



# Citizenship



**District & State 4-H O-Rama – Junior & Senior 4-H'ers**  
Political Science, Public Administration, Pre-Law, Public Policy, Sociology

## OVERVIEW

This activity consists of an illustrated talk that demonstrates a 4-H'ers understanding of government, laws, history, citizen involvement, public policy, or other topics related to citizenship in the United States.

## OBJECTIVES

1. Targeted Life Skills: responsible citizenship, leadership, community service, volunteering, self-responsibility, character, service learning, decision making, planning and organizing, communication, cooperation, accepting differences, empathy, and concern for others.
2. Provide opportunity for faculty and judges to share information about related college degree programs and/or careers.
3. Provide young people with the opportunity to display their knowledge and/or experience in a topic related to citizenship.
4. Encourage participants to learn about and become an engaged citizen.
5. Develop integrity, cooperation, and the ability to speak in public.

## ELIGIBILITY

**District 4-H O-Rama:** Each county may enter one junior and one senior member.

**Arkansas 4-H O-Rama:** Senior members who place in the top 5 at each District O-Rama are eligible.

## ACTIVITY

Each participant should be prepared to present an illustrated talk or method demonstration on a topic related to citizenship. Topics can fall into many areas, including but not limited to:

- Civic Engagement
- Citizen Responsibility
- Rule of Law
- How to Become a Citizen
- How to Be a Better Citizen
- Voter Rights
- Volunteerism
- Flag Etiquette
- Activism
- Community Service
- Local, State, or National Government
- Public Policy
- Respect for Diversity.

Illustrated talks should make full use of visuals and experience. The use of PowerPoint is allowed but not required. A junior will be limited to a 2-5 minute talk. Senior talks are 5-8 minutes. The activity coordinator and judges reserve the right to ask questions related to the topic discussed in the illustrated talk or method demonstration.

## JUDGING

The standard score sheet for method demonstrations and illustrated talks, CES-663.

## AWARDS

**District 4-H O-Rama:** One trophy will be awarded to the high scoring junior participant and one trophy to the high scoring senior. Ribbons will go to second-, third-, fourth-, and fifth-place winners in the junior and senior divisions.

**Arkansas 4-H O-Rama:** Senior members placing in the top five at each District 4-H O-Rama will be eligible to compete at the Arkansas 4-H O-Rama. The first place winner receives a trophy. Second through fifth-place winners will receive ribbons. Other participants will receive participation ribbons.

## RESOURCE MATERIAL (Examples)

- Ben's Guide to U.S. Government, U.S. Government Printing Office (<http://bensguide.gpo.gov>)
- Kids in the House, Office of the United States Clerk (<http://clerkkids.house.gov/>)
- Citizenship Adventure Kit Public Adventures (MI-7329), National 4-H Council Project Book
- White House Kids, U.S. White House (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids/>)
- The Official Kids' Portal for the U.S. Government, U.S. General Services Administration (<http://www.kids.gov/>)
- U.S.A. Freedom Corps for Kids, U.S. White House (<http://www.usafreedomcorpskids.gov/kids/>)

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