

Missouri Pet Breeders Association FFA Speaking Contest

The MPBA FFA Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop individual public speaking skills and to promote interests in and awareness of the many different aspects of the pet industry.

Instructions for Entry

The MPBA FFA Public Speaking Contest will be open to all active FFA members who are regularly enrolled in Agriculture Education courses during the current calendar year. Any previous winner who represented his or her district will be deemed ineligible to participate in the contest again. Each local FFA chapter will determine the local representative to the area contest. Winners of the area contests will compete in their district level contest. There will be no more than six contestants in each district contest. The FFA Public Speaking Contest Committee Chairman and District Supervisors of Agriculture Education will arrange for a time and place for the district contests and select judges. The district contest must be held prior to February 1st. Each of the six FFA districts may send one representative to state contest. The MPBA State FFA Speaking Contest will be held in conjunction with the annual Missouri Pet Breeders Association Spring Conference held in March at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon. Contestants shall be required to wear official FFA dress when competing in the contest.

Subject

Old Dog, New Tricks The FFA members will tell about the history of breeding dogs and selling puppies, the increased demand for puppies, the newer improved practices in kennels today. DNA, OFA, socialization, etc. They could be encouraged to tell why it is so important for pet buyers to purchase from licensed professional kennels.

Speech Preparation

Each contestant's manuscript will be the result of his or her own efforts. The speech should be prepared on double spaced typewritten pages of white bond paper, 8.5 x 11 inches. Contestants should complete an accurate bibliography giving credit to others where direct quotes, phrases, or special dates are used in the manuscript. **District FFA contest winners will submit three copies of their speech to the MPBA Public Speaking Contest Chairman immediately following District contest.**

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Time Limit

Each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes, and a maximum of eight minutes in length. Each contestant will be allowed five minutes additional time in which he/she will be asked questions relating to their speech. A one (1) point deduction will be assessed for every second over or under the allotted time period on each evaluation sheet.

Method of Selecting the Winner

The Missouri Pet Breeders Association Board of Directors will be in charge of this contest. The contest will be held at the MPBA Spring Conference held in March at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon, MO. The contestants will be the winners from each district.

Contestants will draw for the order of delivering their speeches. The program chairman shall introduce each contestant by name.

A contestant will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the speech. Applause shall be withheld until contestants have finished speaking.

A timekeeper will be designated who will record the time used by each contestant in delivering their speech, noting under time and overtime, if any, for which deductions shall be made.

Three qualified and impartial individuals will be selected to judge the contest. At least one judge shall have an agricultural background.

Prior to the contest the judges will be furnished with typewritten copies of the contestant's manuscript, which they will read and grade on content and composition, recording their judgment on the score sheet.

At the time of the contest, the judges will be seated in different sections of the room in which the contest is held.

Each judge shall formulate and ask 1 question. Questions shall pertain directly to the speaker's subject. Questions with two or more parts should be avoided.

When all contestants have finished speaking, each judge will total their score and submit the score sheet to the program chairman for determination of final ratings of the contestants.

Contestants shall be ranked in numerical order on basis of final score, to be determined by each judge without consultation with each other. The judges' ranking of each contestant shall be added and the winner will be that contestant whose total score is the highest.

Scoring

Scoring of the contest will be made according to the score card that is used in the State and National FFA Public speaking Contest. It is divided into two parts:

Part I – 300 points for content and composition.

Part II – 700 points for delivery and response to questions.

Awards

Plaques will be awarded to each of the district winners at the MPBA Spring Conference. In addition, cash awards will be as follows:

At The District Level:

1st Place - \$50.00 to the First Place Winner and \$50.00 to the FFA Chapter

At the State Level:

1st Place - \$500.00 to the First Place Winner and \$500.00 to the FFA Chapter

2nd Place - \$250.00 to the Second Place Winner and \$250.00 to the FFA Chapter

State Contest

The state contest will be held **March 11th at 4:00 pm @ the Cowan Civic Center** in Lebanon at our annual MPBA Educational Conference. The awards ceremony will be held immediately following the contest at the MPBA Banquet. Each student will be sent 2 banquet tickets (1 for the student and 1 for their advisor) prior to the night of the event. Family members are welcome to attend and may purchase their banquet tickets at the event. The cost of additional tickets is \$20.00 per person.