

SPEECH

Purple \$6

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Speech Contest is on Monday, April 22 at 6 p.m. Registration due Monday, April 15.

Prepared Speech Contest Rules:

Contest provides youth the opportunity to write and prepare a speech on a topic related to their 4-H experience.

Length of Speeches:

Junior Division: (ages 8-10) 2-3 minutes

Intermediate Division: (ages 11-13) 3-5 minutes

Senior Division: (ages 14-18) 5-8 minutes

All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech. Many speakers in the Public Speaking Contest have given speeches in other contest. This is fine; however previous speeches may not be used verbatim for the 4-H contest. It is okay to use the same ideas from a speech previously delivered in competition, but it must be 4-H related. Enough changes should be made to make that speech new to the speaker and the audience. 4-H public speakers may not use an old speech written by a sibling, other 4-H member, or anyone else. 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. Use of visual aids and props are not allowed. Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes or special effect clothing. No team speeches are allowed.

Impromptu Speech

Competition gives youth the opportunity to write and present a speech around a 4-H-related topic that they select during the competition, where they are given 15 minutes to develop and prepare for their presentation.

Length of Speeches:

Junior Division: (ages 8-10) 1 ½ minutes

Intermediate Division: (ages 11-13) 3 minutes

Senior Division: (ages 14-18) 5 minutes

Only individuals may compete in this class; no team entries are allowed. On the day of the contest, participants will have a topic randomly selected for them. Youth will have no more than 15 minutes to develop a speech on the selected topic. Participants will then deliver the speech to judges and audience members. Example topic: My Day in 4-H.

Radio Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest Rules:

Contest challenges youth to write and record a 60-second promotional audio recording focused on a yearly theme that could be played on the radio to promote the work of Nebraska 4-H.

All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.

All PSA's will use the state theme as the basis for their PSA.

The state theme for the 2024 Public Service Announcement is "**4-H is a Feeling**" and should be incorporated in the PSA. 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 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last 10 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. 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 are allowed. Radio PSA's will be submitted on CD. Use .wav or .mp3 audio formats when recording your PSA.

DEPARTMENT B - DIVISION 159

Age divisions are based on 4-H age (4-H age is the member's age before January 1 of the current year).

Classes:

900. Junior Division, age 8-10

901. Intermediate Division, age 11-13

902. Senior Division, age 14-18

Classes;

903. PSA Division, Junior age 8-10

904. PSA Division, Intermediate age 11-13

905. PSA Division, Senior age 14-18

These classes may be combined if there are lack of entries.