

**TEXAS ILLUSTRATED SPEECH CONTEST**  
**SPONSORED BY THE TEXAS ORGANIZATION OF POLLETTES**

The purpose of the Illustrated Speech Contest is to encourage public speaking and leadership abilities in youth, to develop character and leadership in Hereford youth and promote interest in the beef industry and project Hereford in a positive image.

**RULES:**

1. The speech topic should be related to the beef industry.
2. Contestant must be a member of the TJPHA or TJHA and NJHA
3. Contestants in the senior division must be 18-21 years of age on Jan. 1. Contestants in the intermediate division must be 14-17 years of age of Jan. 1. Contestants in the junior division must be 10-13 years of age on Jan. 1.
4. Contestant must first be a state winner to compete at the Junior National Expo. In the event the first place winner cannot attend a substitution will be made according to their placing.
5. First –place winners of the senior division at the national level are ineligible to compete in subsequent contests; First-place winners at the junior level may compete at the intermediate level when they have attained the age requirements and meet other eligibility requirements; first place winners of the intermediate level may compete at the senior level when they have attained the age requirements and meet other eligibility requirements. First place national winners in the Junior and intermediate levels cannot compete again in the levels they won.
6. Length – 6 to 8 minutes for senior divisions; 3 to 5 minutes for junior and intermediate divisions. No points will be deducted for speech lengths 5 minutes 30 seconds to 8 minutes 30 seconds in the senior division and 2 minutes 30 seconds to 5 minutes 30 seconds in the intermediate and junior divisions. After that, each 30- second period over or under will result in a 10- point deduction.
7. Each contestant shall provide title and primary objective of his/her speech.
8. The speech must be presented orally.
9. A minimum of one illustration or visual aid must be prepared and used. Types of illustrations contestants are encouraged to use are charts, diagrams, props, inanimate models, puppets, posters, etc. The use of electronic devices will not be accepted, which means no slides, videos or electronic presentations are allowed.
10. An additional three to four minutes will be allowed following the oral presentation to answer questions, which may be asked by the judges.
11. Sign up at the State Show on the contest signup sheets by noon On Wed. June 14.

**AWARDS:** The Texas senior winner will receive \$250.00. To help with expenses, the Texas Junior, intermediate and senior will each receive \$125.00 to be mailed after their speech is given at the Junior National Expo.

