



**MFB Foundation
Youth Speech Contest**

**Judges Guidelines &
Scoring Criteria**

Speech topic: As any farmer or rancher can tell you, farm life can be demanding and stressful. It’s even tougher now with trade wars, natural disasters, depressed commodity prices, labor shortages and many other issues weighing heavily on the farm economy. Given these challenges, more and more farmers today are experiencing stress and mental health issues, either directly or by having a friend or family member in distress. No one is immune. How can we address mental health concerns among rural Montanans and improve access to healthcare and mental health education resources?

Contestant Name: _____

Time of Speech _____

Prepared speech needs to be between 2.5 - 4 minutes in length.

Time Limit:	Speaker’s Points	Maximum Points
Contestant stayed within the time requirements:	_____	10
Content and Composition:		
Relevance to chosen topic:	_____	10
Organization of Material (logical flow):	_____	15
Language (effective selection and combination of words)	_____	15
Delivery:		
Eye Contact (with various audience members)	_____	15
Gestures (appropriate and effective)	_____	15
Fluent and smooth articulation of thoughts	_____	20
Total Points Awarded:	_____	100

Comments: