

Public Speaking

The public speaking contest allows youth to improve their public speaking, communication, and organization skills. The contest consists of a prepared verbal speech given without the use of any visual aids, props or diagrams. Brief note cards may be used. Participants will be judged on the composition of their material, their delivery, and appearance relative to their topic. All speeches must relate to a 4-H topic area the youth is interested in. Only one entry per person is allowed. Please complete the additional entry form for public speaking/demonstrations and include it with your individual entry form.

1. Presentations should be of original and factual material.
2. Time limits are listed bellow by age category:
 - a. Junior: 4-6 minutes
 - b. Intermediate: 6-9 minutes
 - c. Senior 9-12 minutes
3. Points will be deducted as follows for being under or exceeding the time limits:
 - a. 15-59 seconds will receive a 2 point deduction.
 - b. 1-2 minutes will receive a 5 point deduction.
 - c. More than 2 minutes will receive a point deduction of 25 points.
4. Following each demonstration, judges will be allowed up to 2 minutes to ask questions.
5. At the end of demonstrations, contestants must state the resources used (this component will not be timed).