

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST and PSA CONTEST RULES 2022

The Dixon County 4-H All Contest Day will be held Saturday, **May 21, beginning at 9:30 PM, at the Evangelical Free Church, 617 Broadway, Concord, NE.** Entries are due to the Extension Office by **May 12, at 4:30 PM.** We will not require the 4-H emblem at the county contest. Be sure to check time and topics. Dress appropriately. No costumes or special effect clothing. No props or visual aids.

The state theme for the **2022 Public Service Announcement** is **"Opportunity 4 All."** For State, Radio PSA's will be submitted electronically as a .wav or .mp3 audio format along with the registration form. We will help in recording following the contest if needed. 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.

Speaking Contest Guidelines

Division	4-H Age	Time Guideline	Special Guidelines	Rewards
*Clover Kids	5-7	Recommended under 3 minutes.	May recite a poem, read or tell a story.	Participation Ribbon & Certificate given to each participant. *County Only
*Novice Speech	8	Recommended under 3 minutes.	May recite a poem, read or tell a story.	Ribbon & Certificate given to each participant. *County Only
*Junior Speech	8-10	1- 3 minutes	Must be an original speech relating to some aspect of 4-H. Submit 1 copy of speech outline with registration.	Ribbon & Certificate given to each participant. *County Only
Intermediate Speech	11-13	3 to 5 minutes	Must be an original speech and include 4-H as the major component of the speech. *Submit 1 copy of speech outline with registration.	Ribbon & Certificate given to each participant. 5 – eligible for State competition
Senior Speech	14-18	5-8 minutes	Must be an original speech and include 4-H as the major component of the speech. *Submit 1 copy of speech outline with registration.	Ribbon & Certificate given to each participant. 5 – eligible for State competition

Public Service Announcements

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.

Submit a written copy of your PSA script with your recording.

*Junior Radio PSA	8-10	60 seconds	PSA must promote 4-H and be general enough so the PSA could be used anywhere in the state. Based on the theme "Opportunity 4 All."	Ribbon & Certificate given to each participant. *County Only
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- A public speaking guide and PSA guide is available through the 4-H website (<https://4h.unl.edu/public-speaking>) or we can send a copy.
- **State Public Speaking Contest** will be Friday, June 24, 8:00 AM, in Lincoln, NE. No Regional Contest. Those who qualify may register for the State Contest through 4HOnline.
 - For seniors, all youth will earn the appropriate ribbon. The top 5 competitors in each of the four groups will advance to the final round. Finalists will deliver their speeches again and medalists will be named along with an overall state winner.
 - The top 5 PSAs from each age division will be played at the Raising Nebraska building during the Nebraska State Fair.