

Alachua County Farm Bureau
Youth Speech Contest Application

TOPIC for 2009:

What challenges will affect the sustainability of
Florida Agriculture for the future?

RULES: Limit speech to 5 minutes +/-30 seconds
Must prepare and perform speech personally
Must be resident of Alachua County
Must be at least 14 years old and not over
18 years old (not having reached their 19th
birthday) on or before September 15th, 2009

Prizes: 1st Place Winner = \$150
2nd Place Winner = \$100
3rd Place Winner = \$ 50

*Name: _____

*Parent (Guardian): _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____, FL Zip: _____

*Telephone: (_____) _____

County: Alachua Grade: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

Teacher (department): _____

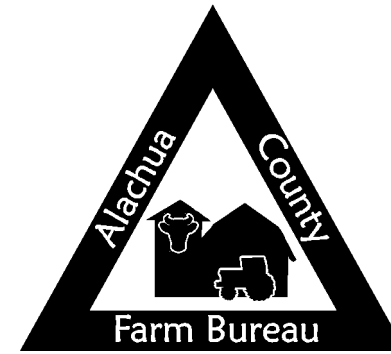
*required on application to compete

Mail Application to:
Alachua County Farm Bureau
PO Box 1180
Alachua, FL 32616

Or Fax to: (386) 462-7948

Contest Deadline: Application due by May 7th, 2009

2009
Alachua County
Farm Bureau



Youth Speech
Contest

May 11th, 2009

Time: 5:00 p.m.

ALACHUA COUNTY FARM BUREAU 2009 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 seven the other district winners.

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 it's many values and virtues.

2009 TOPIC:

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

Any student who is at least 14 years old and not over 18 years old on September 15, 2009. Students must be a resident of the sponsoring County Farm Bureau.

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

Previous state winners are ineligible to participate.

Contestants may use notes, if needed.

Contest will be held on Monday May 11th, 2009 at the Alachua County Farm Bureau Office in Alachua. Contest will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. Participants and their family are invited to dinner with the Alachua County Farm Bureau Board members at 6:00 p.m. when the winners of the speech contest will be announced.

Suggestions for General Contest Procedures & Judging

Contestants will be evaluated as follows:

1. SPEECH CONTENT (50 PERCENT)

The research and effort which is spent in the preparation of the speech will convey the degree of awareness and should be more important than the actual delivery of the speech itself.

2. SPEECH DELIVERY (50 PERCENT)

The best material would be wasted if not properly presented; expression and clarity must 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.

To participate, fill out the application form on the back of this pamphlet and return it to Alachua County Farm Bureau by the deadline of May 7, 2009

For more information please contact Gwen Hazouri in the Federation office by calling (386) 418-4008 or via email: gwen.hazouri@ffbf.org