



5th GRADE & UP PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST



Goal: Build your speaking confidence and communication skills by writing and giving a speech in 4-H.

1. Choosing Your Topic

Open choice: You pick!

Topic ideas: 4-H experiences, environment, patriotism, bullying, character, service, teamwork, a hero, or a current issue affecting you or your friends.

You may also connect your topic to one of the Six Pillars of Character: Responsibility, Respect, Trustworthiness, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship.

Senior High Speakers: Your speech must relate to 4-H.

2. Speech Length

Grade Level	Local Contest	County Contest
5th Grade	1–3 minutes	About 2–5 minutes
6th–12th Grade	2–7 minutes	2–7 minutes

3. Preparing Your Speech

Organize your ideas and make notes to help you.

You may use 3×5 note cards, but don't plan to read your speech word-for-word.

Make sure your speech has:

- Introduction: Grab the audience's attention and give your main idea.
- Body: 3–5 main points with reasons why each is important.
- Closing: Summarize your main points and share your thoughts or feelings.

4. Resources

Find more ideas at robertson.tennessee.edu

6. Next Steps

County 4-H Speech Contest details will be sent to qualifying speakers.

Top two county winners advance to the Sub-Regional Public Speaking Contest.

100% Member Assignment

Write a speech and present it at your club meeting.

Work on your project goals and put your work in your folder.

Due Date: _____

