

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

March 26, 6pm at the Extension office in Hillsboro

Resources:

Youth Looking for resources to help prepare for this contest can reference the following in Shop 4-H: [Finding your Voice: Public Speaking made Easy](#) (Public Speaking)

<https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop>

Exhibit Guidelines: There are 4 divisions in this year's contest. Each division offers options that the presenter may choose to make their presentation unique:

Enrollment in the Public Presentations project is required to participate in this section. No live animals are allowed in speeches.

Participating Youth **ages 8-13** years of age on or before **September 1, 2021** will be enrolled in the beginner category. **Any participant age 14+** on or before **April 30, 2022 must** enroll as Advanced. These rules are for Formal and illustrated speeches only.

Scoring

- Deductions- There will be 1 point deducted for every 30 seconds over/under 4-6 minutes. (Advanced)
- Deductions- There will be 1 point deducted for every 30 seconds over/under 2-4 minutes. (Beginner)
- Members can advance in an individual and a team category.

Scoresheets Available: <https://uofi.box.com/s/1jwq4d5v2psbh8dad97v9mtnxc003h3u>

Formal Speech

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

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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 | No props | Individual | Beginner 2-4 minutes, Advanced 4-6 minutes

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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 | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 minutes

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

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