

# Western National Roundup 4-H FCS Presentation Contest

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## CONTESTANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

### I. Eligibility

- A. A State/territory/District of Columbia is allowed only one entry in only one division of a contest in a national 4-H competitive event each year. An entry is an individual, in the events where individuals compete against individuals only, or a team in events where total team scores are computed and recognition given to the team. Individuals may be recognized in those events that are primarily team events.
1. Contestants may participate in this contest as an individual or team of two. Team and individual presentations will be judged on the same criteria and will be competing against one another (there are not separate team and individual categories).
  2. Each state is invited to enter two presentations.
  3. Participants may be selected by any procedure that the state deems appropriate.
- B. Entries not officially entered will not be permitted to participate for any reason.
- C. An individual may enter a National 4-H competitive event in a specific program area only once. Participating members of a team entry (even if they are designated alternate by low score) are ineligible to enter the same event again as a part of another team.
- D. The eligibility requirements to enter a National 4-H Competitive Event are:
1. Contestant must already have passed his or her 14th birthday, and may not have reached his or her 19th birthday, as of January 1 of the year in which the National 4-H Competitive Event is held\*. However, the State 4-H Leader may grant a special authorization to compete, for youth with developmental disabilities who exceed the upper age limit.
  2. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which the National 4-H Competitive Event is held.
  3. The contestant(s) or team(s) of contestants must be certified as the

official state entry by the State 4-H Leader or by a person designated by the State 4-H Leader. The individual(s) or team(s) may be selected by any procedure the State 4-H Leader believes is appropriate.

4. The contestant, his or her county 4-H staff member, and the State 4-H Leader must certify as follows on the application form or an accompanying memo:

“This contestant has not participated in post-secondary coursework in the subject area of the national 4-H competition, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the national 4-H competition.” Violation of this will result in forfeiture of any awards or recognition which have been won in the National 4-H Competitive Event.”

- E. Contestants must not have participated in any post secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive public speaking contest. Neither can a contestant be a member of a post secondary team undergoing training in preparation for such an event.
- F. All participants must first qualify through the represented state and meet all the state eligibility rules.

## **CONTEST RULES**

1. The subject matter must pertain to the home economics or family and consumer sciences subject matter. Presentations not appropriately related to home economics or family and consumer sciences can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge(s).
2. Contestants are responsible for bringing equipment, supplies and visual aids. Special arrangements must be made at the time entries are submitted.
3. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
4. A public address system will not be used, but a podium, easel and table will be provided.
5. During the competition the contestants may introduce themselves by name, state and presentation topic.
6. Presentations must be at least 10 minutes in length, but no longer than 15 minutes. Time for answering questions is not counted in the presentation length. One point will be deducted for each minute or fraction of a minute under 10 minutes or over 15 minutes.
7. Contestants should cite their major reference materials as part of their presentation.
8. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestant should repeat the question, and then answer it.
9. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and announced at the coaches meeting.

10. Ties will be broken by the judges.
11. For educational purposes the management may videotape all presentations with individual consent.
12. Judges will use the Western National Roundup Home Ec/FCS Presentation Score Sheet.

## **AWARDS**

1. Awards will be announced and ribbons will go to the top five (5) presentations.

## **HEADQUARTERS AND LODGING**

The headquarters hotel for this event will be the Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207; (303) 399-7500. Special rates are available for all participants. Please refer to the hotel link (<http://www.westernnationalroundup.org/hotel.asp>) on the website for hotel information, rates and reservation form (which must be used to make hotel reservations). Reservations must be made directly with the hotel by December 10.

### **Important dates to remember:**

October 5	On-line registration opens
November 30	Late registration begins (\$50 per person)
December 10	Registration closes

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