

4-H Creed Speaking Contest

Who: Any current 4-H member may enter regardless of his/her project enrollment.

Age Divisions:

Cloverbuds: 4-H members ages 5-8 years as of 1/1/25

Junior: 4-H members ages 9 – 12 years as of 1/1/25

Senior: 4-H members ages 13 - 19 years as of 1/1/25

Tracks:

Track 1: This track will be for those participants that feel confident in reciting the 4-H Creed from memory. Participants may enter as an individual or a team of 2 youth.

Track 2: This track will be for those participants that wish to have a copy of the 4-H Creed available to them during the recitation. Participants may enter as an individual or a team of 2 youth.

Track 3: This track is for Cloverbuds only. They may participate in groups of 2 or 3 and may read the 4-H Creed.

Presentation Requirements

- **Opening**
 - Greetings to the audience
 - State 4-H member name, age, and club
- **Body**
 - State, "I (We) will be reciting The 4-H Creed, written by an anonymous author."
 - Recite the creed as follows:
 - "I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful Citizen."
 - "I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, plan and to reason."
 - "I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true."
 - "I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be helpful, skillful and useful."
 - "I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently."
 - "I believe in my country, my state and my community and in my responsibility for their development."
 - "In all these things I believe and am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment."
- **Closing**
 - After completing the 4-H Creed, say "Thank you".
 - Each participant (except for those in track 3) will respond to one of the questions listed below.
 - How will 4-H club work help you to become a useful citizen?

- In what way does 4-H train you to think, plan, and reason?
- What is a Creed?
- Why did you compete in the 4-H Creed contest?
- What is the 4-H Motto and what does it mean to you?
- What is your 4-H Club work?
- How have you and your club helped in the development of your community?
- Describe some of the ways that through your club projects, you have become helpful, useful, and skillful?
- How have you shown that you have taken responsibility for the development of your community, state, and country?
- Do you think the creed is true for youth of today? Why or why not?

Scoring

- Presentations will be scored using a 50-point rubric. A maximum of 10 points can be earned in each of the following categories: words correct, voice, manner and appearance, questions, and opening and closing.
- Merits will be awarded as follows:
 - 48 points and above- PURPLE
 - 40-47 points-BLUE
 - 30-39 points-RED
 - 29 or less points-WHITE