
COMMUNICATIONS: PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS CONTEST

RULES & REGISTRATION

Check-in & Rehearsal — Saturday, March 12, 2022 8:30 a.m. at Ogle County Farm Bureau, Oregon, IL
Judging— Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:00 a.m.

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

The state Public Speaking contest will be held Saturday, April 23. Counties may advance a total of 3 entries from any category to the state contest. A 4-H member may advance in one individual category and one team category.

All participants are to have prepared and be ready to turn in an “Introduction Sheet” when you arrive on the 12th. The Introduction should include name, topic, and a brief description of the presentation, it 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 | 4-6 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.

02 | Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 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.

03 | 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

04 | 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

Ogle County 4-H Public Speaking Contest Registration Form

Name: _____

4-H Club: _____ Age (as of Sept.1, 2021): _____

Title of Speech: _____

Brief Description about your topic: _____

_____ 01 – Formal Speech

_____ 02 – Illustrated Speech

_____ 03a – Original Works | Individual

_____ 03b – Original Works | 2-person Team

_____ 04a – Oral Interpretation | Individual

_____ 04b – Oral Interpretation | 2-person Team

Return by: Monday, February 28, 2022 to:

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