

# UNIT PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS CONTEST

**Wed., May 12, at Kaskaskia College Lifelong Learning Center, Centralia**

The contest begins at 5:30 p.m. All participants will have scheduled times to deliver their presentations.

**Entry Deadline: Wed., May 5, by 4:30 p.m. in Fair Entry**

Enrollment in the Public Presentations project is required to exhibit in this section. No live animals are allowed in speeches. The only equipment provided (upon request) will be a podium, table, screen, LCD projector, and extension cord. No parent or supervising adults will be permitted in the staging area or to assist with equipment being used in the presentation. If the presentation will be a TEAM presentation (in approved classes only), notify your county Extension office and include your team members in the exhibit description on the entry form.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A 4-H AUDIENCE, AND PRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR BOTH THE SETTING AND AN AUDIENCE WHICH MAY INCLUDE YOUTH.** Any presentations that might be considered controversial or inappropriate for young children are strongly discouraged.

The content of any 4-H competitive presentation does not necessarily reflect the beliefs or views of the University of Illinois Extension 4-H program. All presentation topics should be appropriate for a family audience.

## FORMAL SPEECH

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. The following guidelines apply:

**Self-written | Notes allowed | No props | Individual | 4-6 minutes**

### 50501 – Formal Speech: Original

*(This project is not eligible for Illinois State Fair consideration. It will be eligible for the State Public Speaking Contest.)*

Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish.

## ILLUSTRATED SPEECH

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. The following guidelines apply:

**Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations required | Individual | 4-6 minutes**

### 50503 – Illustrated Speech

*(This project is not eligible for Illinois State Fair consideration. It will be eligible for the State Public Speaking Contest.)*

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.



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## ORIGINAL WORKS

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. The following guidelines apply:

**Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and costumes allowed | Individual or two-person team  
Manuscripts must be sent in advance of the contest | 4-6 minutes**

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

### **50504 – Original Works: Individual**

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Entries in this class must be written and presented by an individual.

### **50505 – Original Works: Team**

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Entries in this class must be written and presented by a two-person team.

## ORAL INTERPRETATION

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works. The following guidelines apply:

**Published work | Props and costumes allowed | Individual or two-person team  
Manuscripts must be sent in advance of the contest | 4-6 minutes**

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

### **50506 – Oral Interpretation: Individual**

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Entries in this class must be presented by an individual.

### **50507 – Oral Interpretation: Team**

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Entries in this class must be presented by a two-person team.

## **State Public Speaking Contest**

Sat., June 5, at Richland Community College, Decatur

Youth must be selected in a local county 4-H contest to advance to the state contest. Youth may exhibit in the state public speaking contest AND exhibit a project in the state general project show.

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