2017 Trinity Valley Exposition

AGRICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

RULES AND REGULATIONS

This contest is subject to the Trinity Valley Exposition General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules as provided in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Entry: An entry fee of $20 made payable to TVE will be charged and must be included with the official TVE entry form on ***Friday, September 1, 2017***.

Eligibility: Anyone who is eligible to be in 4-H (in 3rd grade) to 18 years of age and is a student in a Liberty or Chambers County School shall be eligible, provided they complete all other requirements. All participants must be academically eligible under current UIL rules.

Contest Format: The contest will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017. The event will be held in tournament format. There will be a Junior Division (participants between the ages of 9 and 13 or students in the third grade) and Senior Division (participants between the ages of 14 and 18). Contestants in each division will be divided into groups according to amount of participants the day of the competition. Contestants will draw to determine speaking order in both the preliminary contest and finals. The winner of each speech division will advance to the finals contest, to be held directly following the conclusion of the preliminary part of the contest.

Documentation: Each contestant must provide the following item, to be eligible to speak.

A) ***Manuscript***: Three typewritten copies of the speech manuscript on 8 1/2 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 or APA 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 or APA style.

C) ***Statement of Originality***: A statement of originality signed by the contestant, parents, and AST/CEA must be attached to each copy of the speech.

D) If a contestant chooses to not follow the documentation guidelines outlined, point deductions will be taken at the discretion of the Contest Chairman, Show Management and Judges.

Dress Attire: Business attire or Official 4-H/FFA attire is recommended.

Time: Speeches should be between six and eight minutes in length. Time point deductions will apply as follows: One point per ten seconds under or over the allotted time.

Question/Answer Period: A five-minute question and answer period will follow each speech.

Props: The use of props of any kind is prohibited. Violation will result in disqualification.

Results and Awards: The contest results will be final. The top two winners in each division must complete a thank you card before receiving the following prizes. The following prizes will be awarded:

Junior Division	Senior Division
1st Place -- Buckle	1st Place -- Buckle
2nd Place -- Award	2nd Place -- Award

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ENTRY DIVISIONS

Speech Divisions: Each contestant will enter their speech in one of eight 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 Contest Chairman and Show Management.

Animal Science	**ANSC**	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	**PLSC**	Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of horticulture, agronomy, floriculture, vegetables, nursery operations, landscaping, crop production or specialty crop production.
Natural Resources	**NRSC**	Any current or future subject that deals with any topics such as soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy, and environmental issues.
Agricultural Business	**AGBS**	Any current or future subject deals with topics relating to cooperatives, sales, service, communications, marketing, finance, commodities, hedging, or advertising.
Agricultural Policy	**AGPC**	Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as domestic farm policy, international trade, international competition, embargo's, legal issues, subsidies, or price supports.
Agricultural Science	**AGSC**	Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, global positioning and other satellite technology, and computer applications.
Fair and Event Production	**FEPD**	Issues and programs involved in production of an event such as a county fair. Also may include the economic impact of such events and significance to the communities it supports.
Western Heritage	**WSHT**	Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as Western heritage, culture, or history.

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ENTRY FORM

Contestant Name: _____

Age: _____ **Birth date:** _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

School or Affiliation: _____
School Name, 4-H Club or FFA Chapter

Sponsor Name: _____
School Official, 4-H Extension Agent or Science Instructor

Speech Division: ANSC PLSC NRSC AGBS AGPC AGSC FEPD WSHT
(Circle Only One)

_____ _____
Signature of Contestant Date

_____ _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

_____ _____
Signature of Sponsor Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

I hereby certify the above named student is academically eligible to participate in the Trinity Valley Exposition Agricultural Public Speaking Contest on October 14, 2017, as an extracurricular activity under current UIL rules.

_____ _____
Signature of School Official **Title** **Date**

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STATEMENT OF ORIGINALITY

In order for students to participate in the Trinity Valley Exposition Agricultural Public Speaking Contest, the following statements must be reviewed understood and agreed to, by the student, a parent/guardian and School Official or Extension Agent.

I have reviewed and understand the information presented above and acknowledge that my participation in the Trinity Valley Exposition Agricultural Public Speaking Contest is conditioned on my agreement with the terms and conditions outlined herein.

I further understand that I am not obligated in any way to make such agreement, except as a prerequisite to my participation in this event.

Contestant: _____

Title of Entry: _____
Must also be printed on manuscript and cited here as listed on the original manuscript.

School: _____

I, the undersigned, do certify that this entry is the result of my own originality, effort, and ability. This entry has not been submitted for competition at any previous Trinity Valley Exposition Agricultural Speaking Contest.

_____ _____
Signature of Contestant Date

As the contestant's sponsor (School Official or Extension Agent) and parent/guardian, verify that the aforementioned entry is the original work of the student herein named.

_____ _____
Signature of Sponsor Date

_____ _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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CONTEST ITINERARY AND CHECKLIST

ENTRY DEADLINE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	**Date**	Saturday, October 14	**Chairman**
	Place	Community Room	Stacie Lott
	Registration & Check in	8:00 AM	
	Contest	9:00 AM	
	Results & Awards	Immediately Following	

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

- ❑ **Entry Fee of $20 Due to TVE Office, along with completed Entry Form.**

TVE Fairgrounds
PO Box 9047
Liberty, TX 77575
936 336-7455

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

- ❑ **Three Manuscripts with Statement of Originality Attached to ALL Brought to Contest and Submitted to Contest Chairman.**

Please Contact the following for questions or concerns:

TVE Office 936-336-7455
Contest Chairman: Stacie Lott 281-723-5782
Stacie.lott@yahoo.com