2025 Trumbull County 4-H Public Speaking & Demonstration Contests Registration

Date: Sunday, July 13, 2025   **Time:** 1:00 p.m.   **Location**: Trumbull County Fairgrounds – 4-H Block Building

Registration due by: Tuesday, July 1 to the OSUE Office, 520 W. Main St., Suite 1, Cortland, OH 44410

Continuing in 2025: All illustrated talks and demonstrations must be accompanied by a one-paragraph summary of the speech. Please include summary with registration form.

GENERAL DIVISIONS:

4-H Pledge & Creed Contest

PC-1 4-H Cloverbud Pledge ....Grades K-2, get public speaking ribbon just for reciting 4-H pledge.
PC-2 Junior 4-H Pledge ....8 years & 3rd grade to 11 years old; recite 4-H pledge with hand motions.
PC-3   Junior 4-H Creed ....8 years & 3rd grade to 13 years old – recite 4-H creed
PC-3   Senior 4-H Creed ....14 years old and up – recite 4-H creed

Illustrated Talks & Demonstration Contest   (see contest rules on back)

Illustrated Talk or Demonstration – without use of computer technology (6-9 minutes in length)
    J-1   Junior Individual... 8 years & 3rd grade to 10 years old
    J-2   Junior Team…………………………………………………… 8 years & 3rd grade to 10 years old
Illustrated Talk or Demonstration – with or without the use of computer technology (9-12 minutes in length)
    J-3   Intermediate Individual………………………………………11-13 years old
    J-4   Intermediate Team……………………………………………11-13 years old
    J-5   Senior Individual…………………………………………….14 years old and up
    J-6   Senior Team……………………………………………14 years old and up
Marketing Division
    J-7   Junior Individual – Thank You Card *without* use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools …..age 8 -10
    J-8   Junior Individual – Thank You Card *with* use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools ………age 8 -10
    J-9   Intermediate Individual - Holiday Card - *without* use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools .. age 11-13
    J-10   Intermediate Individual - Holiday Card - *with* use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools .. age 11-13
    J-11   Senior Individual – 4-H Infomercial……………………………..14 years old and up

Please Sign up for classes below:

Name	Age*	Division/Class #	Title

* All ages are as of January 1 of current year

4-H CLUB:_____ADVISOR: _____

If you find you cannot attend after you've registered, please call us at (330) 638-6783 as soon as possible so we can adjust our program accordingly.

Illustrated Talks or Demonstrations

PRESENTATION DIVISION RULES

1. A team presentation consists of two people sharing the speaking and teaching role. When members of a team fall into different age categories, they will participate in the older class.
2. Easels, a microphone, a table, laptop computer, screen, LCD projector, and extension cord will be available for use by participants. Presentation must be Windows compatible.
3. The laptop provided for your use will run a recent edition of PowerPoint. If you use other software programs you may bring your own laptop, but must be able to set it up and troubleshoot any issues. Members may bring a USB flash drive to use on the equipment provided and should have the knowledge of how to install it. No Wi-Fi connection is available.
4. All presentations will be given inside the 4-H Block Building.
5. Due to the limitations of the building's facilities, no large animals (i.e. Horse, Beef, Sheep, Goat, Dairy or Hogs over 20 pounds) may be used in a 4-H presentation. Members should use models, photographs, or illustrations to make their point when giving a talk about large animals
6. Any small animal (under 20 pounds) may be used in a 4-H presentation provided the animals do not place the public at risk and provided they meet all of the health requirements established by the Ohio Department of Agriculture Livestock Health Requirements found in the Ohio State Fair Livestock Exhibitor Handbook. Current health and shot records must be carried with the animal. Animals must remain caged or leashed before and after the presentation.
7. All presentations will be timed. Timing begins when *the member begins to speak* and ends following the conclusion. Questions and answers are not included in the official time.
8. **Firearms, bows, arrows, weapons, air pistols or air rifles, paintball guns, gun cases, or any reasonable facsimile are not permitted on the fairgrounds and may not be used in a demonstration or illustrated talk.** Plastic replicas are permissible, but caution is urged in the use of items that look truly authentic as they may create concerns with the Fair Security and may not be permitted on the grounds.
9. Members who use PowerPoint, Prezi, or other similar technology in an Illustrated Talk or Demonstration (J-3 through J-6) should use the technology to supplement their delivery. The presentation may not consist solely of a pre-recorded narration. The member is required to provide a live delivery of the topic.

PRESENTATION DIVISION CLASSES

Illustrated Talk or Demonstration---*without* use of computer technology

J-1   Junior Individual (age 8-10)
J-2   Junior Team (age 8-10)

- The presenter uses appropriate props and other visual aides to teach others about a subject or how to do something.
- The presenter may use charts, posters, or pictures to accompany their illustrated talk or demonstration.
- PowerPoint or computer-generated messages are not used in these classes.
- Presenters are evaluated on their ability to convey information and teach on a particular topic. See score sheet for more information on the areas of evaluation.
- Presentations should be 5-8 minutes in lengths. Scores will be lowered for presentations under or over the time limits.

