

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Information & Guidelines

ENTRY

The Public Speaking Contest is limited to an individual (one person) entry.

TIME LIMIT

Individuals must present a five (5) to eight (8) minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. The presentation should serve to persuade others regarding a particular issue or concern.

PROPS

Props and visual aids are not permitted, and recordings of any type may not be used.

QUESTIONS

Contestants should be prepared to answer questions concerning the subject matter of their presentation. 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.

SCORING/SCORECARDS

Presentations will be scored with equal consideration of composition and delivery utilizing a score sheet (revised 8/24/2020) specific to the Public Speaking Contest. A copy of the scorecard is available on the Texas 4-H Publications Website.

SUGGESTED PRESENTATION TOPICS

Current events, youth issues, or other topics related to youth.

QUALIFYING INFORMATION

This contest is:

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

REFERENCE SITES:

- Scoresheet for Public Speaking
 - http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_contest_public_speaking_score_sheet_2021.pdf
- Project Page
 - <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/public-speaking/>