

# 2025 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 19<sup>th</sup> birthday) on or before September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
9. Speech must be prepared on the topic listed below.
10. SENIOR 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$200 Cash Award
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$150 Cash Award
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$100 Cash Award

**INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR DIVISIONS:** TBD

## 2025 SPEECH TOPICS:

JUNIOR (8-10) - Why are bees important in agriculture?

INTERMEDIATE (11-13) - Why are bees important to food production and farm life? What are some of the threats and challenges honeybees face in Florida 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