



# 4-H Public Speaking Contest

*Registration Open in FairEntry: March 15, 2023*

*The contest will be held on April 1, starting at 10 a.m.*

McDonough County 4-H will be hosting their Public Presentations Contest at the McDonough County Extension Office. 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<sup>t</sup>*. They also need to register for the contest using the FairEntry website <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/18148> between *March 15* and *March 30*.

## **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 five divisions 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 4-5 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 4-5 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/spoken Word
- 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 9/1/2022 and is enrolled in Communications Public Presentations by March 1, 2023. The premium for this class will be paid with premiums for the 2023 General Show (contingent upon state release of premium money in 2023).

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