

Delaware FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Registration for the Creed Speaking CDE is completed through the Delaware State FFA Convention registration.

Official Certifications and Waivers must be completed for the National FFA. These forms can be found at www.ffa.org and then go to the Career Development Events page.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. The Delaware FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event will be limited to two (2) participants per chapter. Participants must be FFA members enrolled in grades 7, 8 or 9.
2. A participant must be in official FFA dress.
3. Three to eight competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At least one judge should have an agricultural/FFA background.

EVENT FORMAT:

1. The event will be a timed activity with four minutes for the oral presentation. After four minutes, 1 point for every second over set time will be deducted from the participant's final score on all judges' score cards.
2. The event will include answering questions directly related to the creed. Each participant will be asked three questions per round, with a five minute time limit for responses. The questions used will change as the participant progresses to semi and final rounds of competition.
3. Members will present the FFA Creed from the current year's Official FFA manual. No props are to be used.
4. If necessary, the event will be conducted in two rounds: preliminary and final. The top 3 speakers from each preliminary round will advance to the finals. No ranking will be given except for the final four.
5. Event officials will randomly determine the speaking order.

6. Each participant must recite the FFA Creed from memory. Each participant shall begin the presentation by stating "The FFA Creed by E.M. Tiffany." Each CDE participant shall end the presentation with the statement "... that inspiring task. Thank you."
7. At the time of the event, the judges will score each participant on the delivery of the creed, using the score sheet provided.
9. Timekeepers shall be designated to record the time used by each participant in delivering his/her speech.
10. Judges will record the number of recitation errors during delivery.
11. When participants have finished speaking, each judge will total the score of each speaker. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to event officials to determine final ratings of participants.
12. Participants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation. The judges' ranking of each participant then shall be added, and the winner will be that participant whose total ranking is the lowest. Other placings will be determined in the same manner (low point score method of selection).

Tiebreaker

Ties will be broken based on the greatest number of low ranks. Participant's low ranks will be counted and the participant with the greatest number of low ranks will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, then the event superintendent will rank the participant's response to questions.

The participant with the greatest number of low ranks from the response to questions will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists then the participant's raw scores will be totaled. The participant with the greatest total of raw points will be declared the winner.

EQUIPMENT:

Provided by Chair: *Score sheets, pencils, stopwatches.*

AWARDS:

The results for the Creed Speaking CDE will be announced at the Delaware State FFA Convention. The first place winner will receive a plaque, pin, and a \$150.00 check courtesy of the Delaware FFA Foundation.

The winner will have the opportunity to represent Delaware at the Eastern States Exposition (Big E) and the National FFA Convention.

OFFICIAL RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Current year FFA manual is to be used as a resource.

SCORECARDS:

Please find a scorecard below.

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Name: _____ Chapter: _____

State: _____ Participant No.: _____

	POSSIBLE POINTS	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX	SEVEN	EIGHT
VOICE									
• Quality	40								
• Pitch	40								
• Force	40								
• Articulation	40								
• Pronunciation	40								
Voice Total:	200								
STAGE PRESENCE									
• Personal Appearance	50								
• Poise and Posture	40								
• Attitude	35								
• Confidence	35								
• Personality and ease before audience	40								
Stage Presence Total:	200								
POWER OF EXPRESSION									
• Fluency	30								
• Emphasis	35								
• Directness	35								
• Sincerity	35								
• Communicative Ability	35								
• Conveyance of thought and meaning	30								
Power of Exp. Total:	200								
GENERAL EFFECT									
Extent to which speech was understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention.	100								
General Effect Total:	100								
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS*									
Ability to answer satisfactorily the questions asked by the judges indicating familiarity with the subject.	300								
Response Total:	300								
Gross Total Points:	1000								
Less Time Deduction**:									
Less Accuracy Deduction***:									
Net Total Points									
Participant Ranking:									

* - Judges will s
Development Event Committee.
 ** -1 point per second over, determined by the timekeepers
 *** - 20 points per word, determined from by the accuracy judges.