

Premier Communication Event

For State level classes and guidelines click [here](#). The Premier Communication Event will be held in June and 4-H members must pre-qualify for most classes.

For local classes and guidelines click [here](#). The local contest will be held in the spring.

Illustrated Presentations – Local Contest Classes

Local Contest Classes coincide with the State Premier Communications Contest. Please visit the State Premier Communication Event website at <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event> for more information on the State contest.

Class

B15151L- Junior Illustrated Presentation – Individual (8-10 yrs. as of Jan 1 of current year) 3-5 minutes

B15152L – Intermediate Illustrated Presentation – Individual (11-13 yrs. as of Jan 1 of current year) 6-8 minutes

B15153L – Senior Illustrated Presentation – Individual (4-18 yrs. as of Jan 1 of current year) 6-8 minutes

B15161L – Junior Illustrated Presentation – Team (8-10 yrs as of Jan 1 of current year) 5-7 minutes

B15162L – Intermediate Illustrated Presentation – Team (11-13 yrs as of Jan 1 of current year) 8-10 minutes

B15163L – Senior Illustrated Presentation – Team (14-18 yrs as of Jan 1 of current year) 8-10 minutes

Non-4-H Illustrated Presentation – Not eligible for State Fair

B151114L – Junior Non-4-H Illustrated Presentation

B151115L – Intermediate Non-4-H Illustrated Presentation

B151116L – Senior Non-4-H Illustrated Presentation

Rules

1. An Illustrated Presentation may be given by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals. If team members are not in the same age division, they must compete in the age division of the oldest team member.
2. All presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H youth learned through 4-H educational experiences.

3. Presentations should include an introduction (the “why” portion of the topic), a body (the “show and tell” portion of the topic), and a conclusion/summary (the “what” portion of the topic).

4. Presenters are responsible for their presentation supplies and are expected to clean up the areas in which they work/present. Please be courteous to the other participants, keep your area clean and your supplies contained.

5. Presenters using computer-based visuals may bring files on a USB drive that is PC formatted. Participants may also provide their own computer or other equipment as needed; however, participants must be able to connect their computers to an HDMI cord.

6. Change for 2024 for State Fair – Due to event location, live animals will not be able to be used in the presentation. Alternative ways of showing information about live animals (models, videos, photos, etc.) are encouraged.

Public Speaking Contest

You can find more information on the Local Public Speaking Contest [here](#) and the State Public Speaking Contest [here](#).

Through the 4-H Public Speaking Contest, youth have an opportunity to write a speech or a public service announcement (PSA) that incorporates the topic of 4-H and deliver it to an audience. The 4-H Public Speaking Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to real audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others and develop self-confidence.

After participating at the county level, five (5) contestants in each age division (Intermediate and Senior) in both speech and PSA categories will be selected to advance to the State Public Speaking Contest. The State Public Speaking Contest will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska on **June 17-18, 2024**.

Eligibility

- Youth must be currently enrolled in 4-H to participate in the County and State Public Speaking Contests.
- Youth must be selected at their County Public Speaking Contest to compete in the State Public Speaking Contest.
- Youth may participate in both the speech and PSA categories.
- Only individuals may compete in the speech or radio PSA competition.

Speech

Class

65168L – Clover Kid – Reading or non-original speech (speakers must credit the source), original speech. -Not eligible for State Fair.

65161L – Novice – Reading or non-original speech (speakers must credit the source). Original Speech 1-3 minutes. First-time Jr. Speaker. -Not eligible for State Fair.

65163L – Junior Prepared Speech – (ages 8-10) Original speech – recommended under 3 minutes. **MUST** have 4-H as major component of speech.

65164L – Intermediate Prepared Speech – (ages 11-13) Original speech – recommended 3-5 minutes. **MUST** have 4-H as major component of speech.

65165L – Senior Prepared Speech – (ages 14-18) Original Speech - 5-8 minutes. MUST have 4-H as major component of speech.

- For Senior Division only, judges will deduct three points from the score for every 30 seconds under or over the time limit.

65166L - Non-4-H Speech – Not eligible for State Fair

65167L – PSA (Public Service Announcement) – Junior

65168L – PSA (Public Service Announcement) – Intermediate

65169L – PSA (Public Service Announcement) - Senior

65170L – Impromptu Speech – Junior (ages 8-10) 1 ½ minutes

65171L – Impromptu Speech – Intermediate (ages 11-13) 3 minutes

65172L – Impromptu Speech – Senior (ages 14-18) 5 minutes

Rules & Regulations

1. Public Speaking – the Cherry County 4-H Communications & Expressive Arts Contest will be held in the spring. Pre-entry is required.

2. A 4-H member (8 years old and older) may compete in the novice classes one year only. Former Clover Kid members are eligible to participate as Novice.

3. Speakers may use a podium if they choose. Note-cards no larger than 4” x 6” are allowed.

4. Only purple ribbons are eligible for trophies.

5. To follow State Contest rules, ages groups are Clover Kid (5-7) Novice (8-9, first-year speaker or participated previously as a Clover Kid), Junior (8-9), Intermediate (10-13), Senior (14 and older). For SENIOR Division only, judges will deduct three points from the score for every 30 seconds under or over the time limit.

6. No visual aids or props are allowed.

7. A complete set of guidelines is provided to all entrants by the Extension Office @ <https://extension.unl.edu/2023%20Cherry%20Co%20CEA%20Contest%20guidelines.pdf>

8. Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes, a 4-H emblem is not required.

9. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior speeches and all PSAs must be 4-H related unless entered in the Non-4-H classes that are NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE CONTEST.

10. Only individuals may compete in this class. No team entries are allowed.

11. All speeches other than the non-4-H speech must have 4-H as a major component of the speech.

12. Speeches must be original, the speaker may not use an old speech written by a sibling, another 4-H member, or anyone else.

1. 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.

Public Service Announcement (PSA)

- All PSAs are 60 seconds in length
- The state theme for the 2024 4-H Public Service Announcement (PSA) is “**4-H is a Feeling**”.
- All radio PSAs must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year. **Unless it is a non-4-H Class.**
- All 4-H PSAs must include the following tagline within the last 10 seconds of the PSA: “Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu”. The tagline 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 on the state or county level, individuals only for PSAs.
- Radio PSAs will be submitted electronically in a .wav or .mp3 audio format along with the registration form one week prior to the County Contest with an entry form.

Speech

- Length of Speeches:
 - Junior Division 2-3 Minutes
 - Intermediate Division: 3-5 minutes
 - Senior Division: 5-8 minutes
- All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech, **unless in non-4-H class.**
- 4-H public speakers may not use an old speech written by a sibling, another 4-H member, or anyone else.
- Acknowledge the source of the 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.
- **The use of visual aids and props is not allowed.**
- Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes or special effects clothing.
- No team speeches are allowed.
- See the [State 4-H Public Speaking](#) website for additional guidelines.

Resources

Illustrated Presentation Judging

Illustrated Presentation Judging Criteria/Scoresheets.

URL: <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event-contests#presentation:~:text=Illustrated%20Presentation%20Judging%20Criteria/ScoreSheet>

Communications

Planning a 4-H Presentation, Giving a Presentation, Creating Visuals, Creating Digital Presentation Visuals
Nebraska 4-H Communications Resources.

URL: <https://4h.unl.edu/nebraska-4-h-communications-resources>