

# 4-H Pre-Fair Contests

## Public Speaking

A 4-H'er in any division can enter one speech and / or one PSA in the contest. With the exception of the Clover Kids and Novice class, all speeches must be an original speech relating to 4-H.

## Speech Contest

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Speeches vary in time length by age and experience of the contestant.

- **Senior Division** (14 - 18 years old), speeches are original speeches relating to some aspect of 4-H, written by the member and 5-8 minutes long. Use of notecards is allowed, but not encouraged. Eligible for regional and state contest.
- **Intermediate Division** (11 - 13 year olds), speeches are original speeches relating to some aspect of 4-H, and 3-5 minutes long. Use of notecards is allowed, but not encouraged. Eligible for regional contest.
- **Junior Division** (8-10 year olds), speeches are original speeches relating to some aspect of 4-H, and 1-3 minutes long. Use of notecards is allowed, but shouldn't be a crutch. Eligible for regional contest.
- **Novice Division** (8-10 year olds who have not competed in the contest before). Participants can read or recite a poem or story, talk about a place, item or event, and under 3 minutes long. Notecards are allowed.
- **Clover Kid** (5-7 year olds): Time limit is under 2 minutes. Can be a speech, poem or story. Does not have to be about 4-H.

**B100901 - Senior Division 14-18 yrs old**

**B100902 - Intermediate Division 11-13 yrs old**

**B100903 - Junior Division 8-10 yrs old**

**B100904 - Novice Division (first-time in contest)**

**B100905 - Clover Kid Speech Division 5-7 yrs old**

## **PSA Contest**

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Radio PSA's will be submitted electronically along with the PSA text prior to the County Contest. Radio PSA's must promote 4-H

- All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.
- The state theme for the 2020 Public Service Announcement is "**Opportunity 4 All**" 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 ten 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.

**B101901 - Senior Division 14-18 yrs old**

**B101902 - Intermediate Division 11-13 yrs old**

**B101903 - Junior Division 8-10 yrs old**

## **Presentation Contest**

### **4-H Illustrated Presentations Contest**

**Scoresheet SF65**

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All entries must be pre-entered on the General Entry Form by the first Friday of July at the Extension Office. Entries must receive a Purple ribbon at county fair and be selected to advance to State Fair.

An Illustrated Presentation, given by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals, is a live presentation with a formal talk where youth will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something. Presentations are given on a stage. Judge views the entire presentation and engages in a question and answer session following presentation.

**Participant Requirements:**

- All participants must have received a purple rating at a County 4-H Presentations contest.
- Youth may only participate in one class within Division 151.
- Time limit is 6-8 minutes for a presentation given by an individual, and 8-10 minutes for a presentation given by a team.  
Participants may be penalized if their presentation exceeds the time limits.

**Presentation Topic:**

- All 4-H Presentations topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experience focused on the priorities of career and college readiness, community development, entrepreneurship, food supply confidence, healthy living, leadership development, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, math).
- 4-H Presentations should include an introduction (the “why” portion of the topic), a body (the “show and tell” portion of the topic), and a conclusion/summary (the “what” portion of the topic).

**Contest Information:**

- The contest dates and locations for all classes can be found in the 4-H Schedule at: <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair>. The contest times will be made available online at <https://4h.unl.edu/fairbook/contests/>

presentations as soon as possible after Nebraska State Fair entries are due.

- The check-in area will contain a refrigerator and a temporary storage space for presentation supplies. Only presenters and contest officials will be permitted in the designated preparation areas; no relatives or friends, please. Presenters are expected to clean up the areas in which they work.
- Equipment provided includes two (2) tables, one (1) easel, PC Compatible Computer (including the following software: Apple QuickTime Player, Microsoft Windows Media Player, and Microsoft PowerPoint 2019) with Wi-Fi internet connectivity, projector or television screen, and hands-free microphone.
- Presenters using computer-based visuals may bring files on a USB drive that is PC formatted. Participants may also provide their own computer or other equipment as needed; however, participants must be able to connect their computer to a HDMI plug on the television.
- Live animals may be used in the presentation. All fair livestock health requirements must be followed. Presenters are responsible for all stalling arrangements, care and handling of animals. Animals can only remain in the presentation area while the owner is present.

