

# Public Speaking Contest

Public Speaking Topic:

"Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities"

Oral Presentation:

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**

Time: TBA

Location:

**Green Clover Hall**



## **CONTEST RULES**

- 1) Open to ANY student in Marion County in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Contestants can speak on any subject within the topic.
- 3) Contestant will **pre-register** by delivering four (4) typewritten copies of their speech, double spaced on 8 ½ by 11-inch white bond paper by **Thursday, 4 p.m. on December 10, 2020** to the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District office at the address below.
- 4) Each speech should be identified with one (1) cover page that includes the student's name, address, telephone number, grade, school and teacher's name.
- 5) Late receipt of any manuscript will be assessed a 5-point deduction for each day it is late after the due date.
- 6) Contestants may use notes while speaking, visual aids may **not** be used.
- 7) Time limit is 5 - 7 minutes. Penalties will be given for less than 5 minutes or more than 7 minutes.
- 8) Three competent and impartial judges will be selected. Judges' decisions will be final. Judges will evaluate both the written speech and oral presentation based on the following scoring criteria:

**50% - Content    40% - Delivery    10% - Composition**

## **AWARDS**

**Awards given to the top three contestants: \$150 (1<sup>st</sup> place), \$125 (2<sup>nd</sup> place), & \$100 (3<sup>rd</sup> place).**

**All non-winners get \$25 for participation.**

**The overall winner will advance to regionals, competing at our Area II Meeting, Location/Date/Time: TBD.**

## **DEADLINE**

Copies of speech must be mailed or hand delivered no later than:

**Thursday, December 10, 2020, 4 p.m.**

Marion Soil and Water Conservation District  
Marion County Growth Services  
2710 East Silver Springs Blvd  
Ocala, FL 34470

Mailed entries must be postmarked on or before the due date. Not responsible for submissions lost in the mail.

Questions? Contact Marion SWCD (352) 438-2475 or by e-mail: [Ann.Bishop@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:Ann.Bishop@marioncountyfl.org)  
Participation earns points towards Youth Conservationist of the Year