

FLORIDA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION  
~APPLICATION~

2008

**TOPICS:**

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**Why is it important for farmers and ranchers to take an active role in the political process?**

**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  
(not having reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday) on or before  
September 5, 2008.

**CONTEST 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 Convention.

**State Contest:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner= \$500  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner=\$250

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Guardian):

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

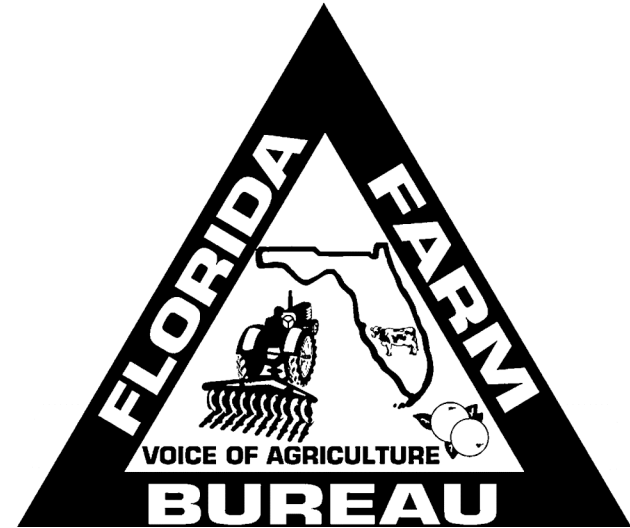
City: \_\_\_\_\_, FL Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher (department): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_



*Bureau*

*Youth  
Speech Contest*

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**Deadline – September 5, 2008**

**FLORIDA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION  
2008 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 9, 2008 at the Peabody Hotel in Orlando.

**PURPOSE:**

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.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Any student who is at least 14 years old, and not over 18 years old on September 5, 2008 (not having reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday). Students must be a resident of the sponsoring county Farm Bureau.

Membership in the Farm Bureau is not a requirement. Must display a positive attitude about agriculture and Farm Bureau.

Previous state winners are ineligible to participate.

Contestants may use notes if needed.

**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 Bureau's 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 Committee members and Farm Bureau field staff will be responsible for holding these contests. Contests must be held prior to September 5, 2008. **The State Farm Bureau must have names and contestant registration information in the state office by September 5, 2008 or they will be disqualified.**

**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.