



2025 Dodge County 4-H Communication Contest
Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m. Hosted by the Masonic Home, Fremont

Registration due to Dodge County Extension Office by April 7, 2025

Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made by April 7 to the Dodge County Extension Office by phone at 402-727-2775 or by email at dodge-county@unl.edu.

Each registrant may make a maximum of one entry per contest.

| Choose Division based on the member's 4-H age. (4-H age is the member's age on January 1, 2025) | |
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| <p>SPEECH Contest</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Clover Kid (5-7 as of Jan. 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Novice (8-10 as of Jan. 1 of the current year - 1st Speech) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (8-10 as of Jan. 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (11-13 as of Jan 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (14 -18 as of Jan 1 of the current year) </p> <p>Title of Speech: _____</p> | <p>RADIO PSA Contest</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Clover Kid (5-7 as of Jan. 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (8-10 as of Jan. 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (11-13 as of Jan 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (14 -18 as of Jan 1 of the current year) </p> <p>Title of PSA: _____</p> |
| <p>ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATION Contest</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Clover Kid (5-7 as of Jan. 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (8-10 as of Jan. 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (11-13 as of Jan 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (14 -18 as of Jan 1 of the current year) </p> <p>Title of Presentation: _____</p> | <p>VIDEO COMMUNICATION Contest</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Clover Kid (5-7 as of Jan. 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (8-10 as of Jan. 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (11-13 as of Jan 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (14 -18 as of Jan 1 of the current year) </p> <p>Title of Video: _____</p> |
| <p>IMPROMPTU SPEECH Contest</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Clover Kid (5-7 as of Jan. 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (8-10 as of Jan. 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (11-13 as of Jan 1 of the current year) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (14 -18 as of Jan 1 of the current year) </p> | |

Registration Information (Registrant must be currently enrolled in Dodge County 4-H):

Contestant's Name: _____ Age as of January 1, 2025: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please Complete:

- ☐ I grant permission to the 4-H program to use my PSA or video, as long as needed, with no personal compensation.
- ☐ 4-H may use my picture for publications, web, news articles, or advertisements pertaining to 4-H activities.



RULES:

Prepared Speech:

- Length of Speeches:
 - Clover Kid: Under 3 minutes, youth may recite the 4-H Pledge or Show and Tell
 - Novice (1st Year Speech)/Junior: 2-3 minutes, Intermediate: 3-5 minutes, Senior: 5-8 minutes
- All speeches must be the original work of the presenter and include 4-H as a major component of the speech. No team speeches are allowed.
- Use of visual aids and props is not allowed.
- Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes or special effect clothing.
- 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.
- The judge will view the speech and evaluate based on the subject, organization, and delivery of the speech.

Radio Public Service Announcement (PSA):

- Length: 60 seconds submitted electronically in a .wav or .mp3 audio format before the start of the contest.
- The 2025 statewide PSA theme is "Ready through 4-H ... and Beyond!"
- All 4-H PSA's 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 PSA's must be the original work of the presenter and must promote 4-H. No team PSA's are allowed.
- Youth are judged on their overall organization and delivery of the PSA.

Illustrated Presentation:

- Length of Presentations:
 - Individual Junior Division: 3-5 minutes, Individual Intermediate/Senior Divisions: 6-8 minutes
 - Team Junior Division: 5-7 minutes, Team Intermediate/Senior Divisions: 8-10 minutes
- An Illustrated Presentation may be given by one individual or a team of two. If team members are not in the same age division, they must compete in the age division of the oldest team member.
- All presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences.
- All presentations using animals will occur in the livestock barn at the beginning of the contest.
 - **No animals will be allowed inside the Education Center.**
 - **Live animals will not be allowed at the 2025 State Premier Communication Event**
- Livestock, including poultry, sheep, goats, swine, beef, or dairy animals require approval before registration.
 - **Contact the Extension Office to begin the process. Call 402-727-2775 or email dodge-county@unl.edu.**
- Proof of vaccination is required for all domestic animals. Domestic animals must remain caged until the presentation.
 - Any domestic animals that are too large to cage must remain on a short leash with adult supervision.
- **Exotic animals including snakes, lizards, cheetahs or zebras are not allowed.**
- The Education Center kitchenette has a microwave, fridge, and sink (no stove or oven) that can be used by request.
- Powerpoint or other audio/visual presentations can be coordinated in the Education Center by request.
- **Presenters are expected to clean up the areas in which they work.**
- 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).
- The judge views the entire presentation and engages in a question-and-answer session following the presentation.

Video Communication:

- Length: 60-90 seconds submitted electronically as MP4 files
- Use a phone, laptop, or tablet to create a multi-media piece using the theme: "Ready through 4-H ... and Beyond!"
- Videos must be submitted as an MP4 file before the start of the contest. Email to dodge-county@unl.edu.
- Sound effects and public-domain music and graphics may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used.
- All videos must be the original work of the presenter. No team entries are allowed.

Impromptu Speech:

- Length: 1 and 1/2 minutes for for Clover Kids/Juniors, 3 minutes for Intermediates, 5 minutes for Seniors.
- At the contest, participants will have a 4-H related topic randomly selected for them. Youth will have 15 minutes to develop a speech on the selected topic. Participants will then deliver the speech to judges and audience members.
- All speeches must be the original work of the presenter. No team entries are allowed.
- Judges evaluate the subject, organization, and delivery of the speech.