 contests)

**Consumer Smarts Presentations:**

- Open to members (ages: at least 14 but not yet 19 on Jan 1, 2007) who were selected in their usual county presentations contest as eligible for state fair. Any topic could have been used at county contest.
- Members are eligible to participate in both Consumer Smarts Presentations and Consumer Decision Making at the state and national contests.
- Qualified members may prepare a second presentation (if needed) on a family and consumer science topic to present at the Consumer Smarts Presentation selection at state fair. Family and Consumer Science topics would include: home economics project areas, consumer issues, money management, etc.
- Individuals or a team of two give a 10 to 15 minute presentation on a qualified topic. More details on specific guidelines will be found on state website.
- If a member gives two presentations, the Consumer Smarts presentations will be considered only for selection to the national contest, not for other awards in the usual presentations contest at state fair. Ribbons will be given but presentations will not be considered for Judges Choice awards.
- Selection at state fair will occur on the first weekend of state fair (Aug 25, 26, or 27).
- Members will use the current presentation scheduling request process although the email must notify the scheduler that this is a Consumer Smarts presentation.
- One person or team will be selected to represent Oregon at the national contest. An alternate will also be designated in case the selected representative is unable to fulfill the opportunity.
- Travel costs will primarily be the responsibility of the member and the county. Costs could range from \$750 towards \$1000 depending on choices of the individual member.
- Chaperones will be selected on the state level after the participants are selected.

**Consumer Decision Making Contest:**

- Open to members (ages: at least 14 but not yet 19 on Jan 1, 2007) from any project area.
- Members may participate as individuals; county teams are not necessary.
- Members are eligible to participate in both Consumer Smarts Presentations and Consumer Decision Making at the state and national contests.
- Members must participate in the State Consumer Decision Making contest at state fair, Sat Aug 26, approximately 3 pm (tentatively 3 hours for contest)
- Members (or counties) must notify State Specialist of their intent to participate by Aug 15. Give name, county, and birth date by phone (541) 737-1018 or email [elaine.schrumpf@oregonstate.edu](mailto:elaine.schrumpf@oregonstate.edu)
- Members will independently judge 6 classes of consumer products and give two sets of oral reasons. Topics for the 2006 state contest and 2007 national contest will be selected from those listed on the website.
- Members will be assigned to teams of 4 to participate in at least one “group process” situation.
- Four members will be selected to make up the statewide team to represent Oregon at the national contest. Alternates will be designated in case a selected representative is unable to fulfill the opportunity
- Travel costs will primarily be the responsibility of the member and the county. Costs could range from \$750 towards \$1000 depending on choices of the individual member.
- Chaperones will be selected on the state level after the participants are selected.

**Home Economics Bowl Contest:**

No participants will be selected since it is not clear that there will be a national contest.