



**JCLAA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW
AGRICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**

Superintendents: Gwen Welty and Brittany Brake-Baird
Entry Deadline: November 17, 2025
Entry Fee: \$20
Contest Date: Monday, December 1, 2025
Location: Rio Vista High School, 100 Eagle Drive, Rio Vista, TX 76093

Contest Schedule for Monday, December 1, 2025:

Check in	8:00 am	Rio Vista High School Cafeteria
Orientation	8:30 am	Rio Vista High School Cafeteria
Contest – Preliminary Round	Following orientation	Assigned speaking room
Contest – Finals Round	Following category judging	Assigned speaking room
Awards	2:00 pm (or at conclusion of contest)	Rio Vista High School Cafeteria

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

1. RULES/REGULATIONS/ELIGIBILITY: Entries made in this contest must meet all the requirements of the JCLAA General Rules and Regulations. Eligible entries must be Johnson County FFA, 4-H, or FCCLA members.

2. ENTRY APPLICATION/FEES/REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Registration will be conducted on www.judgingcard.com with a deadline of 11:59 PM on November 17, 2025. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Entry fees are \$20 per speaker.
- Contestants must submit contestant age division, speech category, and title of speech at time of entry. Contestants failing to submit all materials by entry deadline are subject to disqualification.
- In order, exhibitors must submit a cover page, abstract, list of references and Statement of Originality as a single pdf document. All documents must be submitted online by the entry deadline listed above.
 - The cover page should include a speech title, exhibitor name, age division (junior intermediate, or senior), and category.
 - The list of references must be in APA format. Refer to Purdue OWL for APA formatting instructions:
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/index.html
- A full manuscript is not to be uploaded.



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3. AGE DIVISIONS:

- Junior: 3rd grade through 5th grade
- Intermediate: 6th through 8th grade
- Senior: 9th through 12th grade

4. SPEECH CATEGORIES:

- Each contestant will enter their speech in one category. The category must be declared on the entry form when submitted. There are topics which may be appropriate in more than one category. The contestant is responsible for selecting the most appropriate category. Change of selected category will not be allowed. Categories consist of:
 - Agribusiness: Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as cooperatives, sales, service, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, futures, hedging, advertising, online marketing, etc.
 - Agricultural Policy: Any current or future subject that addresses policy or legislation on the following: domestic farm issues, international trade, international competition, rural economic development, politics, legal issues, animal rights, law, subsidies, price supports, etc.
 - Agricultural Technology and Communications: Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, farm safety, use of technology, research, laser, satellites, computers, journalism, communications, social media, public relations, etc.
 - Animal Science: Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef, specialty animals, embryo transfer, in-vitro-fertilization, etc.
 - Natural Resources: Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as soil, water, air, rural water, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy, environmental issues, etc.
 - Plant Sciences: Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect 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.

5. CONDUCT OF CONTESTANTS:

- Any speech with obscene language will be disqualified.
- Business attire or official 4-H/FFA/FCCLA attire is recommended.
- The use of props of any kind is prohibited. Violation will result in disqualification.

6. CONTEST FORMAT:

- **SPEECHES**
 - The speech presentations will be judged by a panel of 2-3 judges.



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- If there are more than 15 entries in a category, show management reserves the right to randomly divide into sub-categories. The top two entries in the sub-category will advance to the category finals.
- The top two contestants in each category will advance to the overall contest final round.
- **TIME**
 - **Junior and Intermediate Divisions:**
 - Each speech shall be a minimum of five (5) minutes and a maximum of eight (8) minutes. Contestants will be penalized one (1) point per second on each judge's score sheet for being more than eight (8) minutes or less than five (5) minutes. Time commences when the contestant begins talking.
 - **Senior Division:**
 - Each speech shall be a minimum of six (6) minutes and a maximum of eight (8) minutes. Contestants will be penalized one (1) point per second on each judge's score sheet for being more than eight (8) minutes or less than six (6) minutes. Time commences when the contestant begins talking.
- **QUESTION/ANSWER PERIOD:** A five-minute question/answer period will follow each speech. At the end of five minutes, time will be called, and all questioning will end. If time is called during the contestant's answer to a question, the contestant may complete his or her answer. Only official judges may ask questions of the contestants.

7. SCORING: A panel of judges will evaluate and score the presentation. Judges' comments will be available to CEA/AST/FCCLA Advisor by December 15.

8. RESULTS: The contest results as announced will be final.

9. AWARDS:

Buckles:

Overall Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Grand and Reserve Champions

Banners:

Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Category Grand and Reserve Champions



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STATEMENT OF ORIGINALITY

Contestant Name: _____

Chapter/Club: _____

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Advisor: _____

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the speech entitled:

is the result of the contestant's own originality, effort, and ability. All information considered direct quotes or phrases, specific dates, figures and other materials are marked in "quotes" in the speech and identified in the References page submission. We understand that failure to properly cite other works represents plagiarism and will automatically disqualify the contestant.

**Contestant
Signature:**

Signature

Date

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Advisor Signature:

Signature

Date

**Parent/Guardian
Signature:**

Signature

Date



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SCORE SHEET

Speaker Name: _____ **Age Division:** _____ **Category:** _____

<u>Composition & Organization</u>	Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Introduction						
Attention of Audience Gained	5	4	3	2	1	
Importance of topic established	5	4	3	2	1	
Purpose clearly stated	5	4	3	2	1	
Body						
One central theme	5	4	3	2	1	
Information accurate (sources cited)	5	4	3	2	1	
Information current	5	4	3	2	1	
Logical sequence	5	4	3	2	1	
Summary – Major points emphasized	5	4	3	2	1	
Appropriate content for category	5	4	3	2	1	
<u>Delivery</u>						
Appearance						
Grooming, Dress, Poise & Posture	5	4	3	2	1	
Appropriate vocal dynamics & clarity	5	4	3	2	1	
Correct use of grammar	5	4	3	2	1	
Eye contact with audience	5	4	3	2	1	
Appropriate use of gestures & body language	5	4	3	2	1	
Uniqueness of presentation	5	4	3	2	1	
Audience appeal	5	4	3	2	1	
Educational value	5	4	3	2	1	
Questions						
Accuracy of answers	5	4	3	2	1	
Poise & self-confidence	5	4	3	2	1	
<u>Speech Topic/Creativity</u>	5	4	3	2	1	
Totals	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	

Time: _____

Junior and Intermediate: Minimum 5 minutes – Maximum 8 minutes

Senior: Minimum 6 minutes – Maximum 8 minutes

Time Deductions:

Under minimum time: 1 point per second

Over maximum time: 1 point per second

TOTAL SCORE: _____ 100 points total maximum

TIME DEDUCTIONS: _____

FINAL SCORE: _____