#### **B151113 - Illustrated Presentation**

##### **Teaching Trade Show Presentation Scoresheet SF66**

A Teaching (Trade Show Exhibit) Presentation, given by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals, is a live, interactive, trade show style presentation where youth will continuously engage a constantly-changing/moving audience for 30 minutes by showing and telling them how to do something

while answering questions. Multiple (up to 6) Teaching Presentations will be scheduled simultaneously, allowing fairgoers/contest attendees to learn from many 4-H youth at one time. Teaching Presentations are given behind a table amongst 4-H exhibits. Judge occasionally stops to view presentation, ask questions, and observe audience engagement.

**Participant Requirements:**

- Any Teaching (Trade Show Exhibit) Presentation that has been previously shared at the County 4-H Presentation Contest or other event that has a live audience (4-H Club Meeting, Community Event, etc.) is eligible for this division.
- Participants will present for 30 minutes in front of a constantly-changing/moving audience.

**Presentation Topic:**

- Teaching (Trade Show Exhibit)  
Presentations should engage the audience and teach them about something the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences focused on the priorities of college and career readiness, community development, entrepreneurship, food supply confidence, healthy living, leadership development, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, math).

**Contest Information:**

- The contest dates for all classes can be found in the 4-H schedule at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair>. The contest times will be available online at <https://4h.unl.edu/fairbook/contests/presentationsas> soon as possible after Nebraska State Fair entries are due.
- The check-in area will contain a refrigerator and a temporary storage space for presentation supplies. Only presenters and

contest officials will be permitted in the designated preparation areas; no relatives or friends, please.

- Presenters are expected to clean up the areas in which they work.
- Equipment provided includes one (1) table, one (1) easel, electricity, and Wi-Fi internet connectivity.
- Live animals may be used in the presentation. All fair livestock health requirements must be followed. Presenters are responsible for all stalling arrangements, care and handling of animals. Animals can only remain in the presentation area while the owner is present.

#### **B152001 - Teaching Presentation**

##### **Clover Kid Show & Tell**

Pay Code 240

All entries must be pre-entered on the General Entry Form by the first Friday of July at the Extension Office.

The purpose of this contest is to give Clover Kids an opportunity to show and tell about an item they have made during the current year. The participant will bring the item and give a 1 - 3 minute talk.

#### **B151901 - Clover Kid Show & Tell**

##### **Culinary Challenge Contest**

Pay Code 170

All entries must be pre-entered on the General Entry Form by the first Friday of July at the Extension Office.

The 4-H Culinary Challenge Contest will require youth to demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, food preparation, menu planning, and food safety; utilizing a foods and nutrition curriculum. They will apply healthy living knowledge and skills by planning a nutritious menu, demonstrating their understanding of time

management skills in the kitchen, and expressing their originality and creativity through an appropriate themed and properly set table. To showcase these skills, youth will create a menu, prepare one food item, and choose an appropriate theme for their occasion while expressing their food, nutrition, and food safety knowledge during a live interview with a judge at the contest. In order to highlight knowledge and skills acquired during pre-contest preparation, youth will utilize technology as part of their interview.

#### **Rules**

##### **Challenge Ingredient/Item**

1. A challenge ingredient will be selected each year, highlighting a Nebraska commodity food product. **The 2021 challenge ingredient is honey.** Please keep food safety in mind when selecting the recipe used for the Challenge. Foods must be able to be kept chilled during transport to the contest, then be able to be re-heated in a slow cooker or microwave. Each team must incorporate the challenge ingredient into their food item they will be presenting during the contest. This may require altering a recipe or creatively incorporating an item into their overall table theme. The challenge ingredient must also be included in the interview presentation, demonstrating youth knowledge of the ingredient, such as nutritional value, a farm-to-fork concept, or how to adapt a recipe to include the ingredient.

##### **Judges Interview**

1. The team should view themselves as the hosts, welcoming the judge, cooperatively presenting the table to the judge, incorporating multi-media resources, and answering any questions from the judge. Teams must be prepared to present to the judge utilizing technology, such as PowerPoint, picture story, or other multi-media resource. Presentations may include

photos, clip art, animation, video or audio sound. The 4-H members should cooperatively present a verbal presentation to the judge that is highlighted by their multi-media presentation via computer or tablet. Participants must provide their own computer or other equipment needed for their 4-H Foods Event judging interview. Presentations will occur at participants' tables. Please do not bring projectors or other equipment which will require extra space.

Considerations should be given to creatively include the following items through the multi-media presentation:

- Nutritional facts of their menu
- Food safety
- Time management
- Choice of menu
- Food preparation
- Cost of item/per serving
- Food handling techniques
- Recipe of the food item shared with the judge
- Challenge ingredient (nutritional value, farm-to-fork, recipe revision, etc.)

