

## **KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE**

### **HOW TO ENTER**

Contact your local conservation district office. They will be able to supply you with the information you need. Area winners must be determined, and names submitted to the KACD Education and Youth Committee by the Friday of the first full week of November.

### **SPEECH CONTEST RULES**

- The contest is open to all high school students in learning levels 9 through 12.
- Entrants must be residents of the State of Kansas.
- All previous first place state winners in the contest are ineligible.
- Entrants may compete in the contest conducted by the conservation district where they attend school. Entrants may participate in only one district contest.
- Contestants who win a district contest during their senior year are eligible to continue competition in the fall.

District winners are required to compete in the area contest. If the winner cannot advance, the alternate is expected to compete.

Area winners are required to compete in the state contest. This contest will be held at the Education and Youth Committee meeting during the KACD Annual Convention in November, the Monday before Thanksgiving.

Order of participation will be determined by drawing of numbers.

The speeches given by contestants must be at least five (5) minutes long and not longer than eight (8) minutes. Failure to meet the time requirements will result in a penalty of deducting (1) point per second over 8 minutes or under 5 minutes being assessed by the judges scoring the speeches. An official timekeeper will be designated for the contest. Timecards will be used.

Contestants are to remain outside the room until their turn to speak.

Contestants will be permitted to use notes if the notes are on 3" x 5" cards. Deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation. The deduction will be taken from the Power of Expression points (not to exceed 50 points.)

Speeches will be judged on Content, Organization of Material, Voice, Stage Presence, Power of Expression, and General Effect. The judges may converse with the contestants after the speech, if necessary. The attached score card will be used.

In all contests, a supporting document (news release or letter to the editor) of the speech must be presented to the judges. The supporting document must be directly related to the topic. Each

student is encouraged to submit their supporting document to their local paper or the appropriate audience. (Note: This part of the contest is encouraged to train students to not only become an expert in their topic but also to become an advocate.) Contestants are required to include a brief bibliography with their supporting document (3 copies). Direct quotes from any source of information must be marked in “quotes” on the supporting document and be identified in the bibliography.

**Please visit the website to see the Speech topic for this year.**

**CONTEST AWARDS:**

Scholarships of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for each Honorable Mention will be awarded to the winners at the state level to be used for future educational purposes. The speech contest is governed by the KACD Conservation Education and Youth Committee. The scholarship prize sponsor is Farm Credit Associations of Kansas. The KACD Auxiliary will present some monies for expenses.

(Revised Dec 2017 by the KACD Education and Youth Committee to go into effect for the 2018 contest.)