**2018 Gage County 4-H Public Speaking Contest**

**Thursday April 19, 2018, 7:00 pm**

**Extension Meeting Room, 1115 West Scott Street, Beatrice**

**Sponsors: News Channel Nebraska Radio – Beatrice 1450 & Gage County 4-H Council**

**Entry Deadline: April 13, 2018**

* Youth may participate in both the Speech and Radio Public Service Announcement (PSA) divisions

(one entry per division).

* Dress appropriately (4-H attire not required)
* Premium money, ribbons, awards presented

**Speech Division:**

* Visual aids and props not allowed. Note cards are acceptable.
* Original speech with 4-H as the major component.
* Acknowledge the source of information used in the speech. For example, an article from a magazine may be used for reference but should not be quoted directly unless you tell the audience your source.
* If you are reading or reciting a poem or story in the Novice Division, credit the author in a beginning statement. For example: “I am presenting a piece from *Charlotte’s Web* by E. B. White”.

**Radio PSA Division:** Theme – “4-H Grows True Leaders”

* PSA is 60 seconds in length
* Subject must be general enough to be used anywhere in the state. Do not include county specific details. PSA must use the theme, “4-H Grows True Leaders” to be considered for regional and state contests
* Must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: “Learn more about the 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.
* Bring extra copy of PSA script for the judge

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| **Division** | **4-H age**  **as of January 1, 2018** | **Length** |  |
| Novice Speech | Ages 7 - 9 | Under 2 minutes | Recite or read a poem, short story, etc. |
| Junior Speech | Ages 10 & younger | 1 – 3 minutes | Original speech relating to 4-H |
| Intermediate Speech | Ages 11 – 13 | 3 – 5 minutes | Original speech relating to 4-H |
| Senior Speech | Ages 14 – 18 | 5 – 8 minutes | Original speech relating to 4-H |
| Junior Radio PSA | Ages 10 & younger | 60 seconds | Must promote 4-H |
| Intermediate Radio PSA | Ages 11 – 13 | 60 seconds | Must promote 4-H |
| Senior Radio PSA | Ages 14 - 18 | 60 seconds | Must promote 4-H |

* Registration forms available at the Extension Office or on the Gage County 4-H Information – Contest website: <https://go.unl.edu/k37p>. Fill out form and return to Extension Office or email to

Gage-County@unl.edu.

**Regional Contest: May 17, Lincoln State Contest: September, Nebraska State Fair**

* Junior, intermediate and senior divisions are eligible for regional competition. Entry fee: $10.00.

PSA’s will be submitted on tape (.wav or .mp3 format) at regional and state contests.