

Kentucky 4-H Communication Contest Categories

SPEECH CATEGORIES

- 9 Year Old
- 10 Year Old
- 11 Year Old
- 12 Year Old
- 13 Year Old
- 14 Year Old
- 15 Year Old
- 16 Year Old
- 17-18 Year Old

DEMONSTRATION CATEGORIES- Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-18) -Category selection should be based on the primary purpose of the demonstration. It is suggested that demonstrations that do not clearly fit into one category be modified to include information and material relative to the selected category.

- ANIMAL SCIENCE – to include information on selection, care and feeding of animals, financial records, operations and animal products for small or large animals. *(Demonstrations on horses or horse related topics can be included in this category, however, it does not qualify the participant for the State Horse Contests; this is a different event).*
- BREAD – to included preparation, skills and creativity in using yeast or quick breads (such as cornmeal, biscuits or fruit/nut breads) as part of family meals or snacks. Any recipe labeled as a quick bread or yeast bread is permissible. Please submit a copy of the recipe on day of event.
- CLOTHING/SEWING – to include construction, techniques, wardrobe selection and planning (color, design accessories, appropriate dress for various occasions) selection, use or care of clothing related equipment, care of clothing, posture as it relates to fit. Fibers, fabrics, and textile related topics.
- CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY --to include crewel, decoupage, needlepoint, candle making, macramé, scrap booking, embroidery, quilting, silk screen, batik, block print, corn-shuck flowers, ceramics, jewelry making and similar topics. This category also includes demonstrations related to photography such as picture taking, composition, framing or scrapbooking.
- GENERAL – to include demonstrations which do not fit into other categories.
- HEALTH – to include information on physical and mental fitness, prevention and control of disease and parasites, grooming, desirable health practices and attitudes for people, families and communities. Also posture as related to physical or mental health. (CPR demonstrations should be done in SAFETY)
- HOME ENVIRONMENT AND MANAGEMENT – to include topics based on information in the 4-H Home Environment projects or Home Economics leaflets in home furnishings and skills in managing persona and family resources, care and use of household furnishings. May include topics related to babysitting if the topic is not substantively related to another category.

- HORTICULTURE – management practices, selection and production of fruits, vegetables and flowers, landscaping and care of lawn including use of trees, shrubs, flowers, and house plants.
- FOODS – to include preparation skills and creativity in using foods for meals and snacks (*excluding breads*). Please submit a copy of the recipe on day of event.
- PERFORMING ARTS -all demonstrations related to the performing arts including theatre, dance, musical instruments and musical performance.
- PRESENTATION SOFTWARE – all demonstrations using presentation software and projection equipment (i.e. PowerPoint) should be placed in this category regardless of topic. Please bring the presentation on media that can be transferred to another computer (i.e. CD or portable drive).
- SAFETY – to include the use and care of any equipment to prevent accidents (including storage of fuels, chemicals and tools), removing hazards, safety inspections. All first aid and CPR demonstrations are in this category.
- SCIENCE AND NATURAL RESOURCES – includes Agronomy, Entomology, and Natural Resources. Includes soils, seeds, conservation practices, geology, weather, and fish/wildlife. This includes topics related to the natural sciences. This category can include science-fair type experiments related to these topics.
- SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY – to include all topics relative to the physical sciences, engineering and technology. This includes, but is not limited to, demonstrations related to farm equipment, automobiles, electricity, construction, biotechnology, aerospace, rocketry, woodcraft and the care or construction of computers [may NOT use computer projection equipment in place of posters]. This category can include science-fair type experiments related to these topics.
- SHOOTING SPORTS – includes proper care and cleaning of equipment, safety, sighting alignment and shooting techniques, selecting equipment and ammunition. Weapons of any sort can not be brought into the building or on the grounds of school or university property. This includes firearms, bullets, bows and arrows. Mockups, models and charts must be used instead. Models cannot look like an actual gun, bow or other firearm.
- Team Demonstrations – any demonstration (regardless of topic) conducted by two (2) 4-H members of the same age category (i.e. either juniors or both seniors). Each participant must have a significant speaking AND presentation role in the demonstration. **Youth may participate in either the individual demonstrations OR the team demonstration category. They may NOT do both.**

MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS -Seniors (14-18) only. See additional rules for more information.

- 14-15 year old
- 16-18 year old

Additional Demonstration Opportunities The following additional speaking opportunities are available to interested youth. **They are NOT part of the State 4-H Communications Day Contest and may have different qualifications, rules, etc.** Please contact your county agent or the contact people below for more information on participating in these events.

- **Horse Demonstrations** – Contact your county extension agent for information on registering for this event. Rules and Resources are available in the “Official Handbook and Leader’s Guide for State Horse Activities”. State Contact is Amy Lawyer, Equine Extension Associate, amy.lawyer@uky.edu.
- **Egg Demonstrations** – Contact your county extension agent for information on registering for this event. Egg demonstrations include information on eggs, how to prepare an egg dish, and a finished sample for judges. State contact is Dr. Tony Pescatore, State Specialist for Poultry, apescato@uky.edu.