

2026

MISSOURI YOUNG FARMERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION 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 Educational Association (MYFEA) and their role in the agricultural education continuum.

Theme – *With the average farmer age increasing, how can agriculture attract and support the next generation of producers? What role could Missouri Young Farmers Education Association (MYFEA) play in supporting the future of agriculture in Missouri?*

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 complimentary registration to the State MYFEA 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 MYFEA State Convention held on Saturday, January 30th, 2027 at the Camden on the Lake, Lake Ozark, 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.