



Fall Speaking Contest

The Missouri Quarter Horse Association is sponsoring a prepared public speaking contest in order to provide an avenue for FFA members to showcase their public speaking skills as well as promote the equine industry.

The Missouri Quarter Horse Association FFA Public Speaking Contest will follow the rules and guidelines published in the CDE Handbook (<https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/prepared-public-speaking>) for Missouri State LDE Advanced Prepared Public Speaking. There will be things in the state LDE rules that are not applicable (such as where to mail copies of speeches) to the Fall Speaking Contest. However, the basic rules will apply.

The speech topic will be: How has your involvement in an equine SAE contributed to your personal growth and skill development, and what lasting impact could this have on your future?

The Area and District contests will be held in conjunction with the other fall speaking contests. Each district will choose one contestant to represent their district at the Missouri Quarter Horse Association annual convention to be held at Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia, MO on January 17th, 2026.

The chosen speakers shall email the following documents to: Joe Eddy, joe.eddy2814@gmail.com, by January 1, 2026.

1. A double-spaced typewritten copy of the speech.
2. A signed statement that the contestant's speech is the result of his/her own effort/
3. A bibliography of the speech

The top placing individual in the state will receive 2 tickets to our Saturday evening awards banquet. They will be expected to attend the banquet and present their speech to the audience. The winner of the state contest will receive \$250. The runner-up will receive \$100.