



## 4-H Public Speaking Virtual Contest

*Registration Open in Fair Entry: May 20, 2020*

*Registration Deadline June 1, 2020*

*Winners Announced June 16, 2020*

Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion, Washington Counties 4-H will be hosting their Public Presentations Contest virtually this year via a live Zoom call. As in the past, to participate in this contest, youth must be 4-H members, and be registered in the Public Presentations project by June 1. They also need to register for the contest using their county's FairEntry system by June 1. See below for a review of the contest categories, as well as details on the video submission process if you are chosen as one of your counties three State Fair Delegates and if the State show is virtual a video will be required.

### CONTEST CLASSES

Youth may enter up to 2 classes. Each county may advance a total of three entries from any category to the state contest. Please note that no live animals are allowed in speeches.

#### **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...

#### **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.

#### **ORIGINAL WORKS | Self-written | Notes 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



**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

**JUDGING AND RESULTS**

Presentations will be judged using the criteria on the standard public presentations scoresheets. View copies of these scoresheets on the bottom of this webpage:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-public-speaking-contest>. Youth will be judged by at least 2 separate judges.

- Scores will be averaged to determine ribbons and placings.
- Presentations will receive blue, red or white ribbons based on their scores.
  - Average scores of 80 and above will receive blue ribbons.
  - Average scores of 70 to 79 will receive red ribbons.
  - Average scores of 69 and below will receive white ribbons.
- Special awards for this Unit competition will include a Junior & Senior Champion. Special awards will be determined by the highest average scores. In case of ties, judges will confer to choose winners.
- Winners will be announced June 16, 2020 with results being sent out via email to participants.
- Once completed, exhibit photos/videos and awards will be posted for public viewing. This is a requirement for Ag Premium Eligibility. Remember that Ag Premium awards are subject to modification or cancellation in any year for which the General Assembly fails to make an appropriation to fund the premiums." (30 ILCS 120/14(d))

**We look forward to seeing what you have learned this year and celebrating your accomplishments!!**



## IF YOU ARE SELECTED AS YOUR COUNTY STATE FAIR DELEGATE

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### Illinois State 4-H Public Presentation Contest: Participant Fact Sheet

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**Date:** Saturday August 15, 2020. Specific times will be e-mailed to participants by August 7.

**Location:** Illinois State Fairgrounds – Junior Livestock Building

**Qualifications:** Youth must be selected in a local county 4-H contest to advance to the state contest. Each county is allowed three entries in the state contest. The entries may come from any of the four divisions. Each youth may only compete in one division in the state contest.

**Details:**

- Participation in this contest does not affect a member’s opportunity to also participate in another project area at the Illinois State Fair.

### VIDEO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Youth must submit a video entry to participate in this contest. Follow the guidelines below to complete this process.

- Videos must be submitted via a YouTube link uploaded to a Box folder by *July 15*.
  - Video must be titled with full name of exhibitor, class, subclass, speech title, and county.
    - *Ex. Andrea Farrier, Formal Speech, Topical Response- If I Could See Tomorrow, DuPage County*
      - If this information is verbalized in your video submission, it will count towards your time.
  - See these resources to learn how to create and upload an unlisted YouTube video:
    - [YouTube Video How-To Tutorial](#)
    - [Step by Step How-To Worksheet](#)
  - Youth who register through FairEntry will be invited to the Box submission folder via email. The link to this folder will be sent to the family email address on file in 4HOnline.
- Post-production edits or enhancements are discouraged.
- Participants should strictly follow the 4-8 minute time constraints. *Any submissions under 4 minutes or longer than 8 minutes will be considered for participation ribbon only.*
- Video **must** be shot vertically and include the speaker’s whole body in the shot so that judges can accurately judge posture, hand gestures and movement.
- Presentation aids and/or props are allowed in specified categories only.
- In addition to these guidelines, here are some production tips to follow:
  - Use a tripod or stable surface to shoot video.
  - Be sure that you are visible on the video and that your audio playback is easy to hear.
  - Pick a unique environment for your video that helps enhance your speech; however, be sure that it is not distracting and does not impede your delivery.
  - Double-check your final video before uploading to ensure appropriate quality.
- If you run into trouble it uploading your exhibit documentation, please contact, your local Extension Office. We are here to help you!