

# PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST APPLICATION



Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Speech Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Age division breakdowns are as follows:

Novice:	8 to 10 years old as of January 1, 2026 (NOT eligible for National Contest)
Junior:	9 to 13 years old as of January 1, 2026
Intermediate:	14 to 17 years old as of January 1, 2026
Senior:	18 to 21 years old as of January 1, 2026

**Subject** Contestants may choose any subject pertaining to Holstein cattle and the Holstein industry. For subject matter we wish to encourage exploration and understanding of any and all entities of the dairy industries, emphasizing the Holstein's role. Current policies, affairs and trends in the industry are suitable topics.

**Time Limit** In the **Senior Division**: Each presentation should be a minimum of ten minutes and a maximum of twelve minutes. In the **Intermediate Division**: Each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of eight minutes. In the **Junior and Novice Divisions**: Each speech shall be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes.

Each contestant will be allowed five minutes in which the judging committee will ask questions relating to his or her speech. Deductions will be made from the score of each judge for speeches that are under the time limit or over the time limit in length.

**Must be postmarked by January 5**

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## Prepared Public Speaking Contest Scorecard

Contestant Name:

Division:

Speech Title:

Content – 30 points	Maximum Points	Contestant Points
<b>Content:</b> provides an adequate amount of information relating to topic with substantial message	10	
<b>Material:</b> information presented is factual, understood and well-researched	10	
<b>Purpose:</b> presented with a purpose to entertain, inform, persuade or obtain action	10	
Composition – 25 points		
<b>Organization:</b> contains introduction, body & conclusion with main points and transitions	10	
<b>Grammar:</b> correct sentence structure & proper language used	5	
<b>Originality:</b> creative & material presented developed by the speaker	5	
<b>Engagement:</b> skillful use of facts, examples, descriptions & analogies	5	
Delivery – 20 points		
<b>Style:</b> develops a rapport with audience, easy to listen to, appealing presentation style, conveyance of thought & meaning, enthusiasm, and conversational attitude	10	
<b>Voice &amp; Diction:</b> articulate, good use of emphasis, volume	5	
<b>Body Language:</b> confident poise & posture, makes eye contact, hand gestures used in good taste, personal appearance	5	
Response to Questions – 25 points		
Demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge of subject matter	10	
Answers questions accurately and demonstrate originality	10	
Quickly organizes thoughts & expresses them clearly	5	
<b>Time Deductions:</b> (20 points per minute over/under allotted time)	Minus –	
<b>General Comments:</b> -	Final Score  <b>Place:</b>	