



General Guidelines

The following rules and guidelines have been developed for the SE District 4-H Public Speaking Contest. All participants are subject to the following general rules and regulations.

OBJECTIVES:

The SE District 4-H Public Speaking Contest is conducted for the purpose of promoting a greater interest in public speaking and to allow all 4-H members the opportunity to develop and polish their public speaking skills.

DATE OF THE CONTEST:

The contest will be held on **March 23, 2023** at the McAlester First Baptist Church. Directions to the Church: As you come into McAlester on Highway 270 Carl Albert Parkway, turn North on 2nd Street and go 1 block. The First Baptist Church is located on the corner of 2nd and Washington.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

All entries must be received in the **COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE NO LATER THAN February 16, 2023**. Participants must use the SE 4-H District Public Speaking Entry Form/Score Sheet for contest entry. Please complete an entry form/score sheet for each type of presentation you will be giving. Please identify the respective grade category, presentation type, subject category, and title of presentation on each form. Members must be "Active" status in the 4h.zsuite.org system. The Oklahoma State 4-H Club Program Policies Lit. No. 5 will be utilized to determine membership, grade categories, and general rules. 4-H members do not have to qualify at a county contest to participate. **There will be no changes or additions made the day of the contest. Members must present in the room they are assigned regardless of situation. There will be no classification changes or additions after March 6, 2023.**

NUMBER AND PRESENTATION TOPICS:

Participants may enter two (2) presentations, this includes extemporaneous: The types of presentations are: Speech, Illustrated, PowerPoint, Extemporaneous and Famous Person.

If the participant is entering two presentations, they must be completely different topics. Example: A participant could enter a regular speech about dogs in

the small animal category and enter an illustrated presentation in the foods category.

REGISTRATION:

Registration will be from 2:00-3:00p.m. Contestants will report directly to their presentation rooms. **The contest will start promptly at 3:30 p.m.** It is the responsibility of the individual or team to be at the proper place if giving more than one presentation.

FEES:

The entry fee is \$5.00 per individual. There will NOT BE an additional cost for more than one entry. No refunds will be given.

CANCELLATIONS:

Any individual scheduled for a presentation who is unable to present should notify their respective county extension staff. Each county is asked to notify the contest committee prior to the contest for changes in county participation.

AGE DIVISIONS:

Junior:	Grades 3 rd -5 th
Intermediate:	Grades 6 th -8 th
Senior:	Grades 9 th -12 th

All divisions are based on the grade as of August 1, 2022.

SUGGESTED APPROPRIATE DRESS:

Snappy casual, including a 4-H T-Shirt or attire appropriate to the theme of the presentation.

MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS:

Any presentation that goes over the maximum time limit by 2 minutes will be stopped by the judge(s). Please refer to the guidelines for each presentation for specific time limits. There is a 1 point deduction for every 30 seconds over or under the time limit.

ALL SET UP, PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF PRESENTATION MUST BE THE WORK OF THE PARTICIPANT ONLY.

CONDUCT

Parents and/or volunteers are asked not to approach judges directly before, during or after the contest. Judges have been asked to evaluate presentations and provide feedback by invitation of the SE District Public Speaking Committee. Questions or comments concerning judging or any other topic should be directed to the SE District 4-H Public Speaking Committee. All judges decisions are final. Protests will not be considered. Scoresheets will not be returned the day of the contest. They will be given to the respective county educators to return them to the 4-H members.

CATEGORIES: (see page 3 for category definitions)

Categories may be combined/divided at the discretion of the committee due to the participant number. If a class has 3 entries or less they will be combined at the discretion of the committee.

BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT:

Easels, podiums, or extension cords will not be provided. Special audio-visual equipment (except for PowerPoint presentations) will not be provided.

DON'T BRING:

Posters with loose glitter. Glittered posters should be laminated. Glitter used for any presentations should be in a closed container and only used in the speaking room assigned to that participant.

Firearms, live ammunition, rocket engines, explosive powders or live animals are not allowed.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented to the 1st through 5th place individuals per division, per presentation type, per presentation category. Medallions will be given to the top three, and 4th and 5th place will receive ribbons. Those placing 6th, 7th, etc. will receive participation ribbons. Awards will be presented in each speaking room. Gold, Silver, Bronze awards are also presented to counties with the most participation.

SPEECH

1. Only individuals are allowed to enter this category.
2. Props or visuals ARE NOT to be used in this type of presentation.
3. Speech Length:
Juniors: 2-5 minutes
Intermediate: 5-7 minutes
Seniors: 5-7 minutes

ILLUSTRATED

1. Illustrated presentations include both demonstrations and illustrated talks. Props and or/visuals must be used to qualify for this event. Size of props used must be appropriate for room size. Props can be no larger than 30 inches in width and 6 feet in height.
2. Illustrated Presentation Length:
Juniors: 3-10 minutes
Intermediate: 5-12 minutes
Seniors: 5-12 minutes
3. Teams and individuals will not compete for the same awards. Teams are composed of two individuals and may consist of no more.
4. Teams with individuals of two different grade categories will participate in the older grade category of the participating individuals. Example: A team consisting of a 5th grader and a 7th grader will participate in the intermediate category (Intermediate: 6th-8th Grade).
5. Food Demonstration Presentations: All 4-H members giving these types of presentations

must bring all needed equipment with them, including items needed to clean up after presentation. No supplies will be available. Water in the room may be optional. Please keep these things in mind when compiling your materials needed for presentation. Electricity will be available. It is the responsibility of the individual/teams to clean up the demonstration table following their presentation.

