

# Illinois 4-H Public Speaking

## FORMAL SPEECH



**Illinois Extension**  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 4-6 Minutes allowed \_\_\_\_\_

A **Formal Speech** should share the presenter’s own unique view and intends to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish.

Criteria	Comments	Points Available	Points Awarded
<b>Clarity of Purpose</b> <i>Is the purpose and intent of the speaker easy to identify?</i>		20	
<b>Command of Subject Matter</b> <i>Does the speaker understand the topic and the related concepts? Do the points made make sense?</i>		20	
<b>Originality</b> <i>Does the speaker address the topic in a unique, inventive way? Are the supporting examples new and interesting?</i>		20	
<b>Physical presence   eye contact   use of gestures</b>		20	
<b>Relatability to the audience   Inclusive rhetoric</b> <i>Can the audience relate to the topic? Is the delivery personable? Does the speaker establish how others are impacted by their topic? Is the rhetoric of the speech inclusive?</i>		20	
<b>Deductions</b>	1 point deduction for every 30 seconds over/under time		
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		100	

**Overall Comments:**

Use back of page for additional comments if necessary

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