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A Radio Public Speaking Contest

What the Four Freedoms Mean to Me

For Members of 4-H Clubs
and Older Youth Groups

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CITIZENSHIP and democratic training have always been a feature of Minnesota 4-H club and older youth programs of work. A special opportunity in this field is available for the first time during the year 1942-43. It is a state-wide 4-H and older youth radio public speaking contest. The subject, "What the Four Freedoms Mean to Me," is especially appropriate and timely.

It is vitally important for everyone to have a complete and genuine appreciation of the advantages available to citizens of our United States of America. Fundamental, in this regard, are the Four Freedoms, stressed recently by President Roosevelt. The major purpose of this contest is to encourage young people to study these rights and report their findings to the public.

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Who May Take Part

County Contests

All members of 4-H clubs and older youth groups in Minnesota, 14 to 25 years of age, inclusive, are eligible to take part in community and county public speaking contests arranged under the direction of county extension agents. These should be completed by February 5, 1943.

District Contests

If at least two members take part in the county contest, the winner will be eligible to compete in a district event. This will be a radio broadcast over a local station. District broadcasts will be held between February 5 and 15, 1943. County extension agents will need to arrange for transportation of delegates to the district station.

State Contest

The winning speech from each of the 13 districts will be recorded on a transcription and sent to a state judging committee. These will be audited and judged by persons skilled in radio techniques and public speaking. Two state winning speeches will be selected and broadcast over a state-wide network on or about Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1943.

How To Enter

See your county extension agent. Ask for information about the county contest and ask for bulletins and literature about the Four Freedoms. If several members enter from the same club or neighborhood, it may be necessary to arrange for a local, public elimination contest. See your 4-H club leader or neighborhood youth leader about the possibility of holding such an event. A regular young people's meeting or adult community meeting also will be a good occasion for local contests.

Awards

The most important reward for taking part in this contest will be the information and experience gained by the contestants, and the desirable education and attitudes resulting to the listening audiences. However, additional incentives have been provided in order to encourage the largest possible number of young people to take part.

Every participant will receive a handsome copy of "The Four Freedoms."

Local and club events—Arrange local sponsorships where desired.

County contests—Every county champion will receive \$5 in war stamps and the right to broadcast over a local station.

District contests—Eleven district champions will each receive a \$25 war bond.

State contest—The state champion receives the choice of a \$200 scholarship or \$200 cash value in bonds and stamps.

The reserve state champion receives a \$100 scholarship or \$100 cash value in bonds and stamps.

The \$200 and \$100 state championship awards will be given to the highest ranking individuals in place of district awards.

How To Prepare Your Talk

All speeches are to be five to eight minutes in length. Notes may be used for local and county events, but speeches to be broadcast at district events must be typewritten, double spaced in duplicate, with one copy submitted in advance to the radio station through the county extension office. District contestants will read their speeches when broadcasting. The following score card will be used as the basis for judges' decisions:

I. Composition	50 points
Choice of thesis	13
Choice of material	12
Organization of material	13
Use of language	12
II. Delivery	50 points
Projection to the audience	13
Fluency	13
Pronunciation and articulation	12
Voice control	12

References and Study Material

"The United Nations Fight for the Four Freedoms"—County Extension Office or University Farm, St. Paul.

"The War and Human Freedoms" and "Toward New Horizons"—Bureau of Public Inquiry, Office of War Information, Washington, D.C.

County Extension Agents have literature on wartime production and economic problems. See also your local school and public library files. Many libraries have special war information departments.

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