

*****NEW IN 2022*****

**YOUTH EXTEMPORANEOUS
SPEAKING CONTEST (DIVISION 1905)**



*Presented by the owners and staff of the
Best Western Plus Saddleback Inn.*

Entry Deadline:	Online by August 15	(See Eligibility, Rule #5)
Contestant Check-in Barn 3		
Meeting Room:	September 18	8 a.m.
Judged in Capital City Auditorium:	September 18	9 a.m.; starting with Junior speakers
Results announced:	September 18	5:00 p.m. or an hour after the last speaker (whichever comes first)

Refer to the Livestock Exhibitor Competition Guide for important information including the liability statement, additional fees, admissions, deadlines, etc.

GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

- The purpose of the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Competition is to enhance the skills of youth by: (a) researching and gaining knowledge of a wide variety of agricultural content and (b) practicing the ability to think and speak under pressure without prior rehearsal.
- A panel of judges will use a scoresheet to evaluate the contestants in forming a non-prepared speech based on verbal and non-verbal communication skills.
- There will be two classes of contestants, according to age - Juniors and Seniors.
- Speech topics will be randomly drawn by the contestant in a category of agricultural systems.

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| 1. AgriBusiness Systems | 6. Food Products & Processing Systems |
| 2. Agricultural Education | 7. Natural Resources Systems |
| 3. Animal Systems | 8. Plant Systems |
| 4. Biotechnology Systems | 9. Power Structural & Technical Systems |
| 5. Environmental Service Systems | |

ELIGIBILITY

1. This contest is open to all youth, ages 8 – 18 years of age as of September 1st of the current year.
2. Membership in 4-H or FFA is not required to enter.
3. Contestants must not have won a state or national-level extemporaneous public speaking event prior to this competition.
4. Entries will be limited to the **first 20 speakers** who enter online, regardless of age. Parking and admission credentials will be mailed to contestants who enter by August 15, 11:59 p.m. Late entries submitted after August 15 will not receive parking or admission to enter the fairgrounds and will be responsible for the purchase of parking and admission.
5. Entries will be accepted until all 20 contestant slots are filled or by September 1, whichever comes first.
6. Accepted entries will be confirmed via e-mail provided when entering the competition.

CLASSES

1. Juniors – ages 8 years through 13 years old
2. Seniors – ages 14 years through 18 years old

ENTRY FEE INFORMATION

- \$10 entry fee per contestant entered online by September 1, 2022. No entries will be accepted after September 1.
- \$10 processing fee per contestant

- Entries submitted and paid for by August 15 will include: one single-day general admission ticket and one single-day parking pass to the Oklahoma State Fair (OSF). (Contestants entering after August 15 will not be eligible for complimentary admission nor parking and will have to purchase).
- Refer to Livestock Show Rules and Regulations for information regarding additional fees and admissions.

COMPETITION FORMAT

1. The Junior class will compete first, starting at 9 a.m. One 30-minute break for judges will be included in the schedule.
2. **Attire:** Contestants should wear business attire or attire representative of the group or club they are representing (i.e., official 4-H or FFA attire).
3. **Arrival:**
 - a. One single day admission and parking pass will be mailed to all contestants entered online by August 15. Any guests accompanying contestants will be required to purchase admission in advance or at the gate upon arrival.
 - b. Contestants and accompanying guests will need to enter (walk through admission only) OKC Fairgrounds via Gate 7 or Gate 8, both opening at 6:30 a.m.
 - c. Contestants must arrive and check-in by 8 a.m. in Barn 3 Meeting Room (across the south-hall of the Capital City Auditorium) for an informational session. Contestants arriving late to check-in will be subject to penalization.
4. Upon check-in, contestants will randomly select a number to determine speaker order in each age division. Each speaker will then be given a pre-determined time to arrive in the holding room, Barn 3 Meeting Room.
5. In the holding room, contestants will have 30 minutes to:
 - a. Randomly choose a topic/question within their chosen category of agriculture
 - b. Research their topic for speech preparation
6. **Approved research material** to bring or use in holding room:
 - a. Using the computers in the holding room provided by OSF
 - b. Bringing up to five (5) printed material documents (such as books, magazines, or printed internet research)
 - c. Contestants may not use notes or speeches from a previous competition or by another speaker
 - d. Contestants may bring blank flashcards to take notes on for their speech; however, the use of flashcards will be a criterion for points if they provide a distraction from the speech.
7. Official competition staff will be present in the holding room to monitor preparation. They will also introduce speakers and their chosen topic before the speaker begins their speech.
8. Speeches will be presented in the Capital City Auditorium and must be 5-7 minutes long. Speeches outside of this time frame will be given a 1-point deduction for every second under or over the time limit.
9. The Capital City Auditorium will be open to all guests and spectators to watch presentations. However, contestants will not be allowed to enter the Auditorium before their scheduled presentation time. Contestants who violate this rule will be disqualified. After the completion of their speech, contestants are welcome to watch other speakers. All cell phones must be muted prior to entry.
10. Assistance, coaching, suggestions, or any other form of guidance from anyone in the audience during the presentation is prohibited. Such actions from the audience may result in disqualification of the contestant.
11. **Props:** The use of props (i.e., posters, live/fake animals, electronics, or objects of any kind) is prohibited and will result in disqualification from competition if used.
12. Following the completion of their speech, each contestant is given three additional minutes for questions from the judges relating to their speech and chosen topic. Contestants will be scored on their capability to answer the judges' questions.

