**2022 Gage County 4-H Public Speaking Contest**

**Sunday, April 10, 2022, 2:00 pm**

**Extension Meeting Room, 1115 West Scott Street, Beatrice**

**Sponsored by KWBE - KUTT Radio & Gage County 4-H Council**

**Online Entry Deadline: April 1, 2022**

Online registration: <https://22publicspeakingcontest.eventbrite.com>

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. Youth may participate in both the Speech and Radio Public Service Announcement (PSA) divisions (one entry per division). Must be enrolled in 4-H. Dress appropriately but 4-H attire not required. Ribbons presented at the contest.

Speech Division – Premium Category 4

PSA Division – Premium Category 6

**Speech Division:**

* Visual aids and props not allowed. Note cards are acceptable.
* Original speech with 4-H as the major component.
* 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.
* If you are reading or reciting a poem or story in the Junior Division, credit the author in a beginning statement. For example: “I am presenting a piece from *Charlotte’s Web* by E. B. White”.

**Radio PSA Division:** Theme – “Opportunity 4 All”

* PSA is 60 seconds in length
* Subject must promote 4-H, be general enough to be used anywhere in the state, at any time of the year. Do not include county specific details.
* Must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: “Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu” (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
* Email your PSA to [sdannehl3@unl.edu](mailto:sdannehl3@unl.edu) by April 1 for county contest in .wav or .mp3 format.
* Bring extra copy of PSA script for the judge

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| **Division** | **4-H age**  **as of January 1, 2022** | **Length** |  |
| Junior Speech | Ages 8 - 9 | 1 – 3 minutes | Recite or read a poem, short story, etc. OR original speech relating to 4-H |
| Intermediate Speech | Ages 10 – 13 | 3 – 5 minutes | Original speech relating to 4-H |
| Senior Speech | Ages 14 – 18 | 5 – 8 minutes | Original speech relating to 4-H |
| Junior Radio PSA | Ages 8 - 9 | 60 seconds | Must promote 4-H or “Opportunity 4 All” |
| Intermediate Radio PSA | Ages 10 – 13 | 60 seconds | Must promote 4-H or “Opportunity 4 All” |
| Senior Radio PSA | Ages 14 - 18 | 60 seconds | Must promote 4-H or “Opportunity 4 All” |

**Nebraska 4-H Public Speaking Contest: June 24 – Lincoln**

* 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. PSA entries submitted on tape (.wav or .mp3 format).
* PSA contestants may be coordinated with KWBE to record PSA for state contest submission. You will not attend the state competition in person for the PSA division.
* Following the contest, the top 5 contestants from each age division will be invited to showcase their speeches at the Nebraska State Fair. The top 5 PSAs from each age division will be played at the Raising Nebraska building during the State Fair.
* For more information, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/public-speaking>