#### **General Rules / Guidelines**

1. For State Fair, teams will consist of two (2) members to be eligible to compete. 4-H members must be 10 years of age as of Jan 1 of current year.
2. All participants must be enrolled in a 4-H foods and nutrition project during the current 4-H year.
3. Judging interviews will be approximately 12 to 15 minutes. This time includes a short presentation by the teams, as well as questions from the judge.
4. Participants should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your assigned time to set

- up their table.
5. Participants must provide their own card table for the display.
  6. Upon arriving, check-in at the registration table. Participants will be assigned a specific area to set up.
  7. Check-in area will contain a refrigerator, a microwave and \*limited\* temporary storage for table settings.
  8. Only contestants will be allowed to set up or arrange table settings.
  9. Participants must have their table setting ready by the assigned time. Once tables are set, contestants should stay with their tables, as they are responsible for items placed on tables. Chairs will be available for contestants.
  10. During judging, 4-H members may choose to dress in appropriate clothing, costume, or accessories relevant to the theme.
  11. All tables will be removed following a designated time. Tables will be available for judging and public viewing for a maximum of 2 hours.

**F500098 - Senior Division** 14-18

**F500097 - Intermediate Division** 10-13

**County Only Classes**

**F500996 - Junior Division** 8-9

**F500995 - Clover Kid Division** 5-7

**FilmFest  
Scoresheet SF67**

Pay Code 170

All entries must be pre-entered on the General Entry Form by the first Friday of July at the Extension Office.

The 4-H FilmFest is the display of digital videos that show the recording, reproducing, and broadcasting of moving visual images.

Digital videos submitted will be judged live at the 4-H Presentation Contest. The judge will view

the videos live and engage in a question and answer session with the video producer (s). The 4-H participant will be on the stage for a formal introduction and then seated in the audience for viewing of video.

Digital videos may be created by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals. During the 4-H FilmFest, youth will provide a 1-minute oral introduction (name, background/goal of presentation, intended audience, where presentation could be shared, etc.) followed by the showing of their digital video.

**Participant Requirements:**

1. All participants must be 10 years old before January 1 of the current year.
2. Participants are required to pay a non-refundable fee of \$5 for each participant or \$10 for a team of two participants.
3. Each participant is required to wear the 4-H chevron, 4-H emblem, or 4-H shirt during the 4-H FilmFest .

**Film Topic:**

1. 4-H FilmFest digital videos should engage the audience and teach them about something the 4-H youth is learning about career and college readiness, community development, entrepreneurship, food supply confidence, healthy living, leadership development, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).
2. Enrollment in the project area in which the participant is making a presentation is not required.

**Contest Information:**

1. Date and Location: Please refer to the Nebraska State Fair Schedule.
2. All digital videos entered in this class must be submitted to the **Extension Office** before the County Fair. The video may include photos, clip art, animation, text,

and/or audio/sound. Any freeware/software program may be used to create the presentation. However, the only file formats that will be accepted include: .mp4, .mov, or .avi.

#### **Eligibility**

Any 4-H FilmFest digital video that has been previously shared at the County 4-H Presentation Contest or other events that has a live audience (4-H Club Meeting, Community Event, etc.) is eligible for this division.

#### **B153001 - 4-H FilmFest (Digital Video) Contest**

### **Identification Contest**

#### **Pay Code 180**

##### **Age Divisions**

Senior Div 14-18 years old - Eligible for State  
Intermediate Div 11-13 years old Eligible for State  
Junior Div 8-10 years old County Only

Participants do not need to be enrolled in the project to be judged in the respective contest. Placing high in the senior and intermediate division will qualify the 4-H'er to represent York County at the State Fair.

Grass, Forb, Crop, & Weed Identification Contest  
F500015 - Senior Division  
F500016 - Intermediate Division  
F500917 - Junior Division  
F500918 - Clover Kid

##### **Tree Identification Contest**

F500045 - Senior Division  
F500046 - Intermediate Division  
F500947 - Junior Division  
F500948 - Clover Kid

##### **Horticulture Identification Contest**

F500020 - Senior Division  
F500021 - Intermediate Division

F500922 - Junior Division  
F500923 - Clover Kid

Insect Identification Contest  
F500030 - Senior Division  
F500031 - Intermediate Division  
F500932 - Junior Division  
F500933 - Clover Kid

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