

Rubric for FSA's Annual Youthful Voices Storytelling Contest

	<i>5 points</i>	<i>3 points</i>	<i>1 point</i>
Preparation			
Choice of Appropriate Story	Story content and age level appropriate for teller and audience	Questionable story content or age level appropriateness for teller and/or audience	Story content or age level inappropriate for teller and/or audience
Knowledge of story	Not memorized word for word, but story flows in conversational tone	Some pauses, loss of place, memorized word for word	Frequent pauses, steps out of story, loses place, rambling, no story line
Comfort with story	Choose story they love and are able to share the enthusiasm, definite beginning, middle and end; builds suspense	Wants to share story, but not completely comfortable with it, awkward, stilted	Tells story with monotone voice, does not show enthusiasm or desire, as if someone else had chosen story
Presentation			
Physical Presence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye contact • Absence of distracting mannerisms • Confidence • expression 	Relaxed: teller is enjoying himself/herself and "standing tall"	Occasional loss of eye contact, talking too fast Off and on connection with listener	Wooden style; flat presentation; frequent loss of eye contact No connection with the story or audience
Telling Style <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clearness of voice and appropriate volume • body language (facial expressions and appropriate gestures and movements) • connection with audience • continuity in language 	Draws audience into the story; charismatic; expressive; excited Gestures seem natural Listeners want to hear more	Nervous, but able to continue Listeners will not be lost in the story Gestures seem rehearsed	Discomfort apparent; shows fear; wants to stop Body stiff or lifeless Presentation robotic
Requirements			
Length of story- Must be 7 minutes or less	7 minutes or less, leaves audience wanting more	7 minutes or less; story seems to be stretched or too short	7 minutes or less; too short; any length would be too long
PRACTICE!	POLISH!	PAUSE!	PLAY!