

# 2020 4-H Communication Contest – Presentations

**Purpose:** The 4-H Presentation Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating. Through the contest, youth have an opportunity to teach others about the skills they have learned in 4-H by developing and delivering a presentation.

## Rules and Regulations:

- **The Communications contest will be done virtually this year. ALL submissions will be pre-recorded.**
- Record using a phone, tablet, computer, or video camera. Files should be raw video with NO editing. Files should be saved in the MP3 or MP4 format.
- **Recordings due to Elizabeth by May 27<sup>th</sup>. After enrollment (May 20), Elizabeth will send an email to participants with instructions and information and a link to a BOX folder to upload your videos.**
- **All entries MUST be 4-H related.**
- **Classes**
  - **Clover Kid Show & Tell** – Non-competitive class for Clover Kids where they can show and tell about one of their favorite things.
  - **Illustrated Presentation:** a live presentation with a formal talk where youth will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something. Enrollment in the project are in which the participant is making a presentation is not required.
  - **4-H Film Fest (Digital Videos):** Films that display the recording, reproducing, and broadcasting of moving visual images. During the contest, youth will provide a 1-minute oral introduction (name, background/goal of presentation, intended audience, where presentation could be shared, etc.) followed by the showing of their Digital Video.  
**Film Topic:** 4-H Film Fest digital videos should engage the audience and teach them something the 4-Her is learning about science, healthy living, citizenship, or agricultural literacy. Enrollment in the project are in which the participant is making a video is not required. The following Digital Videos may be entered in 4-H Film Fest:
    - **Video Public Service Announcement:** A short video that communicates an educational message focused on a cause, activity, or event (Length: 60 seconds).
    - **Narrative:** A video that tells a fact or fiction story (Length: 3-5 minutes).
    - **Documentary:** A video that presents factual information about a person, event, or process (Length: 3-5 minutes).
    - **Animation:** A video created by techniques that simulate movement from individual images (Length: 3-5 minutes).
- Teams may consist of two individual 4-H members
- A 4-Her may participate in only one Presentation and one 4-H Film Fest.
- Presentations must receive a purple placing in the county contest to attend the state contest.
- Participants must be at least 10 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year to attend the state contest.
- Dress appropriately (4-H attire is not required)
- Judges will make deductions from the contestants score for presentations under or over the time limit.
- Flip over for helpful tips on recording

Division	4-H Age Guidelines As of December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Time Guidelines
Clover Kid Show & Tell	5 – 7 years old	Under 3 minutes
Junior Division Illustrated Presentation	8 – 10 years old	6 - 8 minutes for individuals 8-10 minutes for teams
Junior Division 4-H Film Fest	8 – 10 years old	See Above
Intermediate Division Illustrated Presentation	11 – 13 years old	6 - 8 minutes for individuals 8-10 minutes for teams
Intermediate Division 4-H Film Fest	11 – 13 years old	See Above
Senior Division Illustrated Presentation	14 years of age and older	6 - 8 minutes for individuals 8-10 minutes for teams
Senior Division 4-H Film Fest	14 years of age and older	See Above

**2020 4-H Presentation Contest Registration Form  
DUE to the Extension Office by Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age (Dec. 31) \_\_\_\_\_

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Division \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment Required \_\_\_\_\_

## **Helpful Tips for Recording**

- Use natural lighting.
- Shoot indoors (if possible) in a quiet area.
- Avoid direct sunlight
- Avoid cluttered backgrounds
- Keep the recording device horizontal (not vertical) when shooting the video.
- Stabilize the recording device (set it on a table, a book, use a tripod, etc.) so the shot is steady.
- Record 3-5 seconds before AND after you begin speaking (if applicable).