

Poetry Contest

Eligibility

1. Any 4-H member meeting general eligibility rules.
2. Limit 2 participants in each age group per county.

General Rules

1. Poems may be original poems or obtained from a book.
2. Poem should not be any longer than 7 minutes.
3. Topic of the poem is the option of the participant.
4. No visual aids or sound effects may be used.
5. No costumes allowed.
6. Poems must be memorized. Notes are not allowed.
7. Ties will be broken by the judges.
8. The Judges Decision will be final.

Awards

First through fifth place will be awarded in each age group.

4-H Poetry Contest Scorecard

Name _____ Age Group _____

County/Club _____

Title of Poem _____

	Excellent 9-12	Good 5-8	Poor 1-4
Knowledge of Poem			
Length of poem			
Presentation: includes enthusiasm, eye contact, poise			
Voice: Includes clarity, action, etc.			

Total _____

1. **Scores** - Assign numbers between ranges – Excellent: 9 to 12; Good: 5 to 8; and Poor: 1 to 4.
2. **Knowledge of Poem** – Very important. The speaker should know the poem. The poem must be memorized. Notes cannot be used.
3. **Length** – Presentation must be less than 7 minutes. Was the length of the presentation appropriate for the poem? Was the length appropriate for the 4-Her and a contest?
4. **Presentation** – Is the poem presented with enthusiasm and at the proper tempo? Did the speaker use appropriate hand gestures and display eye contact with the audience? Did the presentation motivate the audience?
5. **Voice** – Could you hear the speaker? Did the speaker speak clearly? Did the speaker go too slow or too fast for the words to be understood?