

Creed Speaking

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

DESCRIPTION

The FFA Creed outlines the organization's beliefs regarding the agricultural industry, FFA membership and the value of citizenship and patriotism. The FFA Creed is recited by FFA members, as part of the requirements to earn the Greenhand Degree. The purpose of the Creed Speaking Career Development Event is to develop the public speaking abilities of 7th, 8th and 9th grade FFA members as well as develop their self-confidence and contribute to their advancement in the FFA degree program.

OBJECTIVE

Students will be able to:

1. Recite and Discuss the FFA Creed.
2. Understand the Purpose of the Creed and FFA.
3. Know the History of the Creed and its Changes.
4. Gain confidence in speaking ability.

EVENT GUIDELINES

- The State FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event will be limited to one participant per district, must qualify in grades 7th, 8th or 9th grade, and must compete at the next National Convention following their state qualifying round.
- A participant is to be in official FFA dress in each event.
- The State FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event will follow the general rules and policies for all State FFA Career Development Events.
- Three or more competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At least one judge should have an agricultural/FFA background.

EVENT FORMAT

- The event will include both an oral presentation as well as answering questions directly related to the creed. Each participant will be asked three questions with a five minute time limit. The questions will be formulated annually by the State Association and will avoid two part questions.
- Members will present the FFA Creed from the current year's Official FFA manual.
- The event will be a timed activity with **four** minutes for presentation. After **four** minutes, the participant will be deducted 1 point for every second over set time.
- Event officials will randomly determine the speaking order. No props are to be used.
- 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."
- At the time of the event, the judges will be seated in different sections of the room in which the event is held. They will score each participant on the delivery of the creed, using the score sheet provided.
- Timekeepers shall be designated to record the time used by each participant in delivering his/her speech.

- Content accuracy judges will record the number of recitation errors during delivery.
- When participants have finished speaking, each judge will total the score of each speaker. The timekeepers' and accuracy judges' records will be used in computing the final score for each participant. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to event officials to determine final ratings of participants.
- 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 placing will be determined in the same manner (low point score method of selection).

TIEBREAKERS

- 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.

AWARDS

- Plaques will be awarded to the top four state participants by the State FFA Organization.

REFERENCES

This list of references is not intended to be inclusive. Other sources may be utilized and teachers are encouraged to make use of the very best instructional materials available.

- The following list contains references that may prove helpful during event preparation.
 - Current year's Official FFA Manual
 - http://ag.arizona.edu/desert_roses/creed.htm *web site holds current rules and score sheet

Indiana FFA Creed Speaking Scorecard

Name:

Chapter:

| | Possible Points | Points | Comments |
|---|-----------------|--------|----------|
| 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 | | | |

* - Judges will select three questions per round. Questions will be selected from a databank of questions developed by the Creed Speaking Career Development Event Committee.

** - 1 point per second over, determined by the timekeepers

*** - 20 points per word, determined from by the accuracy judges.