



## Missouri Teach Ag FFA Fall Public Speaking Contest



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Objective: To promote Ag Education, encourage students to consider a career in Ag Ed, recruit potential teachers, and emphasize the importance of agricultural educators.

### 2017 Contest Guidelines:

- 1. Topic: Ag Educators: Building Communities.** This shall be the title of the speech. Any other title will be considered off topic and will incur a point deduction.
- 2. Rules:** All speeches must fall within the guidelines for the Missouri FFA Advanced Public Speaking LDE, including time (6-8 minutes), questions (5 minutes), format, bibliography, etc. Each contestant's manuscript will be the result of his/her own efforts. Please refer to the most recent Missouri FFA CDE bulletin for these guidelines, scoring breakdown, and scorecard. This contest is open to any FFA member in grades 9-12. Official dress is required.
- 3. Competition:** Contests will be held first at the area, then district level at the same time and place as the other fall public speaking contests. The top 3 competitors at the area level will advance to district competition, and the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner at each of the 6 district levels will advance to the state contest. The state finals will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at Tan-Tar-A during the Missouri Farm Bureau Convention, time and room to be announced.
- 4. Sources:** Students should have at least 3 different sources included in their bibliography. One of those sources should be a personal (by phone or email) interview with a current or retired FFA Advisor other than their own. For the 6 state finalists, this personal interview will be a required component of their speech and will be verified by a signed or emailed statement from the advisor interviewed. Other source suggestions: [www.moteachag.org](http://www.moteachag.org) and [www.naae.org/teachag](http://www.naae.org/teachag)
- 5. Awards:** Plaques will be awarded to each of the state finalists, with cash awards of:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place- \$200
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place-\$150
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$100
  - \$50 each to the other 3 competitors

Good luck! For more information, please contact Pam Rowland, Missouri Teach Ag/STAR Coordinator, at [pprowland@windstream.net](mailto:pprowland@windstream.net).