



Youth Speech Contest

At the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds
Entertainment Pavilion

November 3rd, 2022 7:00 pm

Rules:

1. Registration is online on a first come-first serve basis. Deadline to sign up is midnight October 28th
2. Entry is FREE to middle and high school students and open to Hillsborough County residents only.
3. Each contestant will receive two free tickets for entry to the Hillsborough County Fair the day of the competition.
4. Contestants will be broken into a middle school and high school divisions and must be enrolled as a student in the applicable grade and under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the 2022/2023 school year.
5. The Hillsborough County Fair Association, Inc. does not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, race, color, sex, disability, religion or national origin.
6. The contestants must prepare and present the speech personally.
7. Contestants are not permitted to use any visual aids, such as power point presentation or poster.

8. Each contestant should wear the official dress of their respective club (i.e. 4H, FFA, JROTC, etc.) Contestants that are not a member of an organization should dress to impress with business casual attire.

9. Speech Length:

Middle School Division – 2-3 minutes (+/- 30 seconds)

High School Division – 4-5 minutes (+/- 30 seconds)

* Shorter or longer speeches will receive point reductions.

10. All decisions by the judges are final. Arguing with our judges will result in your disqualification. In the event of a tie, the judges will vote to break the tie by majority rule.

11. As a contestant, you agree to allow the Hillsborough County Fair Association to film and photograph you during the contest.

12. Registered contestants are required to check-in 30 minutes prior to the start time of the event. Failure to do so can result in your disqualification from the competition.

13. Order of appearance will be determined by a blind draw and posted prior to the start of the contest

14. Each contestant will be judged on a point system of 1-10 according to the following categories:

Oral Communications: Tone, Precision and Clarity, and Command of Audience

Verbal Communications: Attention, Mannerisms, and Poise

Speech Content: Detail Oriented and Knowledge of the Topic

15. Each judge will individually rank the participants and then rankings from all judges will be averaged to determine the final placings

16. Prizes and ribbons to be awarded for each division as follows:

***1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$50,
3rd Place \$25***

Youth Speech Contest Registration Form

Theme: "Home Grown Fun"

Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

Membership: (circle one) FFA 4H JROTC Boy/Girl Scouts Independent