Fort Bend County Fair Public Speaking Contest

Public Speaking Contest – Abstract Template

Contestant Name: _____
School/Organization: _____
Age/Division: _____
Speech Title: _____

Abstract

Instructions:
Complete the abstract below to provide a brief summary of your speech. The abstract should clearly explain your topic, the purpose of your speech, the main points you will address, and the importance or significance of your topic.

Your abstract should be **approximately 150–250 words** and written in your own words.

Speech Topic and Purpose

What is your speech about, and what is the purpose of your speech?

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Main Points

Briefly summarize the major points or arguments you will address in your speech.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Significance

Why is this topic important to the Fort Bend County community, agriculture, youth, families, or the future of our community?

Research Requirement

Contestants must use a **minimum of five (5) credible references** when preparing their speech.

References may include books, government publications, educational institutions, reputable organizations, scholarly sources, news publications, or other reliable sources appropriate to the topic.

All references must be documented using **APA style (7th edition)**.

References

List a minimum of **five (5) sources** used in preparing your speech. References should be listed alphabetically by the author's last name or by the organization name when no individual author is provided.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Additional References:

6. _____

7. _____

Contestant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this abstract accurately represents the content and research used in my speech. I understand that I am required to use a minimum of five (5) references and document those sources using APA style.

Contestant Signature: _____

Date: _____