

2017
Montana FFA State Prepared Public Speaking CDE
Manuscript Rubric

Participant Name: _____ Chapter: _____ District: _____

Evaluation Criteria	Very Strong evidence skill is present (5-4 pts.)	Moderate evidence skill is present (3-2 pts.)	Strong evidence skill is present (1-0 pts.)	Weight	Total Score (200 possible)
Manuscript Content (100 possible points)					
Topic is important and appropriate (50 pts)					
Current topic of interest	Topic is current or a strong evidence if personal involvement in the topic is expressed	Topic is dated or some evidence of personal involvement has been expressed	Topic is irrelevant for the times or unrelated to personal involvement	X 5	
Topic is relevant and within the scope of identified subjects in the CDE guide	Topic addresses an issue facing the industry of agriculture	Topic addresses an issue that may show some relationship to the industry of agriculture	Topic addresses an issue that is unrelated to the industry of agriculture	X 5	
Suitability of materials used (50 pts)					
Validity of resources	Resources are from reputable sources.	Resources are from questionable sources.	Resources are from unreliable sources.	X 5	
Accuracy of Content	Manuscript reflects accurate statements from resources	Manuscript reflects some misinterpretation of resource materials	Manuscript does not reflect accurate statements based on the resources provided	X 5	
Manuscript Composition (100 possible points)					
Organization and development of content (40 points)					
Logical order and unity of thought	Clearly organized and concise by remaining on target; completely focused with obvious construction and strong introduction, body and conclusion layout.	Good organization with few statements out of place or lacking in clear construction	Little to no organization is present; sometimes awkward and lacking construction.	X 4	
Accomplishment of purpose	The style chosen has obviously been well thought out based on the specific audience.	Most language is appropriate for intended audience.	Some language used might be confusing for some audiences.	X 4	
Grammatical Accuracy (35 pts)					
Spelling/grammar (sentence structure, verb agreement, etc.	Spelling and grammar are extremely high quality with 2 or less errors in the document.	Spelling and grammar are adequate with 3-5 errors in the document.	Spelling and grammar are less than adequate with 6 or more errors in the document.	X 7	
Manuscript written according to event format rule #1	5 points		0 points		
Double-spaced on 8.5 X 11 white bond paper. 12 pt Arial or sans serif font				X 1	
1" margins in the body of the paper. Cover page with speech title, participants name, state, and year				X 1	
APA style for references and bibliography				X 3	
Grand Total Points (200 possible)					