



# Maryland 4-H Extemporaneous Speech

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Senior  
2-3 minutes 2-3 minutes 3-5 minutes

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Judging Criteria	Points Awarded	Comments
I. <b>Naturalness</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waits for quiet before starting</li> <li>• Offers no apologies</li> <li>• Sincere manner; enjoys sharing ideas</li> <li>• Relaxed &amp; poised</li> <li>• Pauses naturally between ideas</li> <li>• Spontaneous, informal style</li> </ul>	20	
II. <b>Organization</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well-organized speech</li> <li>• Develops points in logical fashion</li> <li>• Illustrates points with own experiences</li> <li>• Expresses own ideas and feelings</li> <li>• Statements are easily understood</li> <li>• Presents original material</li> <li>• Good opening &amp; closing remarks</li> </ul>	25	
III. <b>Delivery</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poise, posture &amp; movements</li> <li>• Articulation &amp; pronunciation</li> <li>• Projection (clear voice, volume, eye contact)</li> <li>• Appropriate gestures</li> </ul>	20	
IV <b>Content</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statements are factually correct &amp; current</li> <li>• Audience learns about subject</li> </ul>	35	

Time Used: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL SCORE**

**AWARD:** \_\_\_\_\_