

FLORIDA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
~APPLICATION~

2012

TOPICS:

2012 **What role, if any, should agriculture play in addressing health and obesity issues?**

RULES: Limit speech to 5 minutes +/- 30 seconds
Must prepare and perform speech personally
Must be resident of county representing
Must be at least 14 years old and not over 18 years old on or before September 14, 2012
Judges reserve the right to ask questions to exceed no more than 3 minutes per contestant

DEADLINES: Please contact your county Farm Bureau for deadlines and contest times.

PRIZES: County awards will be determined by the sponsoring county. District winners will receive a plaque at the FFB Annual Meeting.

State Contest: 1st Place Winner= \$500
2nd Place Winner=\$250

Name: _____

Parent (Guardian): _____

Address: _____

City: _____, FL Zip: _____

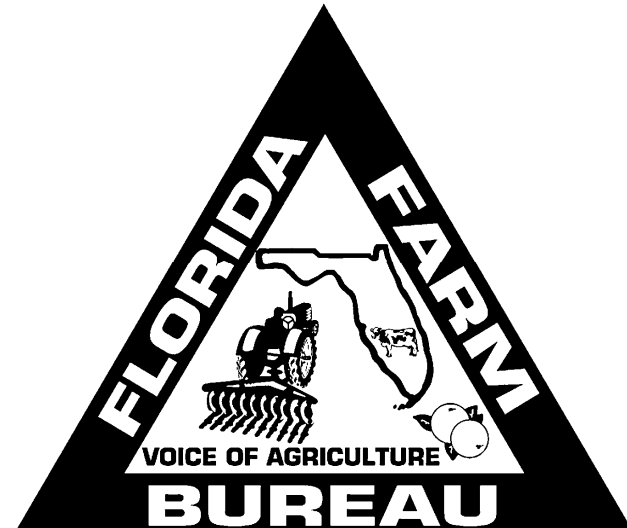
Telephone: (____) _____

County: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher (department): _____ Age: _____

Florida Farm Bureau



*Youth
Speech Contest*

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FLORIDA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION 2012 YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST

Each year the Florida Farm Bureau Federation sponsors a Youth Speech Contest which begins at the county level. The winner of the county contest competes in a district contest; the district winner then goes to the Florida Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in October to compete in the state competition with the other seven district winners. The state contest will take place Thursday, October 25, 2012 at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa in PonteVedra Beach, FL.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this contest is to promote a stronger interest and clearer understanding of the many aspects of agriculture, to provide opportunities for our youth to gain knowledge, appreciation, and understanding of agriculture, and help to promote its many values and virtues.

2011 TOPIC: What role, if any, should agriculture play in addressing health and obesity issues?

QUALIFICATIONS:

Any student who is at least 14 years old, and not over 18 years old on September 14, 2012 (not having reached their 19th birthday). Students must be a resident of the sponsoring county Farm Bureau.

Membership in the Farm Bureau is not a requirement; however, contestants must display a positive attitude about agriculture and Farm Bureau policies which can be accessed on our website at http://www.floridafarmbureau.org/issues/policy_book.

Previous state winners are ineligible to participate.

Contestants may use notes if needed.

Deadline for submitting District Winners for State Competition – September 14, 2012

SUGGESTIONS FOR GENERAL CONTEST PROCEDURES & JUDGING

COUNTY

Each county Farm Bureau is encouraged to conduct a contest for interested students. These contests should be held during the school year. Please consult with Florida Farm Bureau field staff to arrange your County and District Contest. Early promotion of the contest in area schools allows some students to use the project in their regular school program. Areas to consider would include 4-H, FFA, English, and Speech Departments. County Farm Bureaus are encouraged to promote the contest through their county newsletter and local newspapers.

DISTRICT

Field Districts will be the next step in the contest. State Women's Leadership Committee members and Farm Bureau field staff will be responsible for holding these contests. Contests must be held prior to September 14, 2012. **The State Farm Bureau must have names and contestant registration information from the districts in the state office by 4:30pm on September 14, 2012 or they will be ineligible for state competition.**

STATE

The eight district winners will compete during the Florida Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting:

1. SPEECH CONTENT (50 PERCENT)
The research and effort spent in the preparation of the speech will convey the participant's degree of knowledge and accuracy of the subject.
2. SPEECH DELIVERY (50 PERCENT)
The best material would be wasted if not properly presented. Expression and clarity of delivery will be considered in the overall judging. CAUTION: The time limit of 5 minutes, plus or minus 30 seconds, is critical. Points will be deducted accordingly for too much or too little use of time.