

**2012 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR
MARION COUNTY FARM BUREAU
YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: NOVEMBER 19, 2011
PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
HOME MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP
CODE: _____ Check if address has changed since last year _____
PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____ HOME PH: _____
WORK PH: _____ CELL PH: _____
E-MAIL: _____
SCHOOL: _____ If this is not a public school, please provide
the name of the Principal and the mailing address: _____

I hereby request permission to participate in the 2011 Marion County Farm Bureau Youth Speech Contest to be held at the 2011 Southeastern Youth Fair (SEYF). I have read and will abide by all the rules of competition pertaining to this contest as listed in the 2011 SEYF Rules and Regulations Book.

Exhibitor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST ENTRY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO
MARION COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

INCOMPLETE OR INACCURATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

IT IS ADVISED THAT YOU MAKE A COPY OF THIS ENTRY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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- **COORDINATOR:** Traci Mason (352) 237-2124
- **SHOW COMMITTEE:** Marion County Farm Bureau
- **ENTRY DEADLINE:** November 19, 2011 – “Farm Bureau Youth Speech Contest”
- **CHECK-IN:** 5:30pm Thursday, February 23, 2012 – Extension Auditorium
- **SHOW:** 6:00pm Thursday, February 23, 2012 – Extension Auditorium
- **AWARDS:**
 - 1st Place - \$100 Cash Award
 - 2nd Place - \$75 Cash Award
 - 3rd Place - \$50 Cash Award

1. The SEYF General Rules & Regulations apply to this contest.
2. Membership in the Farm Bureau is not a requirement. Applicant must display a positive attitude about agriculture and Farm Bureau.
3. Contestants may use notes, if needed.
4. Limit speech to 5 minutes +/- 30 seconds.
5. Speech must be prepared and presented personally.
6. Contestant must be a resident of Marion County.
7. Contestant MUST be at least 14 years old and not over 18 years old on or before September 14, 2012.
8. Speech must be prepared on the topic listed below.
9. 1st Place winner must compete in District Level contest; District Level winner must compete in State Level Contest. Dates are not yet determined.

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR JUDGING

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.

Please note the following rule addition: Judges reserve the right to ask questions to exceed no more than 3 minutes per contestant.

2012 Speech Topic

What role, if any, should agriculture play in addressing health and obesity issues?