ANGELINA COUNTY FAIR

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

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Angelina County Fair 4-H, FCCLA & FFA Agricultural Public Speaking Contest

Contest Date: Monday, March 29, 2027

Superintendent - BoDavid Williford

Assistant Superintendent - Jennifer Reynolds

Entry Deadline: January 15, 2027 with late entries taken until February 27th with $20 late fee

Documents Deadline: March 1st

Contest Location: The Foundry Church - 1405 S Chestnut in Lufkin
Contestant Check-in: 3:30 p.m.
Preliminary Contest: 4:00 p.m.
Results & Awards: Following Finals Contest

This contest is subject to ACF Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this Section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Agricultural Public Speaking Contest

1. **Entry:** An entry fee of $30 made payable to ACF will be charged. Entries must be submitted online at www.AngelinaCountyFair.com or www.judgingcard.com Entries must be completed and paid for prior to midnight, **January 15, 2027** with late entries taken until February 27th with $20 late fee**.**
2. **Eligibility:** This contest is open to students, ages 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) to 18 years of age as of August 31st **and** are enrolled in, and attending, public or private elementary or secondary schools (including home school). Contestants must be members of 4-H, FCCLA and/or FFA, and meet all Angelina County Fair Show Rules and Requirements.
    - Junior Division: participants must be 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31st.
    - Senior Division: participants must be 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31st.
3. **Contest Format:** The event will be conducted using the following format:
    - The contest will be conducted in one day. The Preliminary Contest will be held on the afternoon of the contest date; followed by the Finals Contest.
    - Contestants will compete in either the Junior or Senior Division. Contestants will be assigned an official contest number, and the speaking order and room assignment will be randomly determined for the Preliminary Contest.
    - Contestants will NOT be judged by topic area. (i.e. Animal Science). The top 2 contestants from each heat will advance to the Finals Contest. Contestants MUST compete in their assigned room. Changes may only be approved by Superintendents or Show Management.
    - The finalist in each division of Junior and Senior will compete for overall division winner and placings within their age divisions.

- Contestants will randomly draw to determine the speaking order for the Finals Contest. Finalist contestants will be ranked without regard to category.

4. **Documentation:** Each contestant must submit the following items in advance to be eligible for competition. All required documents must be submitted to the registration site no later than midnight **March 1st.**
    A. Statement of Originality: This form must be signed by the contestant, parent/legal guardian, and the AST/CEA (or teacher).
    B. Bibliography: A complete and accurate bibliography must be submitted and follow APA-Style formatting (6th or 7th edition is acceptable).

If a contestant does not follow the documentation guidelines outlined above, point deductions will be taken at the discretion of the Superintendent, Show Management and Judges.

5. **Dress Attire:** Contestants should wear presentable attire. Business attire or Official 4-H/FFA/FCCLA attire is recommended.
6. **Time:** Each speech shall be a minimum of 6 minutes in length and a maximum of 8 minutes. Time point deductions will be 1 point per ten seconds under 6 minutes and 1 point per ten seconds over 8 minutes.
7. **Question/Answer Period:** A three-minute question-answer period, by the judges will follow each speech. At the end of three minutes, time will be called and all questions will end.
8. **Props:** The use of props of any kind is prohibited. A violation of this rule will result in contestant disqualification.
9. **Speech Topics:** Each contestant will enter their speech in only one of the following areas.
    - *Western Heritage:* Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as Western history, culture or heritage.
    - *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.
    - *Animal Science:* Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect(s) of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef or specialty animal industries.
    - *Agronomy:* Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect(s) 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.
    - *Agribusiness:* A current and future subject that deals with topics such as cooperative, 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.
    - *Agricultural Technology:* 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.

- *Agriculture Communication:* Any current or future subject that deals with the process or act of communicating agricultural related information to the public.
- *Livestock Show Ethics:* Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of the ethics practiced in the livestock show industry.

10. **Previous Winners:** Previous First place winners in the junior and senior divisions must select a new speech topic to remain eligible to enter the contest in subsequent year(s).
11. **Results:** The contest results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards unless a virtual contest is necessary.
12. **Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded at the completion of the contest.

Winners may be recognized during our Awards Ceremony at 3:00 on Saturday, March 29th.

Senior Division

Place:	**Award:**
1st Place	$350.00 & Buckle
2nd Place	$150.00 & Prize
3rd Place	$100.00 & Ribbon
4th - 10th Place	Ribbon

Junior Division

Place:	**Award:**
1st Place	Buckle
2nd Place	Prize
3rd-10th Place	Ribbon