EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS:

1. **BEEF**: This contest allows 4-H members to give an educational presentation on all aspects of the U.S. beef industry. Such topics include reproductive technologies, nutritional management, health, breeding and genetic considerations, behavior, beef carcasses and end-products, production costs, and general management aspects. Presentations may target cow-calf, stocker, or feedlot industry sectors.

2. **CLOTHING & TEXTILES**: 4-H members present illustrated talks or method demonstrations on any clothing or textile topic. Individuals or teams of up to five demonstrate poise, presentation skills, and knowledge in various areas of clothing and textiles. Suggested Presentation Topics: Why do your clothes say made in “”? Can we shop made in the U.S.? Merchandising and Marketing, New fabric developments and finishes, Designing or sewing for special needs

3. **COMPANION ANIMALS**: Relate to skills learned in any project concerning the care, companionship, or maintenance of small animals (e.g. dogs, hamsters, fish, etc.). Do not draw from projects included in other Roundup contests or shown as market animals at livestock shows (e.g. poultry, rabbit, swine, natural resources.) Live animals are allowed. If you advance to state, arrangements to house animals’ off-campus must be made ahead of contest week with the contest superintendent.

4. **HEALTH**: Presentations should focus on healthy lifestyles, prevention and wellness, not illness/treatment. It is suggested that project experiences in this area include topics aimed at youth health, wellness and prevention and that the educational presentations be shared with other youth groups in the community to promote healthy lifestyles. All presentations must be supported by science based and current medical/health journal articles (e.g., Journal of the American Medical Association, Annuals of Internal Guide Medicine.) or research based websites. No .com resources are allowed. Additional resources could come from Texas Agrilife Extension Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Texas Department of Health. Suggested Presentation Topics: Increasing physical activity, Tobacco Prevention, Alcohol Prevention, Sun Safety, Preventing the Spread of colds and flu, Sleep and Reducing Stress.

5. **HORSE**: Presentation is to cover the theory and/or practical skills learned in the 4-H Horse project and should be appropriate for presentation at a 4-H club meeting. After hearing the presentation the audience should be able to put information into practice to improve their production, management, training, or horse use knowledge and/or skills.

6. **OPEN – GENERAL**: Youth will relate to skills learned in a project in which the 4-H member has been involved. **MAKE SURE YOUR PRESENTATION IS NOT BETTER SUITED FOR ANOTHER CATEGORY.**
7. **OPEN – AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES:** Youth will relate information to knowledge or skills learned in the field of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Topics may include: agronomy/crop production, farm and ranch economics, horticulture, meat science, shooting sports related fields, as well as any other ANR field of study. Before entering this category be sure presentation does not fit any other related educational presentation category.

8. **OPEN – FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE:** Youth will relate information to knowledge or skills learned in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. Topics may include: consumer life skills, food and nutrition, housing and home environment, as well as any other FCS field of study. Before entering this category make sure your presentation does not fit any other related educational presentation category.

9. **PROMOTE 4-H:** The purpose of this contest is to: 1) encourage 4-H members to develop promotion and marketing skills as they market and interpret 4-H through various types of media and presentations, 2) increase the promotion of 4-H to non-4-H audiences in Texas, and 3) increase the number of people who join and support the 4-H program. The 4-H promotion should convey a contemporary image of 4-H in a changing society. Promotional methods might include: radio, television, illustrated talks, method demonstrations, newspaper, posters, projected images, exhibits, photographs, slide/tape presentations, puppets, PSA’s, speeches, drama, skits, videos, computer programs, etc. Contestants identify a non-4-H audience and demonstrate a promotional method which communicates the ideas or ideals of the 4-H program. Before entering this category make sure your presentation does not fit any other related educational presentation category.

10. **SAFETY & INJURY PREVENTION:** Youth will relate to safe equipment designs and safe procedures or methods associated with the prevention of accidents in work, home, or recreational environments. Topics may include accident prevention when operating motor vehicles, boats, home, farm or yard machinery. Also included are safety topics on handling chemicals and animals and prevention of accidents relative to falls, fire, electricity, hunting and natural disasters. Suggested Presentation Topics: Drinking and Driving, Distracted Driving, Personal Safety, ATV Safety, Agri-Terrorism, General Farm Safety Pesticide Safety, Natural Disasters (flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, drought), or Hunter/Safety Education.

11. **SHEEP AND/OR GOATS:** Relate to the production of sheep and/or goats or to the utilization of their meat, milk, or fiber. Suggested Presentation Topics: Embryo transfer in Sheep and Goats, Scrapie in Sheep and Goats, The Future of Hair Sheep, Internal Parasite Management in Sheep and Goats, Objective Measure of Wool and Mohair, Institutional Meat Purchase Specification (IMPS) for Goat Meat.