JUDGING INFORMATION

- The competition will consist of two to three judges who will consist of a combination of agricultural industry experts, presenting sponsor representatives, OSF employees, or other such individuals who provide agricultural and public speaking knowledge, who can also provide impartial evaluation of each participant.
- A timekeeper will record the speaker's time. There will be no time warnings for the contestant.
- Judges will have a maximum of three minutes to ask the speaker questions.
- After the completion of each contestant, judges will use the provided rubric to score each participant. The contestants will then be ranked based off of their total score, including any time refractions.
- Judging sheets will be compiled at the end of the competition to determine the official contestant ranking.

AWARDS/PREMIUM INFORMATION

- Awards will be given to first through fifth places in each division.
- Ribbons will be awarded to sixth through tenth place in each division.
- Premiums will be distributed as noted below:

Juniors	First Place \$100	Second Place \$75	Third Place \$50	Fourth Place \$30	Fifth Place \$25
Seniors	First Place \$100	Second Place \$75	Third Place \$50	Fourth Place \$30	Fifth Place \$25

RESOURCES

The list of resources provided below are included, but not limited to, in order to assist contestants in preparing for this competition:

Speaking and Presentation Tips/Examples:

- National FFA Resources:
 - Extemporaneous CDE/LDE Past Topics: <https://ffa.app.box.com/v/CDE-LDE-Resources/folder/50553440740>
 - Finals Hall 2021 Extemporaneous Public Speakers: https://www.ffa.org/ffa-video-center/cde-lde-finals-hall/?vimeography_gallery=16&vimeography_video=640477886
- Oklahoma 4-H Resources:
 - Speech Outlines: <https://4h.okstate.edu/projects/communication-and-expressive-arts/site-files/docs/public-speaking/presentation-outlining.pdf>
 - Finding Sources: <https://4h.okstate.edu/projects/communication-and-expressive-arts/site-files/docs/public-speaking/finding-sources.pdf>
 - Recording/Citing Sources: <https://4h.okstate.edu/projects/communication-and-expressive-arts/site-files/docs/public-speaking/recording-properly-citing-references-and-resources.pdf>
 - Speaking Techniques: <https://4h.okstate.edu/projects/communication-and-expressive-arts/site-files/docs/public-speaking/techniques-presentations.pdf>

Agricultural Information:

- United States Department of Agriculture – www.usda.gov
- Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry – www.ag.ok.gov
- American Farm Bureau Federation – www.fb.org
- Oklahoma Farm Bureau Federation – www.okfarmbureau.org

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Scoring Rubric

Criterion	Demonstrates high-level of skill 5 - 4 points	Demonstrates moderate-level of skill 3 - 2 points	Demonstrates low-level of skill 1 - 0 points	Total Score
Oral Communication (30 points)				
Natural/ Comfortable Presentation	Speaks with certainty and articulately. Does not sound memorized.	Hesitates occasionally but speaks articulately.	Frequently speaks with hesitation or seems forced.	
Speech Structure	Provides an organized structure to the content of speech (i.e., intro, body, and conclusion).	Provides a semi-organized structure.	Provides little to no structure to content of speech.	
Delivery: Tone & Pace	Clear and controlled pronunciation, projection, and fluctuation.	Speaks with appropriate tone and pace but shows some nervousness.	Pace is too fast and shows nervousness. Difficulty using appropriate tone.	
Examples & Facts	Various and relevant examples and facts are included to show speaker's understanding of topic.	Examples and facts are included. They may need some clarification.	Examples and facts are not included or are abstract and/or not relevant to topic.	
Connection & Conveying	Examples and facts provided correlate and enhance topic or ideas.	Satisfactorily connects facts and examples relevant to topic.	Challenging for the speaker to connect and articulate facts and examples.	
Questions & Answers	Answers questions with ease and does not seem rehearsed.	Answers with some nervousness or uncertainty but speaks mostly unrehearsed and with ease.	Displays signs of nervousness or seems unprepared or too rehearsed.	
Non-Verbal Communication (20 points)				
Eye-Contact	Eye contact is constantly utilized to provide a connection with speaker and audience.	Eye contact is mostly utilized.	Eye contact is not always used and lacks connection with speaker.	
Gestures	Gestures are used purposefully and effectively.	Gestures are mostly used with purpose.	Gestures may sometimes be used effectively.	
Poise	Well-poised and in control.	Mostly poised and in control.	Sometimes loses composure.	
Mannerisms	Does not have mannerisms distracting from presentation.	Sometimes has mannerisms which are distracting.	Often displays mannerisms which reduce speaker effectiveness.	
Professionalism: Punctuality (25 points)*				
Professionalism: Attire (25 points)**				
Time Deduction***				
Total Points (out of 100)				

*Up to 25-point deduction if contestant is late to check-in or arrival into holding room

**See rule #2 under "Competition Format" regarding contestant attire

***1 point deduction for every second under 5 minutes or over 7 minutes, determined by timekeeper