



4-H Public Speaking Contest

Registration Open in FairEntry: March 1, 2022

Contest will be held March 26, 2022 starting at 10 a.m.

McDonough County 4-H will be hosting their Public Presentations Contest at the Macomb 4-H Center. As in the past, to participate in this contest, youth must be 4-H members, and be registered in the Public Presentations project by *March 1st*. They also need to register for the contest using the FairEntry website <https://faireentry.com/Public/FindYourFair> between *March 1st* and *March 18th*.

CONTEST CLASSES

Youth may enter up to 2 classes. Each county may advance a total of three entries from any category to the state contest. Please note that no live animals are allowed in speeches.

There are 4 division in this year's contest. Each division offers options that the presenter may choose to make their presentation unique. Beginner: 8-13 years of age. Advanced: 14 years of age and older.

FORMAL SPEECH | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | Beginner 2-4 minutes | Advanced 4-6 minutes

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish.

ILLUSTRATED SPEECH | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | Beginner 2-4 minutes | Advanced 4-6 minutes

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive. Illustrated speeches may be:

- How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.
- Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.
- Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

ORIGINAL WORKS | Self-written | Notes allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed | 4-6 minutes | Individual or 2-Person Team

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Broadcast Media Program
- Theatrical
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

ORAL INTERPRETATION | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 minutes | Individual or 2-Person Team

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Theatrical Interpretation
- Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure, such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

PLEDGE | 4-H Pledge | Flags with be provided | Individual | Not State Fair Eligible

This is open only to youth between 8 years of age and 10 years of age as of 9/1/2021 and are enrolled in Communications Public Presentations by March 1, 2022. Premium for this class will be paid with premiums for the 2022 General Show (contingent upon state release of premium money in 2022).

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