



2022 Montana Farm Bureau Foundation Youth Speech Contest

One of our Foundation's most important goals is to help with agricultural education and the leadership development of Montana's youth. This speech contest fits that goal, and we are offering great prizes to make this an exciting opportunity.



Students in the 7th, 8th or 9th grade - win up to \$400!

Montana Farm Bureau Foundation's 2022 Youth Speech Contest at the FFA State Convention

March 31, 2022 from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Youth Speech Contest

- Open to students in the 7th, 8th and 9th grade
- Prepared speech needs to be between 2.5 - 4 minutes in length.
- **Registration and a copy of your speech must be received by the Montana Farm Bureau Federation office by March 15, 2022.** The top 20 contestants will be invited to compete at the FFA State Convention.

Speech topic: Supply chain problems and labor shortages have shined a spotlight on the need for and importance of careers in agriculture, food processing, freight transportation and vocational trades. Why is there currently such a shortage of people working towards a career in those areas and what can be done to address this issue? Consider the following:

- Do public opinions toward vocational trades have a negative impact on the educational and career choices for high school students?
- What are the advantages of choosing to attend a vocational trade school or to pursue a trade apprenticeship over a college degree?
- What can high school teachers and guidance counselors do to provide students with a broad view of options for their future that includes vocational trades alongside university education options?

Prizes: 1st place = \$400, 2nd = \$300, 3rd = \$200, 4th = \$100 and 5th = \$50.

For more information, contact Scott Kulbeck at scottk@mfbf.org or 406-587-3153.

MFB Foundation Youth Speech Contest - Please sign me up!

Name:

School:

FFA Advisor (If Applicable):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Grade Level: