

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!*

When is the Contest? *May 18, 2023*

Start brainstorming a subject for your speech with the theme, “What does art mean to you?” Youth can share about their favorite style, artist or artwork and beyond. 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)
 - Cloverbuds also have the option of reciting the 4-H Pledge instead of a 2–3-minute speech.
- 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 members entered in the countywide event will receive a rating of high honors, honors or merit. Award of Excellence gifts are sponsored by the Jefferson County 4-H Leader’s Association. Cloverbuds will receive a Cloverbud ribbon.

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 Awards Banquet in the Fall of 2022 and may be asked to present their speech during this recognition event.

| Category | Description |
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| 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. |



Jefferson County 4-H Speech Contest Score Sheet 2023

Name _____ Club _____

Title of Speech _____

Type of Presentation - Speech Demonstration Power Point Illustrated Talk

Total Time _____ Category _____

| Content | Excellent | Very Good | Good | Fair |
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| Did opening statement catch attention and arouse interest? | | | | |
| Inform on purpose of talk and state connection to the theme? | | | | |
| Is it easy to understand? | | | | |
| Has the speaker developed ONE main point? | | | | |
| Evidence of research and accuracy of material. | | | | |
| Were transitions smooth and clear? | | | | |
| Was the speech creative and original? | | | | |
| Does the speech proceed in a logical order? | | | | |
| Delivery | | | | |
| Was the delivery clear and distinct? | | | | |
| Was the delivery natural, friendly, and relaxed? | | | | |
| Was the topic presented in an interesting manner? | | | | |
| Did the speaker use effective physical movements to get a point across? (gestures and movement) | | | | |
| Were visual aids effective? | | | | |
| Did speaker SMILE and use eye contact? | | | | |
| Power Point Presentations ONLY | | | | |
| Does one of the slides have an outline of the presentation? | | | | |
| Are slides simple – 4-5 points per slide, large enough for the audience to see, and use key words and phrases? | | | | |
| Did the speaker use the slides as talking points rather than reading them to the audience? | | | | |
| Conclusion | | | | |
| Does it end with an appropriate conclusion? | | | | |
| Did speaker meet time restrictions? (30 second grace) | | | | |
| Was the speaker able to answer questions on the topic? | | | | |
| Team Speech | | | | |
| Worked as a team? | | | | |
| Each member has an equal part? | | | | |

COMMENTS:

Overall Rating (please check): AOE/Purple HH/Blue H/Red M/White C/Cloverbud