

PUBLIC SPEAKING



Interested in presenting a speech on current events and issues? 4-H members have the opportunity to present a 5 to 8 minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. The presentation should serve to persuade others regarding a particular issue or concern.

Entry

- Enter as an individual.

County Entries

- Each county may enter three contestants per age division.

Time limits

- A time limit of 5 to 8 minutes will be allowed for each presentation.
- A penalty of 2 points per minute over time will be deducted from final score.

Suggested presentation topics

- Current events, youth issues, or other topics related to youth.
- Topic resources: Print media (e.g. newspapers, magazines, scholarly journals), broadcast media (e.g. television, cable, radio), or E-media (email, internet, websites).
- Contestants should be prepared to answer questions concerning the subject matter of their presentation following their conclusion.

Visual aids and props may not be used.

Scoring

- See the 4-H Public Speaking scorecard in the Appendix for scoring criteria and areas of focus in which interview/judges' questions are generated.