Public Speaking Contest
Cole County Youth Only
Sunday, July 28, 2019
Cole County Extension Office
12:45pm-1:00pm - Check-In 1:00pm - Contest
Superintendent: Christal Huber
Rules and Regulations:
- Missouri 4-H State Public Speaking Qualifying Contest
- Missouri Association of Fairs & Festivals Qualifying Contest

General Rules
1. Entry is open to all 4-H and FFA members in Cole County; however, FFA members are not eligible to compete at the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest.
2. By entry into the event, the exhibitor understands and accepts the responsibility for following the guidelines in this fair book and agrees to be bound by all rules and regulations while participating in said events.
   a. Each exhibitor understands that failure to follow all these guidelines will result in dismissal from the fairgrounds.
   b. Each exhibitor accepts financial responsibility for damages to property or materials, travel costs, and/or program costs which might result from violation of the guidelines.
   c. Each exhibitor understands and agrees that in consideration of the acceptance in these activities, 4-H, FFA, the Curators of the University of Missouri, their respective officers, agents, and/or employees, and the Jefferson City Jaycees are released from all liability and loss (including court costs and attorney fees), resulting from any property damage, personal injury and bodily injury, including death, to any exhibitor or visitor at the fairgrounds which is caused or claimed to be caused, in whole or part, by the negligent acts or omissions of the 4-H, the FFA, the Curators of the University of Missouri, their respective officers, agents, and/or employees, and the Jefferson City Jaycees.
3. If there are no pre-registration by June 28, 2019, at 4:30pm at the Cole County Extension Office, there will be no Public Speaking Contest.
4. All Cole County 4-H/FFA members must be a “member in good standing” with their club/chapter to receive premiums and awards.
5. There will be no entry fee for the Public Speaking Contest.
6. Ribbons will be awarded to participants using the Danish system (blue, red, white).
7. Premiums will be disbursed between September 15 and September 30.
8. All decisions of the judges are final.
9. Winning speeches may be asked to be presented at the Grandstand during the Jefferson City Jaycees’ Cole County Fair and Cole County 4-H events.
10. FAIR PASSES: Each Exhibitor and any 4-H/FFA IMMEDIATE FAMILY members are eligible to purchase a reduced price pass at the time of registration. Anyone not purchasing a season pass at time of registration will be required to pay the daily admission fee at the gate.

Missouri 4-H State Public Speaking Qualifying Contest
The Public Speaking Contest is a competitive event for youth enrolled in Cole County 4-H. Participants selected as winners of the Cole County 4-H Public Speaking events are eligible to participate in the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest at the University of Missouri-Columbia campus.
1. There will be 3 age divisions:
   a. Senior Level is for youth ages 14 to 19
   b. Intermediate Level is for youth ages 11 to 13
   c. Junior Level is for youth ages 8-10
   d. Note: This is “4-H Age”. 4-H Age is your age as of January 1st of the current calendar year.
2. Participants may enter in two different public speaking categories.
3. Category Descriptions
   - Extemporaneous:
     o Speakers will draw three topics, pick one and be allowed 15 minutes to prepare
     o Note cards are allowed, but not provided.
     o Topics will be subjects that youth are familiar with, so no special research materials are required.
     o Speeches must be:
       ▪ 3-5 minutes long for Junior Level
       ▪ 4-6 minutes long for Intermediate Level
       ▪ 5-7 minutes for Senior Level
- Prepared Speech:
  o Speeches may be on any topic of the participant’s choice, original work, and written by the participant.
  o Note cards are allowed
  o No props or visual aids may be used.
  o Speeches must be:
    ▪ 3-5 minutes long for Junior Level
    ▪ 4-6 minutes long for Intermediate Level
    ▪ 4-7 minutes for Senior Level

- Technology Assisted:
  o Speeches may be on any topic of the participant’s choice, original work, and created and written by the participant.
  o Note cards are allowed
  o No props may be used.
  o Participants may use their own laptop computer, or a laptop provided running Windows 10.
  o A copy of the presentation on CD, DVD, or flash drive must be brought to the contest, in order to have a backup if technical difficulties should occur. A copy may also be e-mailed to coleco@missouri.edu.
  o Speeches must be:
    ▪ 3-5 minutes long for Junior Level
    ▪ 4-6 minutes long for Intermediate Level
    ▪ 5-7 minutes for Senior Level

- Interpretation:
  o Presentation may be dramatic or humorous.
  o Presentation must be memorized and performed without music or other external audio or visual effects.
  o Visual aids, such as posters, are not permitted, but special makeup and clothing may be worn as the contestant deems appropriate to the content of the interpretation.
  o Topic and content of the interpretation must be appropriate to the standards of a 4-H event, appropriate for audience members ages 8-18.
  o Time limits: Due to contest time constraints, all interpretations are limited to 5 minutes each (with a minimum time of 3 minutes).
  o Participant must bring two (2) copies of their script, referencing source(s).

4. The top 4-H Participants from each class are eligible to compete at the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest. If the participant is unable to attend, the 4-H Alternate then becomes eligible to compete. However, each participant may be entered in only one (1) category. If the participant is selected in more than one category, they must choose which one to compete at the State level so the Alternate can be determined.
   a. Extemporaneous Speaking – Three (3) per age division
   b. Prepared Speech – Three (3) per age division
   c. Technology Assisted Speaking – Three (3) per age division
   d. Dramatic Interpretation – Five (5) per age division
   e. Humorous Interpretation – Five (5) per age division.

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Missouri Association of Fairs & Festivals Qualifying Contest

1. Entry is open to students who are currently enrolled in grades 9 through 12 during the 2019-2020 school year. Previous state winners (first place, second place, or third place) will not be eligible to compete again.

Online registration information:
   Department=Public Speaking Contest
   Division=Public Speaking Contest

2. Each contestant’s manuscript will be the result of the students OWN EFFORTS. It is expected that each contestant will take advantage of all available training facilities in their local area in developing their speaking ability. Facts and working data may be secured from any source but must be related to fairs and agriculture. Topics of a non-agriculture nature will be disqualified.

3. Contestants must submit the following materials:
   a. Four double-spaced typewritten copies of their speech on 8½ x 11 paper. Each copy bound by a staple.
   b. A complete and accurate bibliography used in writing the speech.
   c. All contestants shall give credit to others where any direct quotes, phrases, or special dates are used in their manuscript in order to not be guilty of plagiarism. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify a contestant

4. Each speech shall be a minimum of six (6) minutes in length and a maximum of eight (8) minutes. Each contestant will be allowed five (5) additional minutes in which judges will ask questions relating to their presentation. Deductions of 1 point per second will be made from the score of each judge for speeches under six minutes or over eight minutes.

5. Prior to the contest each judge will be provided a copy of each manuscript which they will read and score on content and composition on the score sheet provided.

6. Contestants will draw for position. The contest chairman will introduce each contestant by name and number.

7. One time-keeper will be assigned to record time.

8. Contestant may use notes during their presentation; however, deductions may be made if it distracts from the effectiveness of the delivery.

9. Judges shall formulate and ask questions that pertain directly to each contestant’s subject. Judges will score each contestant based in their ability to answer all questions asked by all judges. The full five minutes will be used.

10. The winner will be expected to deliver their winning essay in a public setting at the Missouri Association of Fairs and Festivals’ annual meeting in January 2020.

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