

2024 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR FARM BUREAU YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST

- **COORDINATOR:** Marion County Farm Bureau (352)237-2124
- **SHOW COMMITTEE:** Julie Wall - Marion County Farm Bureau
- **IMPORTANT DATES:** Refer to the Calendar of Events for all important dates

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. SENIOR Contestants must be at least 14 years old and not over 18 years old (not having reached their 19th birthday) on or before September 15th, 2023.
9. Speech must be prepared on the topic listed below.
10. SENIOR 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.

- **AWARDS:**
 - SENIOR DIVISION:**
 - 1st Place - \$200 Cash Award
 - 2nd Place - \$150 Cash Award
 - 3rd Place - \$100 Cash Award

INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR DIVISIONS: TBD

2024 SPEECH TOPICS:

JUNIOR (8-10) - Why are you thankful for agriculture?

INTERMEDIATE (11-13) - How has technology changed agriculture?

SENIOR (14-18) - to be announced at a future date

SPEECH LENGTH REQUIREMENTS:

JUNIOR (8-10) - 2-3 minutes

INTERMEDIATE (11-13) - 3-4 minutes

SENIOR (14-18) - 5 minutes