



## **2011 Alabama Cotton Sewing Contest (2 Divisions)**

### **WHO MAY ENTER**

1. To be eligible to participate in this program, an individual must be an Alabama Farmers Federation (ALFA Farmers) member.
2. County winners may be determined by means of a county contest conducted and approved by that county.
3. The families of employees of the Alabama Farmers Federation and/or the Alfa Companies will not be eligible for this contest.
4. **There will be two divisions: 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Division and Adult Division.**

### **HOW TO ENTER**

The state event will be open to individuals who are selected from the county contest as the first place winner.

1. The individual who constructs the handbag or purse is the contestant and must be present at the state contest.
2. The enclosed entry forms may be used for submitting entries to the county and state contests.
3. Each entry will need their own entry form

### **HANDBAGS OR PURSES**

1. Handbags or purses should be made from a cotton or cotton blend fabric.
2. Minimum bag or purse size should be 12" x 12" and maximum size 24" x 24".
3. Handbags or purses can be embellished with embroidery, cross stitching, crocheting, fringe, ribbon or handles which **do not** have to be made from cotton.
4. Handbags and purses will be judged on construction and appearance.

### **TIMETABLE**

1. Entries in the State Cotton Sewing Contest must be received from the county winners no later than **JULY 1, 2011**. Any forms received after this date will have 10 points deducted from the total score.
2. Entry forms should be mailed to:

Kim Earwood  
Alabama Farmers Federation  
P.O. Box 11000  
Montgomery, Alabama 36191-0001

### **STATE CONTEST, AWARD AND JUDGING**

1. The State Contest will be held at the ALFA Farmers Commodity Conference in August.
2. The winners will receive the following cash awards:

<b>Handbags or Purses</b>	First Place	\$150
	Second Place	\$100
	Third Place	\$75

## Handbag/Purse Scorecard

### **Construction**

**60 points**

- Handbag should be within size guidelines
- Fabric cut on grain
- Even straight seams
- Correct closures or hems

### **Appearance**

**40 points**

- Decorative stitching, trims and notions appropriate
- All notions and trims matched well
- Appropriateness of embellishments and decorations

