

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

ELIGIBILITY

- A. Youth may participate in both the Speech and PSA categories.
- B. Only individuals may compete in the speech or radio PSA competition.

GENERAL RULES

SPEECH

- A. Divisions and Length of Speeches:
 - a. Clover Kid (Ages 5-7): – no time limit
 - i. Section I – Non-original speech
 - ii. Section II – Original speech
 - b. Beginner (Ages 8-10): – Suggested speech length is 1 – 3 minutes. Beginners may compete in Section I no more than 2 years.
 - i. Section I – Non-original speech
 - ii. Section II – Original speech
 - c. Intermediate (Ages 11-13): Suggested length is 3 – 5 minutes. Intermediates must give original speeches.
 - d. Senior Division (Ages 14-18): 5 to 8 minutes. Seniors must give original speeches.
- B. All original speeches must include 4-H as the major component of the speech.
- C. 4-H public speakers may not use an old speech written by a sibling, other 4-H member, or anyone else.
- D. 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.
- E. Use of visual aids and props are not allowed.
- F. Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes or special effect clothing.
- G. No team speeches are allowed.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS (PSA)

- A. All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.
- B. The state theme for the 2020 Public Service Announcement is Inspire Kids to Do, and should be incorporated in the PSA.
- C. All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year.
- D. All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about 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.
- E. 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.
- F. No team PSA's are allowed.
- G. Radio PSAs will be submitted electronically as a .wav or .mp3 format along with the registration form.

SCORING

- A. Judges will deduct three points from the contestant's speech score for each 30 seconds under or over the time limit. (Senior division only.)
- B. See scorecard for additional judging criteria. <http://4h.unl.edu/public-speaking>

B150001	Clover Kid Public Speaking Section I – Non-original Speech
B150002	Clover Kid Public Speaking Section II – Original Speech
B150003	Beginner Public Speaking Section I – Non-original Speech
B150004	Beginner Public Speaking Section II – Original Speech
B150005	Intermediate Public Speaking
B150006	Senior Public Speaking
B150007	Clover Kid Audio P.S.A.
B150008	Beginner Audio P.S.A.
B150009	Intermediate Audio P.S.A.
B150010	Senior Audio P.S.A.