

2018 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR FARM BUREAU YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST

- **COORDINATOR:** Kay Shinn-Marion County Farm Bureau (352)237-2124
- **SHOW COMMITTEE:** Marion County Farm Bureau
- **ENTRY DEADLINE:** **February 2, 2018 – “Farm Bureau Youth Speech Contest”**
- **CHECK-IN:** **5:00pm Saturday, February 17, 2018 – Extension Auditorium**
- **SHOW:** **5:30pm Saturday, February 17, 2018 – Extension Auditorium**
- **AWARDS:**
 - 1st Place - \$100 Cash Award
 - 2nd Place - \$75 Cash Award
 - 3rd Place - \$50 Cash Award

NEW DAY and TIME for SPEECH CONTEST

*****NEW*** The deadline to enter has been extended – however, if you are going to enter this contest, please contact the Speech Contest Coordinator. Farm Bureau is going to host a special meeting with participants AFTER the topic is released to lead you on a path of success in public speaking.**

1. The SEYF General Rules & Regulations apply to this contest.
2. Membership in the Farm Bureau is not a requirement. Applicant must display a positive attitude about agriculture and Farm Bureau.
3. Contestants may use notes, if needed.
4. Limit speech to 5 minutes +/- 30 seconds.
5. Speech must be prepared and presented personally.
6. Contestant must be a resident of Marion County.
7. Judges reserve the right to ask questions to exceed no more than 3 minutes per contestant.
8. Contestant must be at least 14 years old and not over 18 years old (not having reached their 19th birthday) on or before September 15th, 2017.
9. Speech must be prepared on the topic listed below.
10. 1st Place winner must compete in District Level contest; District Level winner must compete in State Level Contest. Dates are not yet determined.

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR JUDGING

1. SPEECH CONTENT (50 PERCENT)

The research and effort which is spent in the preparation of the speech will convey the participant's degree of knowledge and accuracy of the subject.

2. SPEECH DELIVERY (50 PERCENT)

The best material would be wasted if not properly presented. Expression and clarity of delivery will be considered in the overall judging. CAUTION: The time limit of 5 minutes, plus or minus 30 seconds, is critical. Points will be deducted accordingly for too much or too little use of time.

2018 SPEECH TOPIC

“How has the introduction of agricultural mobile apps impacted the Ag industry?”