

DISCOVERY DEGREE PUBLIC SPEAKING

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

Discovery Degree Members may only participate in one of the three Discovery Degree Leadership CDE's per year.

DESCRIPTION:

Discovery Degree FFA members present a speech written on an agricultural topic to a panel of judges, who then ask the student a series of questions about the topic of their speech.

OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Speak comfortably and effectively in front of people
2. Develop quick thinking skills by answering impromptu questions
3. Convey facts and opinions about the agriculture industry

GUIDELINES:

1. Four copies of the member's official speech must reach the district president by the preset district deadline. State entries must submit four copies of their speech to the Indiana FFA Executive Director by the preset deadline. Copies of speeches must be double spaced on 8.5" X 11" paper.
2. Students should choose their own subjects. Any current subject related to agriculture and is of state or national interest will be acceptable. FFA will be considered an agriculture topic. Judges will disqualify any participant who speaks on a non-agriculture subject.
3. The information from each speech can be secured from any source. Students must include a bibliography with their speech. The speech must be original and must be the result of the students' own efforts.
4. Speeches must be at least 3 minutes in length and not over 4 minutes. Each student will then be allowed 3 additional minutes in response to questions, which will be asked by the judges. Deductions of 20 points per minute or major fraction thereof will be made for speeches under three minutes and over four minutes.
5. Official dress is not required for the discovery degree demonstration, however business attire is required.

Indiana FFA Discovery Degree Public Speaking Scorecard

<i>Items to be Scored</i>	<i>Maximum Points</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Content of Manuscript	200		
Composition of Manuscript	100		
Voice	100		
Stage Presence	100		
Power of Expression	200		
Response to Questions	200		
General Effect	100		
Bibliography	50		
Time Deductions: 20 pts per minute			
Total	1050		