POWERPOINT

PowerPoint presentations follow the general 4-H public speaking contest guidelines with the following additions:

1. Only individuals are allowed to enter this category.
2. All illustrated talks using PowerPoint will be entered in category #11.
3. Participants will be required to use the equipment provided. The committee will provide a laptop computer, digital projector and screen to use during the presentation. This contest is limited to only PowerPoint software, no other presentation programs will be provided or allowed. Internet service may not be available.
4. Presentation should be on flash drive.
5. Participants must provide a 6 slide per page printed hand out of the presentation to the judge. These handouts will be for the judge's benefit (especially, in case of equipment compatibility problems or failure).
6. PowerPoint Length:
Juniors: 3-5 minutes
Intermediate: 5-7 minutes
Seniors: 5-7 minutes

EXTEMPORANEOUS

1. All topics will relate to the general 4-H program. Topics will be selected by, or under the supervision of, the committee chair. Topics will be phrased in the form of a question specific enough for the judges to determine whether the speech is relevant to the topic.
2. Contestants will be allowed to draw three (3) topics then select one (1) and report the topic to the person supervising the drawing. The topic selected will be recorded by the person supervising the drawing.
3. Each participant has 5 minutes to prepare for the speech. Contestants will speak as soon after their preparation time as possible. This is subject to the availability of the judge(s). Each contestant will be permitted to make notes during his/her preparation time.

4. The speech will last not more than five (5) minutes. *Note: the timekeeper will signal the speaker one (1) minute prior to the maximum time limit and 30 seconds before the maximum time limit and will say stop at the end of six (6) minutes.* Maximum time limits will be adhered to.
5. The speech may be followed by one question per judge. Each question will be relevant and designed to secure verification, clarification, or amplification.
6. No preparatory materials may be removed from the preparation room.
7. No electronic retrieval systems will be allowed in the preparation room.

FAMOUS PERSON

The 4-H Famous Person contest is designed to provide a 4-H member with the opportunity of portraying a person from sports, pop culture or history, either from the past or present, through speech and props. The 4-H member will not only be provided a public speaking opportunity, but will also develop research skills through seeking information regarding their famous person. 4-H members also have an opportunity to be creative in both costume and prop design which is used to “tell their story”.

1. The assigned room monitor will instruct participants on set up. Members **should not** set up props upon entering the room. The maximum time for prop set up is 5 minutes. Adults are not allowed to assist the 4-H member in any way. Members are responsible for their own set up.
2. Individuals and teams are allowed.
3. Famous Person/Character presentation length:
Juniors: 2-5 minutes
Intermediate: 5-7 minutes
Seniors: 5-7 minutes
4. Props are intended to add to the presentation and members are encouraged to be creative in their use. Costuming is also part of this contest.
5. All props must be no larger than 30" wide or over 6 feet tall. The doors of the church will not accommodate props larger than this measurement.
6. No live firearms (a toy gun should be used) or live animals.
7. It is expected that 4-H members ONLY portray famous people of good moral and character. Their dress or costume must be appropriate

- regardless of who they are portraying; one that reflects the values of the 4-H program.
8. If props leave behind any type of mess, example hay, grass, etc. the 4-H member is responsible for cleaning up their area.

Explanation of Categories

- 01 **Animal Science** (Horse, Beef, Dairy, Goat, Swine, Sheep, Poultry, Vet Science)
- 02 **Small Animal/Pets** (Birds, Cats, Cavey, Dogs, Fish, Rabbits)
- 03 **General Ag** (Ag related topics that are neither animal science nor plant/natural sciences)
- 04 **Plant/Natural Science** (Agronomy, Horticulture, Entomology, Wildlife, Forestry, Environmental, Natural Resources, Camping, Shooting Sports, Bicycle, Electric, Woodworking, Petroleum Power)
- 05 **Science & Technology** (Not for Powerpoint presentations. They are category 11.) (Computers, Robotics, Science Experiments, Physical Sciences, GPS, Aerospace, Rocketry)
- 06 **Communication and Visual Arts** (Photography, Speaking, Recreation, Fine Arts, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Music, Hobbies, Collections, Biographies (Not Famous Person)
- 07 **Family & Consumer Sciences** (Childcare, Fabric & Fashions, Safety, Personal Development, Consumer Education)
- 08 **Social Sciences** (Citizenship, Leadership, 4-H Leadership, Government, Community Service, 4-H Community Service, History, 4-H History, Military, Geography, Historical Figure Biography (Not Famous Person)
- 09 **Health & Wellness** (Health, Nutrition, Food Safety, Fitness, Sports)
- 10 **Foods** (Food preparation with finished product including nutrition facts and food safety.)
- 11 **PowerPoint**
- 12 **Famous Person** (Autobiography, Dress In Costume, Props, Play The Character)
- 13 **Extemporaneous**