

Arizona 4-H Creed Speaking Contest Rules

(This contest is NOT a Qualifier for Western National Roundup)

The purpose of the Creed Speaking Contest is to develop the ability of members to demonstrate their interpretation and self-expression of the 4-H Creed.

Age Divisions:

Junior – 8-10 Years Old

Intermediate – 11-13 Years Old

Senior – 14-19 Years Old

Age Divisions will be determined by age as of 12/31/2023.

Rules:

- Contestants shall be in Official 4-H dress or Business Casual.
- Member will present the National 4-H Creed completely from memory.
- Each participant shall begin the presentation by stating "The National 4-H Creed." Each participant shall end the presentation with the statement, "...dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment. Thank you." Additional introductory or concluding remarks will be penalized.
- Participants will be asked questions directly related to the 4-H Creed following their presentation. Questions will be formulated by the event judges.
- The event will be a timed activity with two minutes for presentation. After two minutes, participants will be penalized 1 point for each 15 seconds over time.
- Participants will be scored on their general appearance, projection to the audience, voice control, pronunciation and enunciation, accuracy, overall presentation and answers to questions.
- Event officials will randomly determine the speaking order.
- A public address system will not be used, but a podium will be provided which may or may not be used.
- One point will be deducted for each added or deleted word. A reader, other than the judge(s), will be used to check the wording and determine mistakes.
- A contestant may ask for the next word to be given to them, by stating "Word", but an additional point will be deducted, making that one word a deduction of 2 points.
- Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestant should repeat the question then answer it.
- Ties will be broken by judges.

- Only videography or pictures of your contestant is allowed. All participant speeches may be filmed or photographed by contest officials with individual consent.
- The contestants will be held in a holding room during other contestant presentations. Contestants will be brought into the competition room by a contest volunteer to give his/her presentation and questions. Contestant will then be returned to the holding room for the duration of the contest. Any contestant speaking about the competition in the holding room will be disqualified.
- Guests and parents will be allowed to view the contest. However, any contestant competing in Creed Speaking, regardless of age group, will not be allowed into the contest room. If a contestant is present in the contest room at any time, that contestant will be disqualified.

Awards:

- Each Contestant will be awarded based on the Danish System. Blue Awards will be given to those who exceed expectations. Red Awards will be given to those who meet expectations. White Awards will be given to those who do not meet expectations.
- Each age division may have one champion.

The National 4-H Creed

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, to plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be helpful, useful and skillful.

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.

Thank you.