

# PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS CONTEST

## RULES & REGISTRATION

**Check-in & Rehearsal — Saturday, March 20, 2021 8:30 a.m. at Ogle County Farm Bureau, Oregon, IL**  
**Judging— Saturday, March 20, 2021 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, June 5 at Richland Community College, Decatur, IL. Each youth may only compete in one individual division and one group division in the state contest.

All participants are to have prepared and be ready to turn in an “Introduction Sheet” when you arrive on the 20th. 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.

Class #	Division	Presentation options	Requirements
<b>01</b>	<b>1. Formal Speech (4-6 Min)</b>		
	<i>A speech that shares the presenter's own unique view intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action.</i>	<b>Original Oratory</b> – Deliver a speech on any topic you want	Self-written Notes are allowed No props
<b>02</b>	<b>2. Illustrated Speech (4-6 Min)</b>		
	<i>An Illustrated speech may be used to inform, or persuade/motivate the audience using a visual aid.</i>	<b>How-to demonstration</b> – Show the audience how to do something <b>Object lesson</b> – Use objects as metaphors to share a message <b>Educational model</b> – Draw or use a diagram to explain a topic	Self-written Note are allowed Visual aids may be 2D, 3D, or digital. May include audience participation Digital visual aids must be stored on USB flash drive
<b>03</b>	<b>3. Original Works (4-6 Min)</b>	<i>*Manuscripts must be submitted</i>	
	<i>All original works must be written by the presenter(s). Manuscripts must be submitted prior to the state event to be eligible for award.  May be presented individually or as a <u>two</u>-person team.</i>	<b>Prose &amp; Short Story</b> <b>Poetry</b> <b>Broadcast Media Program</b> <b>Theatrical</b> <b>Combined Elements</b> - Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms	Presentation may be designed for TV, radio, or online media. Must be presented live. Props and costumes are allowed
<b>04</b>	<b>4. Oral Interpretation (4-6 Min)</b>	<i>*Manuscripts must be submitted</i>	
	<i>All presentations in this division must be published works. Manuscripts/Transcripts must be submitted prior to the state event to be eligible for award.  May be presented individually or as a <u>two</u>-person team.</i>	<b>Prose &amp; Short Story</b> <b>Poetry</b> <b>Theatrical Interpretation</b> <b>Published Speech recitation</b> - present an excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., or Maya Angelou. <b>Combined Elements</b> - combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms Presenter	Props and costumes are allowed

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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, 2020): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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\_\_\_\_\_ 01 – Formal Speech

\_\_\_\_\_ 02 – Illustrated Speech

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

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

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

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

### Changes for 2021 to note:

- Time limits- Changed to 4-6 minutes
- Deductions- There will be 1 point deducted for every 30 seconds over/under 4-6 minutes.
- In the Formal Speech category, topical speeches have been eliminated due to low participation.
- Members can advance in an individual and a team category.

**Return by: Friday, March 5, 2021 to:**

University of Illinois Extension - Ogle County  
421 W. Pines Rd. Suite 10  
Oregon, IL 61061

OR email to [jbmgrtnr@illinois.edu](mailto:jbmgrtnr@illinois.edu)



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