



Richardson County 4-H/FFA Junior Fair

PUBLIC SPEAKING ENTRY FORM – DUE APRIL 1

Name: _____

Club Name: _____

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 Richardson County 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.

- One exhibitor per entry sheet
- Youth may enter one or both categories, once per exhibitor
- 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.
- No team speeches or PSA's are allowed
- Speeches and PSA's not within the allotted time limit will be lowered one ribbon placing
- Five contestants in each age division (Intermediate & Senior) in both speech and PSA categories will be selected to advance to the State Public Speaking Contest. The State Public Speaking Contest will be held in Lincoln on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Speeches and PSA's must include 4-H as the major component to advance to State.

Check all contests entering:

✓	Contest Name	
	Speech	Topic: _____
	Public Service Announcement	Topic: _____

Division	4-H Age Guidelines as of January 1	Time Guidelines	Special Guidelines	Rewards
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.	Clover Kid Ribbon
Junior Speech	8 - 10 years	1 to 3 minutes	All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech to advance to the State Public Speaking Contest.	All participants receive a ribbon. Champion and Reserve Champion awarded.
Intermediate Speech	11 - 13 years	3 to 5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. 	All participants receive a ribbon. Champion and Reserve Champion awarded.
Senior Speech	14 - 18 years	5 to 8 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The use of visual aids and props is not allowed. Note cards are acceptable. ▪ Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes or special effects clothing. 	All participants receive a ribbon. Champion and Reserve Champion awarded.
Junior Radio PSA	8 - 10 years	60 seconds	PSA should be submitted electronically as a .wav or mp3 format two weeks prior to the contest.	Ribbon given to each participant. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded for top Junior, Intermediate & Senior PSA combined.
Intermediate Radio PSA	11 - 13 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All PSA's will use the state theme as the basis for their PSA. The 2021 PSA theme is "Opportunity 4 All" ▪ All PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year. 	
Senior Radio PSA	14 - 18 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All 4-H PSA's must include the following tagline within the last 10 seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about the Nebraska Extension Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu." The tagline is included in the 60 second time limit. ▪ Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used. 	