

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION CONTEST

Information & Guidelines

Educational Presentation Contests can be entered as an individual or teams of (2) members. Educational presentations consist of method demonstrations or illustrated talks.

The following is a list of Educational Presentation Contests that will be held at District 11 4-H Spring Spectacular. For a description of each contest, please refer to the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide.

- **Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety**
- **Animal Science**
- **Beef**
- **Health & Wellness**
- **Horse**
- **Open - Agriculture & Natural Resources**
- **Open - Family & Consumer Education**
- **Open**
- **Promote 4-H**
- **Safety & Injury Prevention**

TOPIC SUBJECT

Subjects in educational presentations should address emerging or current issues in each of the contest areas. Some contests provide a suggested list of topics that the presentation can cover, along with a resource list, that is available in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. Contestants are encouraged to research these emerging and/or current issues to develop current and new presentations.

ACCURACY OF INFORMATION/RESOURCES

When the internet is used in preparation of an education presentation, it is important that 4-H members must know the difference between research and non-research-based information. Contestants are required to use information that is factual and can be supported through adequate documentation. Examples of such websites are federal, state, and local governments, independent research sites, and Texas AgriLife Extension Service websites. Internet information that is questionable includes personal documentation sites, chat rooms, message boards, etc.

4-H members should prepare a list of references (i.e. bibliography, references) for their presentation.

SUBJECT MATTER

The skills and knowledge used in any 4-H contest should be the result of experiences in a project in which the member has participated. A presentation should relate to the contest entered, should contain information and should not be more suited for another contest. It should be appropriate for the 4-H member's age and experience. Appropriate credit should be given for references used.

TIME LIMITS

A time limit of 12 minutes will be allowed for each educational presentation. An additional nine (9) minutes will be provided for on-stage arrangements and cleanup in connection with the presentation. A penalty of two points per minute, or partial minute, overtime will be deducted from the final score. Adults are permitted to assist the 4-H members with the on-stage arrangements and cleanup.

VISUALS

The use of charts, photographs, computer graphics/programs and other visual materials are permitted. Visuals should contribute to the presentation. Each presentation is an example of the participant's ability to communicate an idea. Participants will be expected to provide all materials used including projection screens, extension cords, computers, projectors, easels, etc.

VIDEO, AUDIO, AND DISPLAY EQUIPMENT FOR DISTRICT

Participants are responsible for all video and audio equipment used in a contest. Set up of the equipment will be included in the set-up and take-down time of the participants. Video and audio equipment includes: computers, video projectors, extension cords, viewing screens, compact disc players, easels, etc. Adults are allowed to assist with the set-up of computer equipment (i.e. setting up computer, screen, extension cords, etc.) and must remain in the nine (9) minutes time requirement for set-up and take-down.

FOR DISTRICT: Laptops, slide advancers, screens, extension cords, and projectors will be provided.

FOR STATE: Laptops, slide advancers, screens, extension cords, and projectors will be provided.

JUDGES' QUESTIONS

Judges and/or Superintendents may ask contestants questions at the end of the presentation. This will be done on the judge's time. Only official judges and superintendents may ask questions of the contestants, not other 4-H members and/or leaders.

New for 2022: A limit of 5 minutes has been set for the question-and-answer period.

JUDGES GIFTS/HANDOUTS

Gifts of any kind may not be presented to the judges in any contest. Handouts may be available to the entire audience.

SCORECARDS

4-H Educational Presentation Score Sheet (Revised 1.1.2019) will be used by contest judges in scoring educational presentations regardless of presentation style (method demonstration, illustrated talk, etc.). Separate scorecards are used in the Public Speaking and Share-The-Fun Contests. All scoresheets are available on the Texas 4-H and Youth Development publication website.