

Public Speaking

Superintendents:

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Deadline: March 1, 2012

1. Entry Fees:

- \$5 per contestant
- \$10 per team

Entry Forms must be sent with entry fee to:

DCLA Youth Fair
Public Speaking Contest
3100 Ft. Worth Drive
Denton, TX 76205

2. Contest:

Tuesday, March 20, 2012 – 5:00 p.m. @ Fair Hall, NTSF Fairgrounds, Denton, TX

Awards presented following contest.

3. Entries are subjected to General Rules.

4. Entries will be divided into these age divisions:

- a) Juniors – 3rd grade thru 11 yrs old
- b) Intermediate – 12 to 14 yrs old
- c) Seniors – 15 to 19 yrs old
- d) Team Division – made up of 2-4 individuals

*** Participants may compete individually and as part of a team, but the subject matter of the presentations must be different.

*** Age as of August 31, 2011

5. Contestants will be judged on the following as set forth by the 4-H public Speaking Guidelines at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/COM12050.pdf>

6. All speeches will have a 3-7 minute time limit.

7. Note cards can be used, but no props/posters, etc., in individual competitions.

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8. Awards:

- 1st & 2nd in each division: plaques
- 3rd thru 6th in each division: ribbons

Scholarships: Will be awarded to the following: All scholarships will be available to be picked up by 4-H, FCCLA or FFA leaders at the end of May.

\$75.00 to each

1st place

\$25.00 to each

2nd place

Composition and Organization:

1. Introduction:
 - a. Attention of audience gained – 5 points
 - b. Importance of subject established – 5 points
 - c. Purpose clearly stated – 5 points
2. Body
 - a. One central theme – 5 points
 - b. Information accurate (source of information given)
 - c. Information current – 5 points
 - d. Logical Sequence – 5 points
3. Summary
 - a. Major point's emphasized

Delivery

1. Appearance
 - a. Grooming & Dress – 5 points
 - b. Poise & Posture – 5 points
2. Voice & Understood – 5 points
3. Appropriate vocal dynamics – 5 points
4. Correct use of grammar – 5 points
5. Eye contact with audience – 5 points
6. Appropriate use of gestures and body language – 5 points
7. Uniqueness of presentation – 5 points
8. Audience appeal – 5 points
9. Educational value – 5 points
10. Questions – 5 points
 - a. Accuracy of answers – 5 points
 - b. Poise and self confidence – 5 points

TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE – 100 points

Overtime penalty - _____ (2 points per ½ minute)

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