

**AGRICULTURAL
PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST
4-H/FFA/FCCLA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2010
SUPERINTENDENT
Anne Griffeth**

Entry deadline Wednesday, Aug. 25
Registration..... Tues., Oct. 5 .. 8:00 AM
Contest..... Tues., Oct. 5 .. 9:00 AM

This show will be governed by the General and Youth Rules and Regulations of the State Fair of Texas and the following special rules.

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry: An entry fee of \$25 made payable to State Fair of Texas will be charged. Entries must be made through official State Fair of Texas entry forms. The entry must be postmarked by August 25, 2010. The division the student wishes to enter as well as the speech topic and manuscripts must be in the Livestock Office no later than September 8, 2010.

2. Eligibility: Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private elementary or secondary schools in Texas and they must be at least 8 years old and in the third grade, but not more than 18 years old on August 31. Exhibitors must be bona fide residents of the State of Texas.

Junior Division participants must be 8 years old and in the third grade and no more than in eighth grade on August 31.

Senior Division participants must be at least a freshman in high school and not more than 18 years old on August 31.

3. Contest Format: The event will be held in the following contest format:

- a. Contestants in each age division will be divided into groups depending on their category entered.
- b. Contestants will draw to determine placement in all rounds.
- c. Each Senior Division Champion will compete in a Semi-Final round.
- d. Top two senior finalists will compete for Grand and Reserve Champions placing at 4:00 pm, unless otherwise announced.

4. Documentation: Each contestant must provide the following items, to the superintendent, to be eligible to speak:

- Manuscript: Three typewritten copies of the speech manuscript on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, stapled in the top left hand corner. The manuscript must be the result of the student's own effort and follow the MLA or APA style.
- Bibliography: A complete and accurate bibliography used in writing the speech must be attached to the manuscript and also follow the MLA or APA style.
- A statement of originality signed by the contestant, parent(s), and AST/CEA or teacher must be attached to each copy of the speech.
- If a contestant does not follow the documentation guidelines outlined, point deductions will be taken at the discretion of the Superintendent, Show Management and Judges.

5. Dress Attire: Business attire or Official 4-H/FFA attire is recommended.

6. Time: Each speech shall be a minimum of five (5) minutes and a maximum of seven (7) minutes. Deductions will be applied to overall score if time is under/over the allotted time.

7. Question/Answer Period: A three-minute question-answer period will follow each speech. At the end of five minutes, time will be called, all questioning will end. If time is called during the student's answer to the last question, the contestant may complete his or her answer.

8. Props: The use of props of any kind is prohibited. Violation will result in disqualification.

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9. Speech Divisions: Each contestant will enter their speech in one of seven divisions. A contestant may enter in one division only. There are subject matters, which may be appropriate in more than one division. The division the student wishes to enter as well as the speech topic and manuscripts must be in the livestock office no later than September 8, 2010. Final determination of all speeches will be at the discretion of the Superintendent and Show Management.

Divisions:

Western Heritage: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as Western history, culture or heritage.

Natural Resources: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy environmental issues, etc.

Animal Science: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspects of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef or specialty animal industries.

Livestock Show Ethics: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of the ethics practiced in the livestock show industry.

Agribusiness: Any current and future subject that deals with topics such as cooperatives, sales, service, communications, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, hedging, advertising, etc.

Agricultural Policy: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as domestic farm issues, international trade, international competition, rural economic development, legal issues, animal rights, subsidies, price supports, etc.

Agri-science: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, new agri-technology applications, global positioning and other satellite technology, computer applications, etc.

10. Results: The contest results, as announced, will be final.

11. Awards: Division Champions will receive a Banner, Trophy and a Special Award. Reserve Division Champions will receive a Banner and a Special Award. Grand and Reserve Grand Champions in each age division will receive a Banner and Trophy Buckle.

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