



2024 Custer County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Monday, April 1 - 6:30 p.m.
at the 4-H Building, Custer County Fairgrounds



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Entries, along with recorded PSA's, are due by 5:00 p.m. on **March 25**.
Submit entries online at: <https://go.unl.edu/4hpublicspeakingcontest>
Email PSA's to: cpeterson2@unl.edu



Contest Rules

****Rules Subject to Change as Changes Occur on the State Level****

We will keep you informed of any changes.

Purpose: 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.

Eligibility:

- Youth must be currently enrolled in 4-H through 4-H ONLINE to participate in the 4-H Public Speaking Contest.
- **There will be no District Competition.**
- **The top 5 competitors in both Speech and PSA divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) are invited to compete at the statewide Premier Communication Event. The dates of the state competition for 2024 will be June 17 and 18 in Lincoln.**
- Contestants in the Novice Division are not eligible for state competition.
- Youth may participate in both the Speech and PSA categories.
- Previous state winners in speech or radio PSA's are not eligible to compete at the State Contest.
- Only individuals may compete in the 4-H Public Speaking Contest, no teams.
- Recognition will be awarded at the county and state contest.
- Scoring information is available at the Extension Office upon request.

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Speech Contest Rules

<u>Division</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Length of Speeches</u>	<u>Topics</u>
Novice Division	Age 8-9, as of January 1, 2024	Up to 3 minutes	<p>All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech. 4-H public speakers may not use the old speech written by a sibling, another 4-H member, or anyone else. 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. Use of visual aids and props are not allowed. Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes or special effect clothing. No team speeches are allowed.</p>
Junior Division	Age 8-10, as of January 1, 2024	2 to 3 minutes	
Intermediate Division	Age 11 to 13, as of January 1, 2024	3 to 5 minutes	
Senior Division	Age 14 to 18, as of January 1, 2024	5 to 8 minutes	

PSA Contest Rules

<u>Division</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rules</u>
Junior Division	Age 8-10, as of January 1, 2024	<p>All PSA's are 60 seconds in length. PSA's must be submitted electronically as a .wav or mp3 format. PSA text is not required. Recorded PSA's are due by 5:00 p.m. on March 25.</p> <p>Email recorded PSA's to: cpeterson2@unl.edu.</p> <p>Contestants must qualify at their county contest to compete in State Competition. All PSA's will be judged prior to the county contest, then played the evening of the contest. All PSA's will use the state theme as the basis for their PSA. The 2024 theme is "4-H is a Feeling" All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at anytime of the year. All 4-H PSA's must include the following tagline within the last ten 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. Contestants may not use PSA's written and provided by the state or national staff.</p>
Intermediate Division	Age 11 to 13, as of January 1, 2024	
Senior Division	Age 14 to 18, as of January 1, 2024	