

2025 GEORGIA STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Eligibility: All participants in the contest must be active 4-H members, certified by their County Extension Staff member's signature on the application. The member does not have to own a horse but must be involved in the 4-H Program. Participants may be cloverleaf, junior or senior 4-H members. Their eligibility is determined by their grade level during the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Entry Information: Public Speaking and Individual/Team presentations will be judged in-person on June 4, 2025. Presentation times and locations will be announced by May 27 or 28. Presentations will not begin before 1:00p.m.

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1. Subject matter of speeches must pertain to the horse industry.
2. 7-10 minutes will be allowed each speaker. Three points will be deducted from the total score on each judge's score sheet for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes.
3. Contestants may use notes. Notes must be printed or written on paper or note cards. Electronic devices, such as tablets are not to be used by contestants during their speeches. Excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judge or judges.
4. Consideration and points on the scorecard will be:
 - a. Introduction (10 Points)
 - i. Did the introduction create interest in the subject?
 - ii. Was introduction short and to the point?
 - b. Organization (25 Points)
 - i. Was only one main idea presented?
 - ii. Did the presentation fully develop the main idea with supporting information?
 - iii. Were the key points for the topic stressed?
 - iv. Could the audience understand the subject matter?
 - c. Content and Accuracy (25 Points)
 - i. Were facts and information presented accurately?
 - ii. Was enough information presented about the subject?
 - iii. Were approved practices discussed?
 - iv. Was credit given to the sources of information if it was appropriate?
 - v. Was the content appropriately related to the horse industry?
 - d. Stage Presence (10 Points)
 - i. Was the presenter neat and appropriately dressed for the subject of demonstration?
 - ii. Did the presenter speak directly to and look at the camera/audience?
 - iii. Was the presentation too fast or too slow?
 - e. Delivery (15 Points)
 - i. Did the presenter appear to enjoy giving the presentation?
 - ii. Did the presenter have good voice control?
 - iii. Were all words pronounced correctly?
 - iv. If notes were used, was it done without distracting from the speech?
 - v. Did the presenter seem to choose words at the times they were spoken instead of memorizing the presentation?
 - f. Summary (15 Points)
 - i. Was the summary short and interesting?
 - ii. Were the key points briefly reviewed?
 - iii. Did the summary properly wrap up the presentation?
5. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their speech. This will not be counted in the allotted time.
6. No visual aids or posters are allowed.
7. Ties will be broken by: (1) the accumulated delivery score, (2) the accumulated organization score, or (3) the accumulated Content and Accuracy scores.

Participants must choose to either participate in Method Demonstration (Individual) or Public Speaking; they cannot participate in both.