**Duval Soil and Water Conservation District**

**2017 Annual Joe B. Forshee, Jr. Speech Contest**

***TOPIC:******"HEALTHY SOILS ARE FULL OF LIFE”***

**Date:** **March 15, 2017**

**Time:** **6:00 p.m**.

**Location:** **Duval County Extension Center**

 **1010 N. Mc Duff Avenue**

 **Jacksonville, FL**

**Eligibility:** **All 6th – 12th Grade Students in Duval County, FL**

 **(Public, Private and Home School)**

**Entry Deadline: March 10, 2017**

**Purpose:** To promote a greater appreciation for our natural resources;

 to develop Public Speaking and Leadership skills through

 participation in a public speaking activity; to stimulate interest in

 the conservation of our natural resources; and to expose

 students to the numerous career opportunities, in the

 Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences areas.

**Special Note:** **The speech should address the above topic and shall be**

 **no more than 5 - 7 minutes long. Two points will be deducted**

 **for every 15 seconds less than or more than the allotted**

 **time. Research is required to develop the speech.**

**Awards:** **1st** **place $ 50.00**; **2nd** **place $ 30.00**; **3rd place** **$ 20.00.**

 The first place winner will represent the Duval SWCD at the

 **Area contes**t, on **April 18, 2017**. If a winner there, that individual will

 represent our Area, at the **State Contest**, in July 2017.

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