



4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

April 9, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Wayne County Courthouse Courtroom, 510 N Pearl St, Wayne, NE 68787

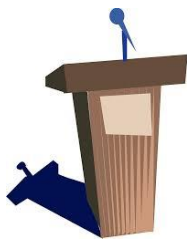
Register by April 6 by calling 402-375-3310 or emailing wayne-county@unl.edu with your name, whether doing a speech, PSA or both, the title of the speech, and age division.

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. The top three contestants in each of the junior, intermediate and senior divisions of each category (Speech & PSA) are eligible to represent Wayne County at the Regional Public Speaking Contest on May 24, 2018 at Wayne State College.

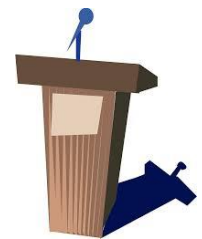
The *Guide to Making Great Speeches* and *How to Prepare a 4-H Radio Public Service Announcement* manuals are available at <http://4h.unl.edu/public-speaking/regional> (Resources box on the right side of the page) and at the Extension Office.

Age Divisions (all ages as of December 31, 2017)

- Clover Kids - 4-Hers 5-7 years. May read a poem or story, or talk to the audience about any topic they choose. May be written by 4-Her or someone else. Suggested length: under 2 minutes.
Non-competitive
- Novice - 4-Hers 10 years and younger who have never competed in a speech contest before. May read a poem or story, or talk to the audience about any topic they choose...4-H or otherwise. May be written by 4-Her or someone else. (4-Hers eligible for novice age division may compete in the junior age division if they choose, but cannot compete in both.)
Suggested length: under 3 minutes.
- Junior - 4-Hers 8-10 years. Original speech relating to 4-H 1-3 minutes in length.
- Intermediate - 4-Hers 11-13 years. Original speech relating to 4-H 3-5 minutes in length.
- Senior - for 4-Hers 14 years and older. Original speech relating to 4-H 5-8 minutes in length.



Turn over for Speech and Public Service Announcement Guidelines



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Speech Category Guidelines:

- 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 contests. 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.

Public Service Announcement (PSA) Category Guidelines:

- Novice PSA's can be 30 or 60 seconds in length. All other age divisions must be 60 seconds.
- The state theme for the 2018 Public Service Announcement (PSA) is **"4-H Grows True Leaders"**.
- All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at anytime of the year.
- All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten 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 time limit.
- All PSA's must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use the PSA's provided by the state or national staff.
- The PSA's may be presented live or on tape at the contest. PSA's may be taped on a personal device or at a local radio station. Sound effects and public domain music may be used on recorded PSA's. Copyrighted material may NOT be used.
- No team PSA's are allowed

Giving Your Speech

- When introduced, walk briskly to the podium.
- Pause, smile, and look at everyone before starting.
- Stand tall, don't lean on the podium.
- Be confident.
- Speak loud and clear.
- Speak normally, don't rush.
- Don't read your speech off your cards.
- Look at your audience like you are talking to each of them.
Have good eye contact.