



# SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING ENTRY FORM – DUE APRIL 1

Name: (One exhibitor per form) \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name/County: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Age (as of 12/31 prior year): \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one:    Clover Kids (ages 5-7)                  Junior (ages 8-10)                  Intermediate (ages 11-13)                  Senior (ages 14-18)

Through the Southeast Nebraska 4-H Public Speaking Contest, youth have an opportunity to write a speech or a public service announcement (PSA) that incorporates the topic of 4-H and deliver it to an audience. The Public Speaking Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to real audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence.

- Youth may enter one or both categories; however only one entry per category is allowed.
- Youth do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to compete at the county level.
- 4-H Attire is NOT required. Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes or special effect clothing.
- All speeches or PSAs should be original work and not something previously used by a sibling, another 4-H member, or anyone else.
- Only individuals may compete in this class; no team speeches or PSAs allowed.
- Speeches and PSAs not within the allotted time limit will be lowered one ribbon placing.
- Five contestants in each age division, in both speech and PSA categories, will be selected to advance to the Premier Communications Event held in Lincoln on June 18, 2024. Speeches and PSAs must include 4-H as the major component to advance to the State contest.

Please place a check next to the contest(s) you are entering and provide your speech/PSA title or topic below.

✓	Category	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Speech	Topic: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Service Announcement	Topic: _____

Division	4-H Age Guidelines as of January 1	Time Guidelines	Special Guidelines	Awards
Clover Kid	5 - 7 years	NA	May read or recite any short story, nursery rhyme, poem, pledge, etc. Credit the author in the beginning statement. Topic does not have to be 4-H related.	Clover Kid Ribbon
Junior Speech	8 - 10 years	2 to 3 minutes	<p>All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech to advance to the state contest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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.</li> <li>▪ The use of visual aids and props is not allowed. Note cards are acceptable.</li> <li>▪ For Senior Division Only, judges will deduct 3 points from the score for ever 30 seconds under or over the time limit.</li> </ul>	All participants receive a ribbon. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each age division.
Intermediate Speech	11 - 13 years	3 to 5 minutes		
Senior Speech	14 - 18 years	5 to 8 minutes		
Junior Radio PSA	8 - 10 years	60 seconds	<p>PSA should be submitted electronically as a .wav or mp3 format along with the registration form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All PSAs will use the state theme as the basis for their PSA. The 2024 PSA theme is <b>“4-H is a Feeling.”</b></li> <li>▪ All PSAs must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year.</li> <li>▪ All 4-H PSAs must include the following tagline within the last 10 seconds of the PSA: “Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu.” The tagline is included in the 60 second time limit.</li> <li>▪ Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used.</li> <li>▪ All PSAs must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSAs written and provided by the state or national staff.</li> </ul>	All participants receive a ribbon. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each age division.
Intermediate Radio PSA	11 - 13 years			
Senior Radio PSA	14 - 18 years			

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