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/extension/youth/dress-code-expectations-uvm-4-h-events

Criteria	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Not done	Comments/Suggestions
Oral Introduction: Introduced speaker, captured audience attention, and included information from written reflection	4	3	2	1	0	
Body of Speech: Easy to follow and understand, information seemed accurate and complete	4	3	2	1	0	
Summary: Brief, clear, & provided a wrap-up of the topic	4	3	2	1	0	
Attire: Speaker was dressed neatly and in accordance with 4-H dress code	4	3	2	1	0	
Performance: 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	4	3	2	1	0	
Participant's Knowledge: Participant was able to answer questions from the audience after repeating the question	4	3	2	1	0	
Audience Attention: Held audience's attention for the duration	4	3	2	1	0	
Creativity: Speaker conveyed topic creatively so audience would remember speech	4	3	2	1	0	
Topic Focus: Speech focused on one idea or theme	4	3	2	1	0	
Sources: Sources were listed at the end of the speech	4	3	2	1	0	
Overall Impression: Topic chosen was interesting and timely; speech successfully informed, convinced, persuaded or entertained audience	8	6	4	2	0	
Points Deduction: One point will be deducted if visuals are used					Point deducted	

☐ 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