

# Public Speaking

**Premiums:** Purple \$5; Blue \$3.75; Red \$2.50; White \$1.25

**General Information:** The **Hall County Speech Contest** will be held at College Park on **March 12, 2024**.

- Pre-registration required by February 27.
- This contest encourages 4-H members to prepare a new and original speech and/or Public Service Announcement (PSA) each year.
- All speeches and PSA's will be judged for appropriate content and participants for appropriate dress.
- Visual aids and props are not allowed.
- Rules, guidelines and a guide to making great speeches can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event-contests>.
- Class is based on **4-H age** (as of Dec. 31, previous year)
- Refer to newsletter and email for most current information.

## **Speech guidelines:**

- First time speakers (Novice) may read or recite a selected story or poem in lieu of writing an original speech.
- A **Novice** speaker is anyone 4-H age 8-10 who has never given a speech in a 4-H contest.
- Junior, intermediate and senior speakers must write an original speech which promotes 4-H.
- Various topics are allowed but a 4-H theme should be maintained.
- If the speech or story has been written by someone else, credit must be given at the beginning of the presentation. It is not part of the time frame.

## **Public Service Announcement Guidelines:**

- Radio PSA's must be submitted electronically as .wav or .mp3 audio formats (No CDs accepted).
- PSA's **must** promote 4-H (except Clover Kid and Novice divisions) and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska. The PSA should include: (1) a catchy introduction (2) a body with information and/or a story about 4-H (3) a closing including where listener can get more information.
- All 4-H PSA's 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."*** The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit. ***The 2024 PSA theme is "4-H is a Feeling."***

## **Classes**

- ▶ **Clover Kid** - 4-H age 5 to 7, 2 minutes or less, poem, story, reading, etc., non-competitive (Hall County only)
- ▶ **Novice** - 4-H age 8-10, 1-3 minutes, no prior speech competition, can use poem/story (Hall County only)
- ▶ **Junior** - 4-H age 8-10, 2-3 minutes in length, original speech relating to 4-H
- ▶ **Intermediate** - 4-H age 11-13, 3-5 minutes in length, original speech relating to 4-H
- ▶ **Senior** - 4-H age 14 and older, 5-8 minutes in length, original speech relating to 4-H
- ▶ **PSA** - promotes and informs listeners about 4-H, **60 second** PSA for ages 8-18; **30 second** PSA for ages 5-7.