

2015 SAN ANGELO STOCK SHOW & RODEO

AGRICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Maggie Farrington, Superintendent

Entry Fee:	\$25 per individual – NO LIMIT ON INDIVIDUALS
Entry Deadline:	December 1, 2014 Postmark (Double fees Dec. 1- Dec. 15) Day of contest – \$225.00 cash only
Date of Contest:	Monday, February 23, 2015
Registration:	8:00 a.m. – 1 st Community Credit Union Spur Arena
Time of Contest:	9:00 a.m. – 1st Community Credit Union Spur Arena
Final Round:	Immediately following Prelims
Awards:	Immediately following Finals

1. All rules apply to the Agricultural Public Speaking Contest. Please refer to the General Rules and Junior Show Rules.
2. Age Divisions will be broken down into a senior division, exhibitors ages 14-18, and a junior division, ages 13 and under. Ages are as of August 31, the year preceding the show.
3. Contestants in each division will be divided into groups depending on category. Categories must be indicated upon entry and may be changed up until February 1, 2015. Categories may *not* be changed after February 1.
4. Manuscripts, bibliographies and statement of originalities all must be submitted by mail or e-mail by February 1. E-mails may be sent to brittini@sanangelorodeo.com. Exhibitors that have not turned in these requirements will be disqualified.
5. The top two in each category will advance to the finals. Contestants will draw to determine placement in both rounds.
6. Business attire or official 4-H/FFA attire is recommended.
7. Contestants are required to mail in the following items postmarked by **February 1, 2015** to the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Office (address below) to be eligible to participate:
 - (a) Manuscript: One typed copy of the speech manuscript on 8½ x 11" paper, stapled in the top left hand corner. The manuscript must be the result of the student's own effort and follow the MLA style.
 - (b) Bibliography: A complete and accurate bibliography or works cited used in writing the speech must be attached to the manuscript and also follow the MLA style.
 - (c) A statement of originality signed by the contestant, parents, and AST/CEA must be attached to each copy of the speech. This is found on the website at www.sanangelorodeo.com
 - (d) If a contestant chooses to not follow the documentation guidelines outlined, point deductions will be taken at the discretion of the Superintendent, Show Management and Judges.
 - (e) If a contestant does not submit a copy of their speech, they will not be allowed to compete. They will be disqualified and forfeit their entry fee.
8. The use of props of any kind is prohibited. Violation will result in disqualification.
9. Each speech shall be a minimum of six (6) minutes in length and a maximum of eight (8) minutes. Time point deductions will be as follows:
 - Under six minutes – one point per ten seconds
 - Over eight minutes – one point per ten seconds



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10. A maximum five (5) minute question/answer period will follow each speech. At the end of five minutes, all questions will end. If time is called during the student's answer to the last question, the contestant may complete his or her answer.

11. Each contestant will enter their speech in one of six divisions. A contestant may enter in one division only. There are subject matters which may be appropriate in more than one division. Final determination of all speeches will be at the discretion of the Superintendent and Show Management. The division the student wishes to enter must be submitted with original entry form.

Divisions:

Agribusiness: Any current and future subject that deals with topics such as cooperatives, sales, service, communications, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, hedging, advertising, etc.

Agricultural Policy: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as domestic farm issues, international trade, international competition, rural economic development, legal issues, animal rights, subsidies, price supports, etc.

Agriscience: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, new agri-technology applications, global positioning and other satellite technology, computer applications, etc.

Animal Science: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef or specialty animal industries.

Plant Science: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of the horticulture and/or agronomy industries including floriculture, fruit and/or vegetable production, nursery operations, turf and landscape management, crop production, or specialty crop production

Natural Resources: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy environmental issues, etc.

Entry form, manuscripts (and other related requirements) and fees should be submitted through CEA/AST made payable to:

San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Association
Attention: Livestock
200 W. 43rd St.
San Angelo, TX 76903

Plaques will be awarded to the overall Top 3 placing individuals in each age division.