



## 4-H Public Speaking

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| Description:     | An original speech specifically related to participant's 4-H experience.  |
| Title:           | "My 4-H Experience ... A Pathway to the Future"   |
| Entries:         | Individual only   |
| State Awards:    | First place individual will receive a State 4-H Contests Jacket. They will also earn the right to represent Utah at the Western National Contest in Denver. |
| National Awards: | Determined at the national level.   |

### General Information:

- Speech must be original and related to participant's 4-H experience.
- Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids, or props for their presentations.
- Three copies of the talks are to be furnished for the judges, but contestants are not allowed to present any other items to the judges.
- Each speech will be timed and must be between 6-8 minutes for seniors. Two points will be deducted for each thirty seconds over or under the time limit.
- Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
- A podium must be used by participants.
- No contestant will be allowed to enter the same presentation in more than one contest.



# Public Speaking Scorecard

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| <b>Blue Ribbon?</b><br>(Circle One)<br><b>Yes</b><br><b>No</b> |
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Speech \_\_\_\_\_

| ITEMS TO BE SCORED   | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT | POINTS EARNED | COMMENTS |
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| <b>General Appearance:</b><br>(5 Points)<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posture</li> <li>• Appropriate dress</li> <li>• Visible distractions</li> </ul>   |      |      |           |               |          |
| <b>Projection to Audience:</b><br>(10 Points)<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eye contact</li> <li>• Facial expressions</li> <li>• Gestures</li> </ul>   |      |      |           |               |          |
| <b>Voice Control:</b><br>(15 Points)<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pitch, tempo, inflection</li> <li>• Emphasis</li> <li>• Volume</li> </ul>   |      |      |           |               |          |
| <b>Articulation:</b><br>(15 Points)<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pronunciation and enunciation</li> </ul>   |      |      |           |               |          |
| <b>Language Effectiveness:</b><br>(10 Points)<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate words</li> <li>• Skill in using meaningful quotes</li> </ul>   |      |      |           |               |          |
| <b>Organization of Contents:</b><br>(25 Points)<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement and coverage of topic</li> <li>• Sequence of key points</li> <li>• Introduction, body, and conclusion</li> </ul> |      |      |           |               |          |
| <b>Overall Quality:</b><br>(20 Points)<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Originality</li> <li>• Appropriate topic</li> </ul>   |      |      |           |               |          |
| <b>Total Score:</b> (100 Points)   |      |      |           |               |          |

**TIME: Start** \_\_\_\_\_ **Finish** \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ **min**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Score**  
 - \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Points/30 sec. over or under 8 min)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **FINAL SCORE**