WVFB FLORA TURNER MEMORIAL YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST - 2020

PURPOSE
- To promote a stronger interest and clearer understanding of the many aspects of agriculture;
- To provide opportunities for our youth to gain knowledge, appreciation, and understanding of agriculture, and help to promote its many values and virtues.

SPEECH TOPICS
There are three (4) topics. Each contestant can choose one of the following topics.
1. The industrial hemp opportunity.
2. Fun in Ag.
3. A bridge between FFA & Farm Bureau.
4. The impact of a natural gas storage hub.

QUALIFICATIONS
- Any student who is at least 14 years old and has not reached their 19th birthday by September 30, 2020.
- Students must be a resident of the sponsoring county FB.
- Membership in the FB is not a requirement.
- Previous state 1st place winners are ineligible to participate.
- Contestants may use notes if needed, but judges may deduct if contestant appears to be reading portions of their speech.
- County 1st place winner will compete in the state competition held in November during the WVFB Annual Meeting. If the county 1st place winner cannot attend, then the 2nd or 3rd place winner may compete.

COMPETITION DEADLINES
Please contact your county FB for the county contest deadline and competition time.

County Contact: ________________________________

STATE DEADLINE: September 30, 2020

SUGGESTIONS FOR GENERAL CONTEST PROCEDURES & JUDGING

COUNTY COMPETITION
Each county Farm Bureau is encouraged to conduct a competition for interested students. These competitions should be held during the school year, and must be held by September 30, 2020. For assistance, county Farm Bureaus can consult with West Virginia Farm Bureau field staff to arrange the County Competitions. Early promotion of the contest in area schools allows some students to use the project in their regular school program. Areas to consider would include 4-H, FFA, English and Speech Departments. County Farm Bureaus are encouraged to promote the contest through their county newsletter and local newspapers.

Awards: County awards will be determined by the sponsoring county.

STATE COMPETITION
The county winners will compete during the West Virginia Farm Bureau’s Annual Meeting on November 13, 2020.

1) Speech Content (50 Percent)
The research and effort spent in the preparation of the speech will convey the participant’s degree of knowledge, organization, and accuracy of the subject.

2) Speech Delivery (50 Percent)
Contestants will be judged on their appearance, projection to the audience, fluency, articulation and voice control.

CAUTION: The time limit is 5-7 minutes. A point will be deducted for each 30 seconds +/- this time limit.

Awards:
- 1st Place Winner - $650
- 2nd Runner-up - $350
- 3rd Runner-up - $250
Flora Turner Memorial Youth Speech
APPLICATION

2020 TOPICS: The industrial hemp opportunity; Fun with Ag, A bridge between FFA and Farm Bureau; or The impact of a natural gas storage hub.

Pick one topic

RULES:
- Speech limit 5-7 minutes
- Must prepare and perform speech personally
- Must be a resident of the county representing
- Must be at least 14 years old and have not reached your 19th birthday before September 30, 2020.

_________________________________________________________
Contestant Name

_________________________________________________________
Parent (Guardian) Name

_________________________________________________________
Street Address

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City                              County

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Telephone                   Age                   Grade

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School

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Speech Topic (from above)

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