

CLASS 930	Poultry Poster or Display
CLASS 935	Rabbit Poster or Display
CLASS 940	Sheep Poster or Display
CLASS 945	Swine Poster or Display
CLASS 950	Companion Animal Poster or Display
CLASS 955	Cat Poster or Display
CLASS 960	Dog Poster or Display

COMMUNICATION & EXPRESSIVE ARTS
 (COMMUNICATIONS CONTESTS, THEATER ARTS CONTEST, MUSIC CONTEST,
 COMMUNICATIONS EXHIBITS, HERITAGE & PHOTOGRAPHY)

COMMUNICATIONS CONTESTS

GENERAL RULES – COMMUNICATIONS CONTESTS

1. **ENTRY LIMITS** - Participants may enter a maximum of:

- 1 speech
- 1 Public Service Announcement (PSA)
- 1 Presentation

2. **ELIGIBILITY** - Youth must be currently enrolled in 4-H.

3. **PRE-ENTRY** - Participants must pre-enter for the Public Speaking, PSA, and Presentations

Contests by completing the appropriate entry forms and submitting them to the Johnson County Extension Office by closing on the date designated by the Extension Office.

4. **DRESS CODE** - No 4-H attire is required. Participants are expected to dress appropriately for the contest. No costumes or special effect clothing is allowed.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RULES

1. **GENERAL RULES** – See GENERAL RULES – COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

2. **AGE DIVISIONS** – Junior (8 to 10 years of age as of December 31st of the preceding year), Intermediate (11 to 13 years of age as of December 31st of the preceding year), and Senior (14 years of age and older as of December 31st of the preceding year).

3. **TIME LIMITS** –

- Junior Division – 1 to 3 minutes
- Intermediate Division – 3 to 5 minutes
- Senior Division - 5 to 8 minutes

In the Senior Division the judge will deduct three points from the contestant's score for each 30 seconds under or over the time limit.

4. **TOPIC** – All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.

5. **ORIGINAL MATERIAL** – Previous speeches may not be used verbatim in the 4-H Public Speaking Contest and the use of an old speech written by a sibling, other 4-H member, or someone else is prohibited. The same ideas from a speech previously written and delivered by the 4-H member in competition may be used, but the speech must be 4-H related. Enough changes should be made to make an old speech new to the speaker and audience.

6. **CITATIONS** – The source of information used in the speech should be acknowledged. For example, an article from a magazine may be used for reference; but should not be quoted directly unless you cite your source.

7. **VISUAL AIDS** – No visual aids or props are allowed

8. **DISTRICT CONTEST** – A county may send three individuals to the district contest in each of the following age divisions: Junior Public Speaking, Intermediate Public Speaking, and Senior Public Speaking. Participants must receive a purple ribbon to qualify for the district contest.

DEPARTMENT B		DIVISION 165		PUBLIC SPEAKING
PREMIUM	Purple \$4.00	Blue \$3.00	Red \$2.00	White \$1.00
CLASS 902	Junior Division	8 to 10 years of age		
CLASS 903	Intermediate Division	11 and 13 years of age		
CLASS 904	Senior Division	14 years of age and older		

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTEST RULES

1. **GENERAL RULES** – See GENERAL RULES – COMMUNICATIONS CONTESTS

2. **AGE DIVISIONS** – Junior (8 to 10 years of age as of December 31st of the preceding year), Intermediate (11 to 13 years of age as of December 31st of the preceding year), and Senior (14 years of age and older as of December 31st of the preceding year).

3. **TIME LIMITS** – All PSAs are to be 60 seconds in length.

4. **THEME** – All PSA's will use the designated state theme for the year.

5. **PURPOSE** – All radio PSAs must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year.

6. **TAG LINES** – All 4-H PSAs must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu." The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit.

7. **SOUND EFFECTS AND MUSIC** – Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used.

8. **ORIGINAL MATERIAL** – All PSAs must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSAs written and provided by the state or national staff.

9. **SUBMITTING PSAs** – PSAs will be submitted electronically as a .wav or .mp3 format along with the PSA's text with the Johnson County Communications Contest Entry Form to the Johnson County Extension Office by closing on the date designated by the Extension Office.

10. **DISTRICT CONTEST** – A county may send three individuals to the district contest in each of the following age divisions: Junior PSA, Intermediate PSA, and Senior PSA. Participants must receive a purple ribbon to qualify for the district contest.

DEPARTMENT B		DIVISION 165		PSAs
PREMIUM	Purple \$4.00	Blue \$3.00	Red \$2.00	White \$1.00
CLASS 905	Junior Division	8 to 10 years of age		
CLASS 906	Intermediate Division	12 and 13 years of age		
CLASS 907	Senior Division	14 years of age and older		

PRESENTATION CONTEST RULES

1. **GENERAL RULES** – See GENERAL RULES – COMMUNICATIONS CONTESTS

2. **AGE DIVISIONS** – Junior (8 to 10 years of age as of December 31st of the preceding year), Intermediate (11 to 13 years of age as of December 31st of the preceding year), and Senior (14 years of age and older as of December 31st of the preceding year).

