

Putnam County 4-H Creed Competition Rules

1. All competing members must register for the event by the prescribed enrollment date.
2. Competing members will be sequestered during the competition until such time as they have completed their portion of the competition.
3. Competing members will be assigned rooms and order of speaking.
4. There shall be two judges and one judge timer/word checker present in each room. Each room shall have a room monitor.
5. Members will be brought into the judging area one at a time.
6. The following steps are to be employed during the competition –
 - A. The member looks to the judges for a gesture to begin the presentation.
 - B. The member is to greet the audience and introduce themselves. During this time they state their name and what club they are from.
 - C. They then state that they will be reciting The 4-H Creed, written by an anonymous author.
 - D. Next they recite the creed as follows:

-The 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, 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.
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- Thank You. Are there any questions?
7. Members are encouraged to make motions and voice changes to enhance the delivery of the creed.
 8. Questions shall be asked by the JUDGES ONLY. Members will be asked 5-7 pre-disclosed questions as that shall pertain to the Creed, the 4-H pledge, the 4-H Motto, their meanings, and how they affect the presenter. The answer period shall last no longer than three minutes. All questions shall be given to each presenter in the same order. Example: If the presenter gives long answers they may only answer one or two questions in the time allotment. If the presenter gives extremely short or one word answers, they may answer five or six questions during the time allotment depending upon their division. If a presenter goes through all questions in their allotted time, the question and answer period is over. The order in which questions are asked will be at random, picked by the judges.
 9. Written answers cannot be used. (Added 2016)
 10. The judges shall thank the presenter. The presenter shall thank the judges and exit the presentation area.
 11. The judges shall then score the Creed Presenter according to the attached Judging Sheet. (Exhibit C)
 12. Once all the competitors have finished, the judges shall meet to discuss scoring of the Creed Presentations.
 13. Awards shall first be presented on a Danish system of judging. They will be awarded a Blue, Red, or White according to their scoring against the judging standard.

Putnam County 4-H Creed Competition Questions

Junior Division will be asked any 5-7 of the 10 questions.

- 1. How will 4-H club work help you to become a useful citizen?**
- 2. In what way does 4-H train you to think, plan and reason?**
- 3. What is a Creed?**
- 4. Why did you compete in the 4-H Creed Contest?**
- 5. What is the 4-H Motto and what does it mean to you?**
- 6. How have you and your club helped in the development of your community?**
- 7. What is your club's work?**
- 8. Describe some of the ways that through your club projects, you have become helpful, useful, and skillful?**
- 9. What does nobleness mean to you?**
- 10. How have you shown that you have taken responsibility for the development of your community, state, and country?**
- 11. Do you think the creed is true for children of today? Why? Or Why Not?**