**2017**

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Youth may participate in both the Speech and PSA categories. 4-H members must be present at county contest in order to receive premium and outstanding award credit.

^ Denotes Regional Contest Eligible

* Denotes State Fair Eligible

Refer to "special award" section of fair book for subject matter speech awards.

**Purple, $7.50; Blue, $4; Red, $3; White, $2**

B105001 Novice — Open to those 4-H members who have never given a speech at the county contest and who are age 8, 9 or 10 as of January 1 of the current year. Novice participants have the option to read a poem, use a book or read from a script. Regardless of what the speaker chooses, an introduction or some connection to 4-H should be included.

^B105002 Junior — Ages 8-10 as of January 1 of current year. All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech. Suggested time frame is 1 to 3 minutes in length. The use of visual aids or props is not permitted. Contestants are eligible for regional contest.

**Purple, $7.50; Blue, $4; Red, $3; White, $2**

^B105003 Intermediate — Ages 11 and 13 as of January 1 of current year. Speeches must pertain to the 4-H program or projects and must be original. Suggested time frame is 3-5 minutes in length. The use of visual aids or props is not permitted. Contestants are eligible for regional contest.

^*B105004 Senior — Ages 14-18 as of January 1 of current year. Speeches must be original and pertain to the 4-H program or projects. The suggested time frame is 5-8 minutes long. The use of visual aids or props is not permitted. Contestants are eligible for regional and state contest.

**Purple, $0; Blue, $0; Red, $0; White, $0**

B105010 Clover Kid – Ages 5-7 as of January 1 of current year. Talk about anything – read a poem, read a favorite story, or tell your favorite thing about 4-H. Speech may be read and suggested time frame is less than 1 minute. The use of visual aids or props is not permitted. Clover Kid category is non-competitive.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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All Regional Eligible PSAs (classes 105005 to 105008) will use the state theme **"4-H Grown"** as the basis for their PSA. All radio PSAs must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at anytime of the year. All 4-H PSAs (except class 105009) must include the following tag line within the last 10 seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu." The tag line is included in the 60-second time limit. Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used. All PSAs must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSAs written and provided by the state or national staff. No team PSAs are allowed. Radio PSAs will be submitted electronically as a .wav or mp3 format along with 1 copy of the PSA text and registration form two weeks prior to the County Contest. No CDs accepted.

PSAs will be played at the public speaking contest, but will be evaluated prior to the contest. Junior, Intermediate and Senior division are eligible for regional contest. Three youth in each division can be sent to the regional contest.

An information sheet on PSAs is available at the Extension Office.

B105005 Novice, Only first-timers may enter this class. County ONLY. Must use State Theme.

^B105006 Junior, ages 8-10 as of January 1 of current year. State Theme.

^B105007 Intermediate, ages 11-13 as of January 1 of current year. State Theme.

^*B105008 Senior, age 14 and older as of January 1 of current year. State Theme.

B105009 Buffalo County Fair Theme: "These Are Our Memories" - These county-only PSAs must be 60 seconds in length, use the county fair theme and promote 4-H relative to the Buffalo County Fair. They must relate to the County Fair. For example, write a PSA about the Dog Show, Static Exhibits, Horse Show, Cake Walk, Pie Auction or any other 4-H event. All county-only 4-H PSAs must include the following tag line within the last 10 seconds of the PSA: "Come check out the 4-H exhibits and shows at the 2017 Buffalo County Fair, July 26 through August 1 at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney." The tag line is included in the 60-second time limit. Youth may only use the Buffalo County music bed available at the Extension Office for all sound effects and background music. This class is for all ages (8-18) as of January 1 of the current year.