3. **TEAMS** – May consist of two individual 4-H members. There is no separate class for team presentations.

4. CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATION – An illustrated presentation is a live presentation with a formal talk where you will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, videos, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something.

4-H FILM FEST – Digital videos are films that display the recording, reproducing, and broadcasting of moving visual images. During the 4-H Film Fest, youth will provide a one-minute oral introduction (name, background/goal of presentation, intended audience, where presentation could be shared, etc.) followed by the showing of their digital video.

Film Topic: 4-H Film Fest digital videos should engage the audience and teach them something the 4-Her is learning about science, healthy living, citizenship, or agricultural literacy. Enrollment in the project are in which the participant is making a video is not required.

The following digital videos may be entered into the 4-H film fest:

- **Video Public Service Announcement:** A short video that communicates an educational message focused on a cause, activity, or event.
- **Narrative:** A video that tells a fact or fiction story.
- **Documentary:** A video that presents factual information about a person, event, or process.
- **Animation:** A video created by techniques that simulate movement from individual images.

5. TIME LIMITS –

ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATIONS

- **Individual Presentation** – 6 to 8 minutes
- **Team Presentation** – 8 to 10 minutes

(Participants may be penalized if their presentation exceeds the limits.)

4-H FILM FEST

- **Video PSA** – 60 seconds
- **Narrative** – 3-5 minutes
- **Documentary** – 3-5 minutes
- **Animation** – 3-5 minutes

6. EQUIPMENT – An LCD projector and computer equipped with Microsoft Office (Power Point 2000 or greater) will be provided. Presentations should be brought on a USB drive. Participants may also provide their own computer or other equipment as needed. If participants will be using a file format other than Power Point please contact the Extension Office ahead of time in order to make proper arrangements.

7. STATE CONTEST – Illustrated presentations and 4-H Film Fest entries must receive a purple rating at the county contest. Participants must be at least 10 years old as of December 31st of the preceding year. Additionally, counties may advance one individual or one two-person team illustrated presentation (top purple in the county contest) to the Nebraska State Fair 4-H Premier Presentation contest. Participants in the Premier Presenter Contest must be at least 12 years old as of December 31st of the preceding year. Participants in the Premier Presenter Contest may not participate in any other presentation classes at the Nebraska State Fair.

8. MANUALS – Materials are available online at: <http://4h.unl.edu/presentations>

DEPARTMENT B		DIVISION 151		PRESENTATIONS
PREMIUM	Purple \$4.00	Blue \$3.00	Red \$2.00	White \$1.00
CLASS 901	Illustrated Presentation	Junior Division		
CLASS 902	4-H Film Fest (digital video)	Junior Division		
CLASS 903	Illustrated Presentation	Intermediate Division		
CLASS 904	4-H Film Fest (digital video)	Intermediate Division		
CLASS 905	Illustrated Presentation	Senior Division		
CLASS 906	4-H Film Fest (digital video)	Senior Division		

THEATRE ARTS CONTEST RULES

1. AGE DIVISIONS – Junior (8 to 10 years of age as of December 31st of the preceding year), Intermediate (11 to 13 years of age as of December 31st of the preceding year), and Senior (14 years of age and older as of December 31st of the preceding year)

2. ENTRY LIMITS – Participants may enter a maximum of:
 1 individual event (costumed presentation, dramatic reading, or puppet play)
 1 team event (costumed presentation, dramatic reading, or puppet play)

3. TIME LIMITS – Each group is allowed two minutes after the cue from the contest chair to arrange themselves on stage and begin performing. Props if used, must be in place within the two-minute time limit. The performance of each group is limited to not more than six minutes.

4. TEAMS - Each group must have two or more participants, all must be 4-H members.

5. CLASSES –

COSTUMED PRESENTATION - Youth will put together a costume and give an in-character presentation wearing the costume.

DRAMATIC READING - Youth will present an interpretation of a dramatic reading either from memory or using a script, may be either an original work or from a published source.

PUPPET PLAY - Youth will present a puppet play with either handmade or purchased puppets, may be either an original work or from a published source.

6. MANUALS – Printed materials are available from the Johnson County Extension Office for all currently enrolled 4-H members in Johnson County.

DEPARTMENT B		DIVISION 100		THEATRE ARTS CONTEST
PREMIUM	Purple \$4.00	Blue \$3.00	Red \$2.00	White \$1.00
CLASS 901	Individual Costumed Presentation	Junior Division		
CLASS 902	Individual Costumed Presentation	Intermediate Division		
CLASS 903	Individual Costumed Presentation	Senior Division		
CLASS 904	Individual Dramatic Reading	Junior Division		
CLASS 905	Individual Dramatic Reading	Intermediate Division		
CLASS 906	Individual Dramatic Reading	Senior Division		
CLASS 907	Individual Puppet Play	Junior Division		
CLASS 908	Individual Puppet Play	Intermediate Division		
CLASS 909	Individual Puppet Play	Senior Division		
CLASS 910	Team Costumed Presentation	Junior Division		
CLASS 911	Team Costumed Presentation	Intermediate Division		
CLASS 912	Team Costumed Presentation	Senior Division		
CLASS 913	Team Dramatic Reading	Junior Division		
CLASS 914	Team Dramatic Reading	Intermediate Division		
CLASS 915	Team Dramatic Reading	Senior Division		

