



2021 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Entry form is due April 16, 2021

Forms can be returned via: Mail - Nebraska Extension Douglas-Sarpy Counties; Attn: Tayler Wickham
8015 West Center Rd; Omaha, Ne 68124,
Fax - To Tayler Wickham 402-444-6430 or email Tayler at tayler.wickham@unl.edu

Name: _____ Age of member as of Jan. 1 _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address _____

Contest Date: April 27, 2021

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Nebraska Extension, 8015 West Center Road

Youth in the Junior, Intermediate or Senior divisions may participate in both the Speech and PSA categories.

See the complete contest rules on the following pages.

Speech

Title of speech: _____

Props are not allowed in any division, however, notecards are acceptable.

4-H age is age of member as of January 1 of current year.

- ___ **CLASS 999 CLOVER KID** Ages 5 – 7. Length of speech, 2 minutes or less - speech does not have to relate to 4-H. Not division is not eligible for regional competition.
- ___ **CLASS 900 JUNIOR DIVISION** Ages 8 – 10 Length of speech, 1 to 3 minutes.
Speech must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.
- ___ **CLASS 901 INTERMEDIATE DIVISION** Ages 11-13. Length of speech, 3 to 5 minutes.
Speech must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.
- ___ **CLASS 902 SENIOR DIVISION** Ages 14-18. Length of speech, 5 to 8 minutes.
Speech must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.

Public Service Announcement (PSA)

All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.

Entries for PSA's must include an attached written text of the PSA.

PSA's at the county level will be given in person, but a recording must be submitted for entries that advance to the regional level.

The state theme for the 2021 Public Service Announcement is **TBD** and should be incorporated in the PSA.

- ___ **CLASS 903 JUNIOR DIVISION** Ages 8 – 10
- ___ **CLASS 904 INTERMEDIATE DIVISION** Ages 11-13
- ___ **CLASS 905 SENIOR DIVISION** Ages 14-18

Public Speaking Contest Information
Department B – Division 154
Speech and Public Service Announcement (PSA)

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ELIGIBILITY

- Youth must be currently enrolled in 4-H to participate in the Public Speaking contest.
- Youth in the Junior, Intermediate or Senior divisions may participate in both the Speech and PSA categories.
- Only individuals may compete in the speech or radio PSA competitions – no teams.
- Youth must be selected at their County Public Speaking contest to compete in State competition.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST ADVANCEMENT RULES

The 2021 State Public Speaking Contest will be held as part of the PASE/Life Challenge experience on UNL East campus. After county contests, the top five (5) competitors in both Speech and PSA from Intermediate and Senior age groups will be invited to compete at the statewide Public Speaking Contest. Competitors will be broken down as follows:

PSA

- Intermediate Top 5 from County Competition
- Senior Top 5 from County Competition

Speech

- Intermediate Top 5 from County Competition
- Senior Top 5 from County Competition

To qualify, all participants must earn a purple ribbon at the county competition. Youth do not have to be present at the statewide competition to participate in the PSA contest.

SPEECH

A good resource, **A Guide to Making Great 4-H Speeches**,
<https://4h.unl.edu/documents/guidetomakinggreatspeeches.pdf>

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SPEECH RULES

- For junior, intermediate and senior divisions; all speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.
- Clover Kids are allowed to give a simple speech that does not have to relate to 4-H. They may also recite a simple poem they have learned, the 4-H Pledge, etc. that is age appropriate.
- 4-H public speakers may not use an old speech written by a sibling, other 4-H member, or anyone else.
- Small note cards are permitted but should not be directly read from.
- 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.
- See score sheet for additional judging criteria. <http://4h.unl.edu/public-speaking>

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (PSA)

A good resource, **How to Prepare a 4-H Radio Public Service Announcement**,
<https://4h.unl.edu/documents/PSA.pdf>

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CLASS 903 JUNIOR DIVISION Ages 8 – 10
CLASS 904 INTERMEDIATE DIVISION Ages 11-13
CLASS 905 SENIOR DIVISION Ages 14-18

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (PSA) RULES

- All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.
- The state theme for the 2021 Public Service Announcement is **TBD** and should be incorporated in the PSA.
- All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year.
- All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about the University of Nebraska—Lincoln 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.
- 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.
- No team PSA's are allowed.
- PSA's at the county level will be given in person, but a recording must be submitted for entries that advance to the regional level.
- PSA's that are chosen for the Regional contest must be submitted electronically as a .wav or mp3 format along with the Regional registration form.
- Judges will deduct three points from the contestant's score for each 3 seconds under or over the time limit. (Senior division only.)
- See score sheet for additional judging criteria. <http://4h.unl.edu/public-speaking>