

SPEECH CONTEST

Premiums: P-\$3.,B-2.75,R-2.25,W-1.75

The Speech Contest is a combined event held with Gosper and Phelps County 4-H'ers. The location of the contest will rotate on an annual basis, with **the contest** being held in Phelps Co. in 2024 and Gosper Co. in 2025 .

Participants will follow the rules and guidelines of the host county.

The 2024 Public Speaking Contest has the following age divisions: Clover Kid, Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior. **Clover Kids, ages 5-7**, will recite a short poem or story. The **Novice includes 4-H'ers ages 8, 9 years old**. Novice Division: speeches are a recitation of a favorite poem or story written by someone other than the 4-H member. Talk length is 3 minutes or less on any topic. Novice is not eligible for the District Contest. **The Junior Division, ages 8,9,10** should give a speech they have written themselves. Speech length is 1 to 3 minutes. **A 4-H member may participate in either Novice or Junior; but not both.** **Intermediate speakers, ages 11-13** will give 4-H related, personally written speeches 3 to 5 minutes in length. **Senior Division includes all 4-H'ers 14 and older** and their 4-H related, personally written speech length is 5 to 8 minutes. **ALL SPEECHES in Junior, Intermediate and Senior must be 4-H related topics.**

A Public Service Announcement (PSA) class will be conducted. PSA's will be 60 seconds in length. In the PSA division, ribbon placings only will be awarded. Champions will not be selected in the PSA contest. A 4-H'er may participate in one speech/recitation division (Classes 1-4) and in one PSA (Class 5).

All PSA's **must** be submitted prior to the contest for judging. Radio PSA's will be submitted electronically as a .wav or mp3 format along with the 4-H member's registration form. Entries will be judged in advance of the public speaking contest. Ages and specifications for each division for the current contest are subject to change after considering the current district guidelines. Check with the Rules for the current contest will be printed in the 4-H Family Newsletter. Ages are as of January 1. Speeches should be a product of current year's work.

The state theme for 2024 is 4-H IS A FEELING

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 4H PSA's are 60 seconds in length and must include the following tag line within the last 10 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. 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. No team PSA's.

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Class +B154912 Jr Class +B154915 PSA's