

# 4-H VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS: PUBLIC SPEAKING

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. This year, contestants may choose their own topic, but it must be related to 4-H.
2. **The county Public Speaking Contest will take place on Tuesday during the Vigo County Fair. Time and location will be sent to those participating in the contest. You must participate in this contest to advance on to the State Fair Public Speaking Contest.**
3. Props, signs and PowerPoint presentations are not permitted. There is no restriction with the audience.
4. Judges may ask questions following your speech.

## BEGINNER DIVISION

- A participant must be in grades 3, 4 or 5 of the current academic year.
- Beginner speeches should last one (1) to three (3) minutes. Judges will penalize contestants not meeting these time limits.
- Beginners are not eligible for the Indiana State Fair.

## JUNIOR DIVISION Eligible for State Fair

- A participant must be in grades 6, 7, or 8 of the current academic year. Participants in State Fair must be 14 years of age or older as of January 1 to be able to participate at the State Fair level if selected.
- Junior Division speeches should last three (3) to five (5) minutes. Judges will penalize contestants not meeting these time limits.
- Vigo County can send three contestants from the Junior Division to the State Fair Public Speaking Contest.

## SENIOR DIVISION Eligible for State Fair

- A participant must be in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 of the current academic year.
- Senior Division speeches should last five (5) to seven (7) minutes. Judges will penalize contestants not meeting these time limits.
- Vigo County can send three contestants from the Senior Division to the State Fair Public Speaking Contest.