

AGRICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

ENTRY DEADLINE
DECEMBER 1, 2008

Date Sunday, February 15
Place JCAC
Registration 8 am
Contest 9 am

Superintendent
Mitzi Smith

1. **Entry:** An entry fee of \$25 made payable to S.A.L.E. will be charged. Entries must be made on official San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo entry forms.
2. **Eligibility:** Contestants must meet All Junior Show Rule Requirements.
3. **Contest Format:** Contestants in each division will be divided into groups depending on their category entered. The top two in each category will advance to the finals. Contestants will draw to determine placement in both rounds.
4. **Documentation:** Each contestant must provide the following items, to the superintendent, to be eligible to speak.
 - A) Manuscript: Three typewritten copies of the speech manuscript on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, stapled in the top left hand corner. The manuscript must be the result of the student's own effort and follow the MLA style.
 - B) Bibliography: A complete and accurate bibliography or works cited used in writing the speech must be attached to the manuscript and also follow the MLA style.
 - C) A statement of originality signed by the contestant, parents, and AST/CEA must be attached to each copy of the speech.
 - D) If a contestant chooses to not follow the documentation guidelines outlined, point deductions will be taken at the discretion of the Superintendent, Show Management and Judges.
5. **Dress Attire:** Business attire or Official 4-H/FFA attire is recommended.
6. **Time:** Each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes in length and a maximum of eight minutes. Time point deductions will apply as follows:
 - Under six minutes -- one point per ten seconds
 - Over eight minutes - one point per ten seconds
7. **Question/Answer Period:** A five-minute question-answer period will follow each speech. At the end of five minutes, all questioning will end.
8. **Props:** The use of props of any kind is prohibited. Violation will result in disqualification.
9. **Speech Divisions:** Each contestant will enter their speech in one of six divisions. A contestant may enter in one division only. There are subject matters, which may be appropriate in more than one division. Final determination of all speeches will be at the discretion of the Superintendent and show management.

Divisions:

Animal Science: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspects of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef or specialty animal industries.

Plant Science: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of the horticulture and/or agronomy industries including floriculture, fruit and/or vegetable production, nursery operations, turf and landscape management, crop production, or specialty crop production.

Natural Resources: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy environmental issues, etc.

Agribusiness: Any current and future subject that deals with topics such as cooperatives, sales, service, communications, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, hedging, advertising, etc.

Agricultural Policy: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as domestic farm issues, international trade, international competition, rural economic development, legal issues, animal rights, subsidies, price supports, etc.

Agri-science: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, new agri-technology applications, global positioning and other satellite technology, computer applications, etc.