

# Tennessee State Fair

## FFA Public Speaking

**This event will take place on August 21, 2023, with registration at 9:30 outside the Hometown USA Stage in the Farm Bureau Expo Center. This event is an open contest and these rules are only for the Tennessee Wilson County/ Tennessee State Fair**

*Grades 9 and 10 will begin at 10:00 a.m. – Hometown USA Stage*

*Grades 11 and 12 will begin at 12:00 p.m. – South Hall Stage*

- Contestants will wear official dress

***Speeches should be 3-4 minutes in length. No visuals may be used for any speech. Contestants may not use note cards; the use of note cards will result in penalties.***

- Contestants will be judged on delivery & presentation (40 pts),
- Construction and relevance (40 pts),
- Creativity in overall presentation (15 pts), and
- Adherence to time allotted (5 pts).

Judges will stop contestants if the speech goes over the allotted time or if the speech is inappropriate. No questions will be asked.

### **Speech Topics**

#### **01 - *Freshmen (9th Grade)***

The first paragraph of the FFA creed includes the phrase “achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists.” As an FFA member, how have these achievements led us to a better life?

#### **02 - *Sophomores (10th Grade)***

In what ways can FFA prepare students to make informed career choices?

#### **03 - *Juniors (11th Grade)***

How could online grocery shopping impact consumers and producers?

#### **04 - *Seniors (12th Grade)***

Can Artificial Intelligent (AI) Farming Make Agriculture More Sustainable?