Illustrated Talks or Demonstrations---*with or without* the use of Computer Technology

J-3   Intermediate Individual (age 11-13)
J-4   Intermediate Team (age 11-13)
J-5   Senior Individual (age 14 and up)
J-6   Senior Team (age 14 and Up)

- The presenter uses appropriate props, posters, and/or computer generated visual aides to teach others about a particular topic, practice, procedure, scientific principle, or phenomenon. Use of computer generated visuals is NOT required. Examples:
  - Demonstration may be delivered in this category. PowerPoint or other software *may be used* in addition to other props to help present the message.
  - An Illustrated Talk may be delivered in this category, with the member(s) using PowerPoint or other software to present all or part of the visual message; *must be* accompanied by live narration.
- Requires live speech delivered along with PowerPoint, poster or other message. (No pre-recorded narration.)
- Presentations are evaluated on the members' communication skills and their ability to effectively use technology, posters, or other props to enhance their Illustrated Talk or Demonstration.
- Presentations should be 5-8 minutes in length. Scores will be lowered for presentations under or over the time limits.

MARKETING DIVISION RULES

1. Any 4-H member meeting age eligibility requirements may enter the Marketing Division, Classes J-7 through J-11. There are no limits on the number of entries a county may have in any one class.
2. Members participating in Presentation Division Classes J-1 through J-6 may also enter the Marketing Division
3. A member may enter only one class in the Marketing Division.
4. Use of copyrighted or protected characters or logos is <u>not</u> permitted, with the exception of the 4-H emblem. If used, the 4-H emblem must be used correctly. See https://nifa.usda.gov/4-h-name-and-emblem

MARKETING DIVISION CLASSES

J-7   Junior Individual (age 8-10) – Thank You Card *without* use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools.

J-8   Junior Individual (age 8-10) – Thank You Card *with* the use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools.

- Entries in J-7 and J-8 should be an original "**Thank You**" card with artwork on the cover. An inside message is not required, but may be included at the discretion of the designer. Inside messages will not be judged. Use of the 4-H emblem is strongly encouraged, but not required.
- Card should be on 8 ½ x 11 *white* cardstock, folded once.
- Art and message must be the original work of the member.
- Member may use any medium, including crayon, chalk, pen and ink, pencil, markers, etc. No use of computers or scrapbooking tools in creating entries in Class J-7. Designs must be hand-lettered and drawn or cut by hand.
- Unless the 4-H emblem (4-H clover) is drawn by hand, the entry must go into the graphics division (J-8).
- Artwork or lettering created with the aid of scrapbooking tools or computers is permitted in J-8 provided the design is the original work of the member. No commercially designed clipart may be used.
- These designs must be able to be duplicated.
- Member's name, age, and *county* should be neatly printed in the lower right-hand corner of the back of the card.
- Evaluation will be based on the quality, creativity, and originality of the design.

J-9 Intermediate Individual (age 11 - 13) – Holiday Card – *without* the use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools.

J-10   Intermediate Individual (age 11 - 13) – Holiday Card – *with* the use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools.

- Entries in J-9 and J-10 should be an original "**Holiday**" card with artwork on the cover. An inside message is not required, but may be included at the discretion of the designer. Inside messages will not be judged. Use of the 4-H emblem is strongly encouraged, but not required.
- Card should be on 8 ½ x 11 *white* cardstock, folded in half. (Only one fold)
- Art and message must be the original work of the member.
- Member may use any medium, including crayon, chalk, pen and ink, pencil, markers, etc. No use of computers or scrapbooking tools in creating entries in Class J-9. Designs must be hand-lettered and drawn or cut by hand.
- Unless the 4-H emblem (4-H clover) is drawn by hand, the entry must go into the graphics division (J-9).
- Artwork or lettering created with the aid of scrapbooking tools or computers is permitted in J-10 provided the design is the original work of the member. No commercially designed clipart may be used.
- These designs must be able to be duplicated.
- Member's name, age, and *county* should be neatly printed in the lower right-hand corner of the back of the card.
- Evaluation will be based on the quality, creativity, and originality of the design.

J-11   Senior Individual (age 14 and up) – 4-H Infomercial Promoting 4-H

- This is a video "short" that promotes the 4-H program
- This must be a fully automated, stand-alone video presentation with sound and narration as appropriate. Think YouTube. The video should include recorded visual, sound, and narration to convey a message.
- The video should be the original work of the member making the entry.
- Images in the video should be appropriate for promoting 4-H. Use pictures of youth who are of 4-H age; when possible, show the diversity of membership, projects, and activities; show youth exercising appropriate safety practices (i.e. wearing helmets on horseback).
- The video should be 2-4 minutes long. Penalties may be assessed for videos less than 2 minutes or longer than 4 minutes.
- Videos must be submitted on a DVD, flash drive, or posted as an unlisted video on YouTube. Unlisted videos must be shared with the State 4-H office by sending the link via email to Sally McClaskey (mcclaskey.12@osu.edu). The video must play using QuickTime Player or Windows Media Player.
- The member's name, age, and county must be neatly written on the DVD, along with the presentation title.

- Evaluations will be based on the quality and originality of the message as well as the creative and professional use of technology. Videos should persuade the viewer to action.
- Remember to get signed photo releases from people in the video.
- By submitting an entry, you agree to allow counties and/or the State 4-H office to use the promotional video to promote 4-H