

SOIL STEWARSHIP PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Soil Stewardship Public Speaking Contest is open to high school FFA students interested in soil, water, and related renewable natural resource conservation. The contest is aimed at broadening students' interest and knowledge of conservation philosophy and management practices, as well as how humanity depends on the health and sustainability of renewable natural resources. The contest is coordinated through Texas FFA, with contests at the district, area, and state level. District winners will go on to compete in their respective FFA area. First and second place area winners then compete for the state title during Texas FFA Convention.

To prepare for the contest, students work under the guidance of their agriculture science teacher and should visit with their local soil and water conservation district (SWCD) to learn more about conservation practices and programs in their local community. To show proof of the visit, the student must obtain certification from a representative of the local SWCD through the SWCD affidavit found in the Soil Stewardship Contest Speaking Packet.

This contest is a partnership between the Texas FFA, the Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The State Winner of the Soil Stewardship Public Speaking Contest is invited to attend the Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, to which he or she is expected to deliver their winning speech.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Three scholarships will be awarded by the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts to the top three individuals of the state contest.

1st place	\$3,000
2nd place	\$2,000
3rd place	\$1,000

