



ILLINOIS 4-H HORSE FORMAL SPEECH CONTEST 2021 RULES



Entry Fee: \$5.00 per individual. Make check payable to University of Illinois. Remit payment to Debra Hagstrom, 1207 W. Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801. Entries due in 4HOnline and also to Debra Hagstrom at hagstrom@illinois.edu by June 29, 2021

Entries: To be made on attached form and given to County Extension Office as well as emailed to hagstrom@illinois.edu. Include name, address, phone number and title of presentation.

Contest Date & Time: July 7, 8 or 9 2021 via Zoom. Participants will select preferred date & time from available time slots during which they will get on Zoom and deliver their speech live. Speeches will be recorded and judges will evaluate recorded presentations after all presentations have been given.

Objectives: To help youth gain self-confidence, courage, and persuasiveness, to share ideas with others, to develop the ability to speak in public, to inform others about horse-related subjects and the 4-H Horse programs.

Eligibility: Each contestant must be currently enrolled in the 4-H program in Illinois. Eligibility and entry must be certified by the local Extension Office. Senior contestants may not have previously participated at Eastern National 4-H Roundup in the Horse Formal Speech Contest. Additionally, contestants may not have previously been the high individual in Formal Speech at the Quarter Horse Congress contest.

Age: Senior Division - Contestants must be at least 14 years of age but not yet have achieved their 19th birthday on **January 1 of the current year**. Junior Division - Contestants **have** passed their 8th (or have begun the 3rd grade by September 1 of the previous year) but not their 14th birthday **as of January 1 of the current year**.

County Quotas: No quotas are currently in place

Edibility for National Contest: In the senior division of each contest, in order to be eligible to represent Illinois 4-H at the national contest, the winning entry must earn a minimum of 255 out of a possible 300 points (or the equivalent of 85%).

Speeches: Subject must pertain to the horse industry, or be horse-related, and be original and factual. Visual aids of any kind are prohibited. (posters, items, equipment, etc.).

Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.

Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their speech. This will not be counted in the allotted time.

Time: Junior division speeches should be at least 5 minutes or no more than 10 minutes in length. Senior division speeches should be at least 7 minutes or no more than 10 minutes in length. A 3-point penalty per judge will be imposed for each minute or fraction of a minute under the minimum or over the maximum time allowed.

Questions: Only the judges may ask questions. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the question, and then answer it.

Ties: Ties between contestants will be broken first by the judges' accumulated delivery score, second by the judges' accumulated organization score, and third by the judges' accumulated content and accuracy score.



Name: _____

Speech Title: _____

	Possible Points	Points Earned
A. SPEECH FORMAT	20	_____

- Speech followed a logical order
- Introduction was adequate & drew attention to topic
- Main discussion was well organized & adequately covered chosen topic
- Summary was brief & clearly reiterated key points
- Additional notes:

B. KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT MATTER	25	_____
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- Facts & information presented were accurate
- High level of preparation was shown as evidenced by amount & depth of information presented
- Approved practices were discussed
- Additional notes:

C. DELIVERY	25	_____
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- Speaker was neatly & appropriately dressed
- Speaker spoke directly to & looked at audience & maintained strong eye contact
- Speech pace was consistent & appropriate (not too fast or too slow)
- Speaker displayed enthusiasm while presenting
- Speaker had good voice control & quality
- Words were pronounced correctly & proper word choice was used
- If notes were used, it was done without detracting from speech
- Speaker seemed to choose words at time they were spoken as opposed to a memorized speech
- Additional notes:

D. CREDIT AND CONTENT	20	_____
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- Information was obtained from reputable and/or equine research based information or sources
- Credit was given to sources of information if it was appropriate
- Content was appropriately related to equine industry
- Additional notes:

E. QUESTIONS	10	_____
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- Speaker handled questions easily & with confidence
- Speaker was thoughtful in responses & thoroughly answered questions correctly
- Response to questions indicate a deeper knowledge & understanding of topic
- Additional notes:

Judge's Comments: _____

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED: _____

TIME: _____

Minus Time Penalty Points: _____

3 pts for each portion of minute over or under time

FINAL SCORE: _____

ENTRY FORM

Illinois 4-H State Horse Speech Contests FORMAL SPEECH

Registration due by June 29, 2021

Please make checks payable to:
University of Illinois

To pay fees with a TOF please email Debra
at hagstrom@illinois.edu for the C-FOAPAL

REMIT FORM ONLY TO: County Extension Office
At least 2 business days prior to the entry deadline

REMIT FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Debra Hagstrom
1207 W. Gregory Drive
Urbana, IL 61801

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per person Payable to: University of Illinois

ONLY ONE ENTRY PER FORM

PLEASE DUPLICATE ENTRY FORM IF MORE THAN ONE ENTRY

Please circle age division for this FORMAL SPEECH entry

Junior

(not yet 14 yo on 1/1/21)

Senior

(at least 14 yo on 1/1/21)

Contestant's name

Age as of 1/1/2021

DOB

Topic/Title:

Coach: _____

Coach's email address: _____

Coach's phone number: _____

County

Date