



PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PSA CONTEST
April 5, 2021
6:30 p.m. - Kearney County Fairgrounds
Pre-register by noon on April 5th

This 4-H Contest provides 4-H'ers with the opportunity to develop the life-time skill of public speaking in an "audience friendly" contest. The contests is divided into 6 different divisions. Trophies will be awarded in each division except Future 4-H'ers.

- CLOVER KID:** This division is for Clover Kid 4-H'ers ages 5 to 7. As a beginning speaker, less is expected. This will be a non-competitive division, where 4-H'ers are evaluated, but not judged. Participants will receive future 4-H'er ribbons. Enjoy the experience! You will find it fun! Choose any topic to speak about. Read a poem, favorite story, or tell of a favorite place you have visited. If it is written by someone else, tell who the author is at the beginning. Your talk can be two minutes or less in length. This is division is not eligible for advancement to the district speech contest.
- JUNIOR:** Age is 8 to 9 year olds as of January 1, 2021. You may use a poem or a story. Time limit is under 3 minutes in length. This is division is not eligible for advancement to the district speech contest.
- ADVANCED JUNIOR:** Age is 8 to 9 year olds as of January 1, 2021. Must be an original speech relating to 4-H. You may tell about an experience in 4-H including projects, activities, or experiences. Time limit is one to three minutes in length.
- INTERMEDIATE:** Age limit is 10-13 years old as of January 1, 2021. In your speech, you may talk about any experiences in 4-H. Time limit is three to five minutes in length.
- SENIOR:** Age limit is 14 years or older by January 1, 2021. Time is limited to five to eight minutes. Speech must be 4-H related and written by the 4-H'er.
- PSA:** All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.
- The state theme for the 2021 Public Service Announcement is **"Opportunity 4 All"** and must be incorporated into 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 Nebraska 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. Please use .wav or .mp3 audio formats when recording your PSA.
- The Public Service Announcement division is open to any age level and must be on some aspect of the 4-H program of interest to the 4-H'er.



Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Use of visual aids and props are not allowed. There is a presentation contest where visuals are allowed.

Judges will deduct three points from the contestant's score for each 30 seconds under or over the time limit. (Senior division only).

Intermediate and Senior Division Speech winners and PSA winners will advance to state competition.

Youth may participate in both the Speech and PSA Divisions.

Radio PSA's will be submitted on tape two weeks prior to the Regional Contest in the Region/District where the 4-H'er resides. The time limit for PSA's is 60 seconds.

Many speakers in the Public Speaking Contest have given speeches in other contests. This is fine; however you cannot use the same speech for the 4-H contest. You may use the same ideas from a speech you used before, but make enough changes to make that speech new to you and the audience.

Acknowledge your source of information. An article from a magazine may be used for reference but should not be quoted directly unless you tell the audience your source.

If anyone would like any help with their speech, call Rhonda and she will set up a time to work with you.