

* **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS** – Contact the Extension office for details about the Public Presentations/Foods Demonstration contest.

Formal Speech – Formal Speeches (without props or aids) must be between 4 – 6 minutes in length and done by an individual member. Formal speeches provide information to the audience.

Extempore Speaking – Exhibitors must be present 45 minutes before their assigned time to select their topics. Topics will relate to events of state, national or international importance from January to June of the current year. Exhibitors will draw three topic options for their speech from a large number of topics. They will immediately select one of these three topics for their speech. Participants will have 45 minutes to prepare a 4 – 6 minute speech. Participants are responsible for providing their own research materials for this class. Laptops may be used, however accessibility to Internet will not be provided.

Demonstration – Demonstrations may pertain to any topic (Exception: Foods-Nutrition entries must enter through the appropriate foods class.) Demonstrations may be given by an individual or a team of two members. Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing all equipment and supplies needed. Demonstrations must be 8 – 10 minutes in length. **This class can include Flower Arranging or other Horticulture Demonstrations.** Food Demonstrations are not a part of Public Presentations. See the Food & Nutrition section. **NOTE: For State Fair, members wishing to do public presentations with Horticulture subject matter should enter the Horticulture Public-Speaking & Demonstration Contest in June on the University of Illinois campus in Champaign-Urbana. This includes members who wish to participate in a Flower Arranging Demonstration.**

Illustrated Speech – Illustrated Speeches (with any type of visual aids) must be between 4 – 6 minutes in length and done by an individual member.

Original Works – Member may present any type of original works (i.e., comedy, storytelling, original poetry, radio segment, etc.). May be done by an individual or a team of no more than three members. **Works must have been written by one of the team members.** Segment must be between 4 – 6 minutes in length. Original works presentations are designed to entertain an audience.

Oral Interpretation – May be humorous or dramatic interpretation, oratorical declamation, prose reading or verse reading. Material may be read or memorized; may be done by an individual or a team of no more than three members. Interpretation must be between 4 – 6 minutes in length.