

# 2025

## MISSOURI YOUNG FARMERS/YOUNG FARM WIVES SPEECH CONTEST

Purpose – To develop further develop leadership skills in FFA members and to promote a better understanding of adult agricultural education and Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives and their role in the agricultural education continuum.

Theme – *Who has the greatest challenges – 1<sup>st</sup> generation or generational farmers? How can you advocate for both?*

Eligibility – Open to students, grades 9-12, who are currently enrolled in a local Agricultural Education class and are members in good standing of Missouri FFA.

Awards – A plaque will be awarded to each of the six district representatives at the state competition. District representatives and one guest will also receive a complimentary registration to the Missouri YF/YFW State Convention.

Dates of competition – Area and District competition dates are set up by the local association. The State competition will be held in conjunction with the State YF/YFW State Convention held on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at the Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia, MO. Each district will be allowed to send one speaker to the state event.

Rules – The State and District contests will follow the rules detailed in the most current Missouri State Career Development Events(CDE) Bulletin for the Advanced Division Prepared Public Speaking Contest. Official dress will be worn at the State event.