

SPEECH CONTEST GUIDELINES

What is the Speech Contest? *Members prepare and deliver a speech to an audience. Speeches are evaluated with suggestions given. Awards are presented. It's an evening of learning and fun!*

Start brainstorming a subject for your speech with the special emphasis theme, "Generations of Farm Pride." This theme is a starting place; members are encouraged to think broadly about the topic. Cloverbuds and 4-H members are eligible to participate in this contest. Club and county speaking events will be divided into nine categories.

- Cloverbuds (K-2nd) ----- 2-3 minutes (Cloverbud ribbon only)
- 3rd grade ----- 3-4 minutes
- 4th & 5th grades ----- 3-5 minutes
- 6th & 7th grades ----- 4-6 minutes
- 8th & 9th grades ----- 5-7 minutes
- 10th Grade and up ----- 7-9 minutes
- Team (3rd Grade & up)-- Team members can be in the same grade or multiple grades.
- Power Point Jr. (3-7 grades) -- 3-6 minutes
- Power Point Sr. (8th & up) --- 5-9 minutes

Speeches should be original and should not have been used in other speaking contests. They are judged on an individual basis. You do not have to be enrolled in a specific project to participate.

Clubs may send an unlimited number of speakers to the countywide event.

All speakers (except Cloverbuds) entered in the countywide event will receive a rating of high honors, honors or merit. Award of Excellence plaques are sponsored by the Jefferson County 4-H Leader's Association.

All Speech participants are encouraged to share their speeches at the Jefferson County Fair. Award of Excellent participants may also be asked to share their speeches at local service organization meetings or community events. They will also be recognized at the Special Emphasis and/or Awards Banquet in the Fall of 2019 and may be asked to present their speech during this recognition event

Category	Description
Demonstration	How to "make" or "do in any project or activity area. A planned demonstration that takes the audience through the complete process with an introduction, body and summary.
Illustrated Talk	Use of visuals, posters, etc. With a talk. A planned presentation with an introduction, body and summary on any subject.
Original Speech	Written by the speaker on the topic. Notes may be used.
Power Point Presentation	A hard copy of your presentation should be provided for the judge. Presentation should be both verbal and visual. Laptop and Projector will be provided.