

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**
- **Open – Agriculture & Natural Resources**
- **Open - Family & Consumer Education**
- **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. **Following the presentation, there may be up to 5 minutes of question and answer period by the judges.**

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. No firearms, weapons, fireworks, open flamed burners, live ammunition, or live animals are allowed to be used by a contestant in any Roundup contest. However, posters and pictures of such items are allowed and encouraged. We encourage all visuals to be appealing to the audience and easily read/seen by the audience. Choose your visual taking that into consideration.

JUDGES' QUESTIONS

Judges may ask contestants questions at the end of their presentation. **Following the presentation, there may be up to 5 minutes of question and answer period by the judges.** Only official judges and superintendents may ask questions of the contestants.

SCORESHEETS

4-H Educational Presentation Score Sheet, version 9/1/2018 will be used by contest judges in scoring educational presentations regardless of presentation style (method demonstration, illustrated talk, or speech). Separate score sheets are used in public speaking and Share-the-Fun. All score sheets are available on the Texas 4-H Youth Development website.

JUDGES GIFTS/HANDOUTS

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

VIDEO, AUDIO, AND DISPLAY EQUIPMENT

The contest officials will provide laptops, screens, extension cords and projectors. Youth should have all presentations in some form of Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Word, or Excel). All fonts used must be true type. These fonts specifically include Arial and Times New Roman. If contestants decide to use any other program or fonts, they will be responsible for bringing all equipment that is compatible with their presentation.

Take into consideration that Internet connectivity may not be available. Be prepared to incorporate any video or other graphics that may require Internet to be directly embedded in the presentation. Make sure the image/ video is included as part of the thumb drive or method used to provide your presentation to the contest Superintendent/Coordinator.

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

FOR STATE: Please check with your contest Superintendent to determine what technology will be provided.

QUALIFYING INFORMATION

This contest is:

- Individual Qualifying (Not a Team Contest)
- National Contest Advancement (Seniors Only)

REFERENCE SITES:

- Scoresheet for Educational Presentations
 - <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Ed-Pres-Score-Sheet-r2019.pdf>
- Project Page
 - <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/public-speaking/>
- Educational Presentation Fact Sheet
 - https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/educational_presentation.pdf