



# Public Speaking Evaluation/Criteria

Score:

Name of Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title: \_\_\_\_\_

An excellent public speech by one person captures the audience's interest by informing, convincing, or entertaining them on a given topic. The topic chosen should be interesting and relevant to our time. Note cards only may be used. Suggested time for speeches is 2–5 minutes. Below you will find an evaluator's opinion as to how effective your speech is. Read their comments to see what they think would improve your speech. **Thank you for participating!**

4-H dress code and program content expectations may be reviewed at: <https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/media/eval-dresscode-program-expectations.pdf>

Criteria	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Not done	Comments/Suggestions
<b>Oral Introduction:</b> Introduced speaker, captured audience attention, and included information from written reflection	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
<b>Body of Speech:</b> Easy to follow and understand, information seemed accurate and complete	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
<b>Summary:</b> Brief, clear, & provided a wrap-up of the topic	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
<b>Attire:</b> Speaker was dressed neatly and in accordance with 4-H dress code	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
<b>Performance:</b> Speaker showed good inflection, proper pronunciation, used expression to demonstrate points, appeared conversational and natural, made eye contact with audience, and voice was loud and clear enough to hear; reliance on notecards was limited	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
<b>Participant's Knowledge:</b> Participant was able to answer questions from the audience after repeating the question	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
<b>Audience Attention:</b> Held audience's attention for the duration	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
<b>Creativity:</b> Speaker conveyed topic creatively so audience would remember speech	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
<b>Topic Focus:</b> Speech focused on one idea or theme	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
<b>Sources:</b> Sources were listed at the end of the speech	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
<b>Overall Impression:</b> Topic chosen was interesting and timely; speech successfully informed, convinced, persuaded or entertained audience	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
<b>Points Deduction:</b> One point will be deducted if visuals are used						Point deducted <input type="text"/>

☐ Blue Ribbon (45–39 points) = Excellent

☐ Red Ribbon (38–31 points) = Very Good

☐ White Ribbon (31–1 points) = Good

Additional Comments or Suggestions:

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Evaluator Name