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# PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS CONTEST

## RULES & REGISTRATION

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**Check-in & Rehearsal — Saturday, April 18, 2020 8:30 a.m. at Ogle County Farm Bureau, Oregon, IL**  
**Judging— Saturday, April 18, 2020 9:00 a.m.**

County Participants must be enrolled in the Communications project area to be eligible for the state speaking contest.

The state Public Speaking contest will be held Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Illinois State Fair in the Illinois Junior Livestock Building. Youth may exhibit in the state public speaking contest AND exhibit a project in the general project show.

All participants are to have prepared and ready to turn in an "Introduction Sheet." Introduction sheets should include name, topic, and a brief description of the presentation, and may be written on an index card.

Conference judging will occur after each presentation. No live animals are allowed in speeches.

**01 Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-8 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 (**Original Oratory**), or choose one of these four topics on which to speak (**Topical Response**):

- Welcome to the Digital Age
- What is My Connection to the Global Community?
- Power: Who Has It, Who Doesn't, and Does It Matter?
- If I Could See Tomorrow

**02 Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-8 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.

**03 Original Works | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 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

**04 Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 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

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## Ogle County 4-H Public Speaking Contest Registration Form

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of Sept.1, 2019): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Speech: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description about your topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ 01a – Formal Speech | Original Oratory

\_\_\_\_\_ 01b – Formal Speech | Topical Response

\_\_\_\_\_ 02 – Illustrated Speech

\_\_\_\_\_ 03a – Original Works | Individual

\_\_\_\_\_ 03b – Original Works | Team

\_\_\_\_\_ 04a – Oral Interpretation | Individual

\_\_\_\_\_ 04b – Oral Interpretation | Team

**Return by: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 to:**

University of Illinois Extension - Ogle County  
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Oregon, IL 61061



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Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.