CLASS 916	Team Puppet Play	Junior Division
CLASS 917	Team Puppet Play	Intermediate Division
CLASS 918	Team Puppet Play	Senior Division

GENERAL RULES – MUSIC CONTEST

- DIVISIONS** – Senior Division: 4-H members ages 12 years of age and up (as of December 31st)
Junior Division: 4-H members ages 8 to 11 years of age (as of December 31st)
- GROUPS** – Each group must have three or more participants, all must be 4-H members. A 4-H member may sing or perform in only one group; but may accompany another group.
- BANDS** – All performers in the band class must be 4-H members. Participants must provide your own music stands.
- TIME LIMIT** – Each group is allowed two minutes after the cue from the contest chair to arrange themselves on stage and begin performing. Props if used, must be in place within the two-minute time limit. The performance of each group is limited to not more than six minutes.
- SONG SELECTION** – Any number of songs may be performed within the six-minute time limit. Groups may perform any selection of their choice.
- DIRECTOR** – Song groups, combos, and bands may appear with or without a director. The director must be a 4-H member.
- ACCOMPANIMENT** – Recorded background music (no lyrics) may be used. Performing groups must bring a copy of their music (CD, tape, etc.) if using recorded background music. Piano, guitar, or other instruments may also accompany groups. Live accompaniment, if used, may be by a 4-H member, parent, leader, volunteer, or music teacher. Not more than one adult may accompany a group.
- DRESS CODE** - No 4-H attire is required. Participants are expected to dress appropriately for the contest.

DEPARTMENT B		DIVISION 200			MUSIC CONTEST
PREMIUM	Purple \$4.00	Blue \$3.00	Red \$2.00	White \$1.00	
CLASS 901	Dance Solo Routine	Junior Division			
CLASS 902	Dance Solo Routine	Senior Division			
CLASS 903	Dance Pairs Routine	Junior Division			
CLASS 904	Dance Pairs Routine	Senior Division			
CLASS 905	Dance Group Routine	Junior Division			
CLASS 906	Dance Group Routine	Senior Division			
CLASS 907	Vocal Music Solo	Junior Division			
CLASS 908	Vocal Music Solo	Senior Division			
CLASS 909	Vocal Music Duet	Junior Division			
CLASS 910	Vocal Music Duet	Senior Division			
CLASS 911	Vocal Music Group	Junior Division			
CLASS 912	Vocal Music Group	Senior Division			
CLASS 913	Instrumental Music Solo	Junior Division			
CLASS 914	Instrumental Music Solo	Senior Division			
CLASS 915	Instrumental Music Duet	Junior Division			
CLASS 916	Instrumental Music Duet	Senior Division			
CLASS 917	Instrumental Music Group	Junior Division			
CLASS 918	Instrumental Music Group	Senior Division			
CLASS 919	Band	Group must be 3 or more individuals with instruments of their choice; including piano. May include vocalist.			

COMMUNICATIONS

GENERAL RULES – COMMUNICATIONS EXHIBITS

- GENERAL RULES** – See GENERAL RULES
- ENTRY LIMITS** – 4-H members are allowed entries in only ONE LEVEL of competition. 4-H members may only enter ONE EXHIBIT per class.
- TOP EXHIBIT** – A top exhibit will be selected from those exhibits receiving purple ribbons in the communications division.
- MANUALS** – Printed materials are available from the Johnson County Extension Office for all currently enrolled 4-H members in Johnson County.

DEPARTMENT B		DIVISION 154			COMMUNICATIONS
PREMIUM	Purple \$2.50	Blue \$2.00	Red \$1.50	White \$1.00	
CLASS 901	Poster - Create a poster, measuring either 22"x28" or 24"x36", that showcases what was learned in this project area.				
CLASS 902	Essay - Write an essay (3-5 pages) that showcases what was learned in this project area.				

MODULE 1

MODULE 2

Use one or a combination of the experiential activities in the Communications, Module 2 curriculum to create an educational poster or essay sharing with others what you have learned. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Identifying cultural differences in communication
- Developing guidelines for internet etiquette
- Evaluating another person's presentation
- Identifying communication careers
- Preparing a presentation using a form of technology

CLASS 1	Poster - Create a poster, measuring either 22"x28" or 24"x36", that showcases what was learned in this project area.
CLASS 2	Essay - Write an essay (3-5 pages) that showcases what was learned in this project area.

MODULE 3

Use one or a combination of the experiential activities in the Communications, Module 3 curriculum to create an educational poster, essay, or digital media sharing with others what you have learned. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Composing a personal resume
- Completing research on a speech or presentation topic
- Identifying ways to reduce risks online
- Evaluating own cell phone usage and etiquette
- Critiquing advertisements
- Job shadowing a communication professional