

# Tennessee State Fair

## FFA Public Speaking

**This event will take place on August 19, 2024, with registration at 9:30 outside the Hometown USA Stage in the Farm Bureau Expo Center. This event is an open contest and these rules are only for the Tennessee Wilson County/ Tennessee State Fair**

- Contestants will wear official dress

***Speeches should be 3-4 minutes in length. No visuals may be used for any speech. Contestants may not use note cards; the use of note cards will result in penalties.***

- Contestants will be judged on delivery & presentation (40 pts),
- Construction and relevance (40 pts),
- Creativity in overall presentation (15 pts), and
- Adherence to time allotted (5 pts).

Judges will stop contestants if the speech goes over the allotted time or if the speech is inappropriate. No questions will be asked.

### **Speech Topics & Location**

#### ***Middle School (6-8th grade) Location: TBA***

How can middle school agriculture programs make an impact on Tennessee FFA?

#### ***Freshmen (9th Grade) Location: TBA***

Should Agricultural Literacy classes be required in High School like English, Math, and Science?

#### ***Sophomores (10th Grade) Location: TBA***

In what ways can FFA members help to increase agricultural literacy among their peers and in their communities?

#### ***Juniors (11th Grade) Location: TBA***

As an advocate for American agriculture, what are the top priorities that we must focus on today and why?

#### ***Seniors (12th Grade) Location: TBA***

How can the agriculture industry take advantage of growing consumer interest in where food comes from and how it is produced?