State Fair of Texas Public Speaking Contest Video Information

- The uploaded video should be a recording of the contestant presenting their speech. The video must be of the contestant only. Be sure to confirm sound quality and audio levels. Do not add additional graphics, transitions or other effects. The video must be recorded in one continuous video. Edited videos will be disqualified.
- Record in a landscape/horizontal format.
- The video may be recorded from waist up or head to toe.
- The video should be recorded using a neutral background with contestant only.
- Check audio quality and video resolution before submitting. <u>If audio/video is of poor quality, judges reserve</u> the ability to award zero points for any and all categories in the rubric.

Uploading video on the entry portal

- If you use an online condensing resource, make sure to MAKE A COPY of your video first, so if the resource would happen to mess up your recording, you still have the original.
- When uploading a video to the entry portal, the video file must be condensed to 300MB or less and an saved as accepted file type before being uploaded.
 - o Accepted file types include: mp4, mov, avi, mpg, 3gp, webm, wmv, mkv, m4v, Max. file size: 300 MB.
 - Apple products will format the video as a mov, but if you are using a different device there are a few free online resources that can convert files: Online converter convert video, images, audio and documents for free (online-convert.com)
 - To condense a video to be less than 300 MB
 - The advanced technology of today's video recording devices (especially phones) creates very large files due very high-quality recording. Reducing these settings will decrease the file size, but to the human eye visual difference is minimal.
 - When taking the video, make sure the settings are set to the lowest quality possible. On an iPhone, you can check these settings in camera → record video → lowest quality (720p HD at 30 fps)
 - Also in camera settings, switch the format to most compatible.

If you have any questions or need help uploading your video please email tbrubaker@bigtex.com.

Sincerely,
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Contest Intern

