

Karla Miller “True Grit” Award

This award is to recognize one youth per year that displayed outstanding “True Grit” as they overcame extreme difficult circumstances to complete their livestock project for the Pendleton Junior Livestock Show. This award is in memory of Karla Miller who was an avid supporter of the FFA and 4-H programs for over 35 years. She loved watching exhibitors persevere through difficult situations, never letting the circumstances slow them down, and showcasing their “True Grit”. The Bolen family sponsors this award annually, with a prize belt buckle award to the winner.

Nominations are required for the True Grit award and will need to be submitted at Friday night weigh-in. Any participating 4-H leader or FFA advisor can make nominations. The nomination needs to consist of a letter from the leader or advisor stating why the exhibitor should be selected for this award. The PJLS Board will review all nominations at the regular September Board Meeting and will determine the top three candidates. Both the Board and the Bolen family will select a committee of three people that will make the final determination of the award winner.

The Committee will observe the three candidates during the PJLS show and meet to select the winner when the PJLS regular show awards are being calculated. The “True Grit” award will be awarded at the PJLS awards ceremony.

In the event that there is no exhibitor that overcame extreme adversities prior to, or during the show, then the award will be judged upon unfaltering character and the demonstration of a “can do attitude”. This could be smaller hurdles that were overcome but still show strong will, fierce determination to succeed and never giving up with their livestock project for the Pendleton Junior Livestock Show. Nominations will be waived for this scenario. The committee will be responsible for learning of any conquered challenges during the show and selecting a winner.