



## 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

April 4, 2022

6:30 p.m.

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

Register by April 1 by calling 402-375-3310 or emailing [wayne-county@unl.edu](mailto:wayne-county@unl.edu) with your name, whether doing a speech, PSA or both, the title of the speech, and age division.

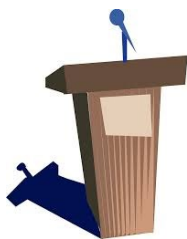
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The Public Speaking Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to real audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence. The top five contestants in each of the intermediate and senior divisions of each category (Speech & PSA) are eligible to represent Wayne County at the State Public Speaking Contest on June 24 in Lincoln.

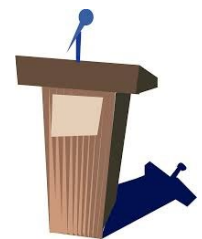
The *Guide to Making Great Speeches* and *How to Prepare a 4-H Radio Public Service Announcement* manuals are available at [4h.unl.edu/public-speaking](http://4h.unl.edu/public-speaking) (Resources box on the right side of the page) and at the Extension Office.

### Age Divisions (all ages as of December 31, 2021)

- **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 9 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 8-9 years. Original speech relating to 4-H 1-3 minutes in length.
- **Intermediate** - 4-Hers 10-13 years. Original speech relating to 4-H 3-5 minutes in length.
- **Senior** - 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.
- 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 and Junior Division PSA's can be 30 or 60 seconds in length. All other age divisions must be 60 seconds.
- The state theme for the 2022 Public Service Announcement (PSA) is "**Opportunity 4 All**".
- 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](http://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 at the contest or electronically. PSA's may be recorded 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 area where speech will be given.
- Pause, smile, and look at everyone before starting.
- Stand tall.
- 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.