

## ***FCS Educational Presentations***

This contest is an opportunity for individuals or a two person team to present a 10 to 15 minute demonstration or illustrated talk on a family and consumer science subject matter

### **Eligibility:**

- 4-H members must have passed their 14th birthday and be no older than 18 as of midnight, December 31, of the previous year.
- Each county participating in the FCS Educational Presentations Contest are invited to enter two presentations, which can be two individuals, an individual and a team, or two teams of two each.
  - Contestants may participate in this contest as an individual or a team or 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).

### **Contest Rules:**

- The subject matter must pertain to family and consumer sciences subject matter. Presentations not appropriately related to family and consumer sciences can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge(s).
- Contestants are responsible for bringing equipment (including all necessary computer cords), supplies and visual aids. Special arrangements for equipment must be made with the Superintendents prior to the contest.
- Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
- A public address system will not be used, but an easel and table will be provided. A computer, a projector, a presentation screen and a wireless presentation clicker will also be provided.
- During the competition the contestants may introduce themselves by name, county and presentation topic.
- 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.
- There will be a 2-minute warning to each participant before the 15-minute time limit is reached. At 17 minutes, the presentation will be stopped.
- Contestants should cite their major reference materials as part of their presentation.
- Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time.
- Contestant order will be assigned before the contest.
- Ties will be broken by the judges.
- For educational purposes the management may videotape all presentations with individual consent.
- Judges will use the FCS Educational Presentation Score Sheet.
- Contestants may choose to provide handouts about their presentation for the judges and the audience, but these will not be considered as part of the FCS educational presentation score.

### **Awards:**

- If there is only one individual/team entry in the FCS Educational Presentation contest, they must receive at least 80% of the points to be named as the FCS Educational Presentations Champion.
- Awards will be announced, and ribbons will go to the top five (5) presentations.
- The top winner(s) for the FCS Educational Presentations contest will have the opportunity to represent Colorado at the 4-H FCS National Championships and Conference in San Antonio, Texas.