

2024 Spokesperson for Agriculture Contest

2024 marks the 49th year for the Young Farmer Spokesperson for Agriculture Program.

The objectives for the program are as follows:

1. To provide an educational program that inspires participation from the majority of the chapter belonging to the IYFA.
2. To enhance public speaking skills of all young men and women by encouraging competition.
3. To further educate the general public about issues facing agriculture in this nation and world.
4. To provide a rewarding and fun-filled experience where contestants will be excited about participation.

Contestant Eligibility:

Any active member of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association or any high school (9th-12th grade) FFA member may enter. Previous state winners must sit out two years.

Topic:

Spokespersons competing in the contest must present a prepared five minute statement on a current topic that will provide a positive perspective of agricultural and renewable resources to an audience of consumers and producers. A ten minute questioning period by the judges will follow.

Criteria for Selection:

In both the statement and the questioning period, evaluation will be based on how well the spokesperson considers a variety of view points, how accurate and convincing they are, and on the overall delivery of their presentation. Questions in the ten minute questioning period will be asked by the judges. Contestants are encouraged, but not required to use props, which may help get the point across in the five minute statement. Visual aids needing additional set up or equipment are not permitted.

Please email a copy of speeches by February 1, 2024 to Amber Smith at

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"Speak Up for Ag!"

