**Score Sheet for Speech**

**Four-Minute Prepared Speech** **Maximum 35 points**

Young Careerist Representatives will each give a four-minute prepared speech on a topic selected in advance. The BPW/VT Young Careerist Chair will provide the topic that will be used by the YC Representatives. Each level of competition – Local, State, and NEBPWPSP Regional - is encouraged to use the same speech topic to eliminate the need for participants to prepare multiple speeches as they progress.

Timing will begin when the contestant begins speaking. Speeches within +/- 15 seconds receive no deductions in points. Judges will use the following criteria to score the speech:

**SCORING POSSIBLE POINTS EXAMPLES \_\_\_\_\_**

Preparation and content 1-10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ good opening, logical, knowledge of subject

Poise/Self Confidence 1-5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Confident, relaxed manner, voice, posture

Clarity 1-5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Word choices, ease of understanding

Expression 1-5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Facial expression, gestures, eye contact

Adherence to Topic 1-10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Relevance, audience attention, creativity with subject

**Timing Within +/- 15 seconds = no point deduction**

*+/- 16 or more seconds = 5 point deduction from total score (all judges)*