

# Missouri Quarter Horse Fall Speaking Contest

The Missouri Quarter Horse Association is sponsoring a prepared public speaking contest in order to provide an avenue for FFA members to showcase their public speaking skills as well as promote the equine industry.

The Missouri Quarter Horse Association FFA Public Speaking Contest will follow the rules and guidelines published in the CDE Handbook (<https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/career-education/agricultural-education/cde-handbook>) for Missouri State LDE Advanced Prepared Public Speaking. There will be things in the State LDE rules that are not applicable (such as where to mail copies of speeches and topics etc.) to the Fall Speaking Contest but, the basic rules will apply.

**This speech topic will be: Growth of the equine industry in Missouri**

The Area and District contests will be held in conjunction with the other fall speaking contests. Each district will choose one contestant to represent their district at the Missouri Quarter Horse Convention at Hampton Inn & Suites in Columbia, MO on January 20, 2017. An alternate will be chosen in case the first place contestant is unable to speak at the convention. The chosen speaker shall mail the following documents to: Joe Eddy, 1851 N Rt J Rocheport, MO 65279 by January, 1st 2017.

- a. Four double-spaced typewritten copies of the speech on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper.
- b. A signed statement that the contestant's speech is the result of his/her own effort.
- c. A bibliography attached to each copy of the speech.

Each of the top three placing individuals at the state contest will receive 2 tickets to our Saturday evening awards banquet. They will be expected to attend the banquet. The winner of the state contest will receive \$200. They will also be expected to present their speech at the banquet for the entire audience. The runner-up will receive \$100 and the third place contestant will receive \$50.