

GREENHAND CREED

National FFA Format

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Event Rules:

- 1 The State FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event will be limited to 5 participants per district, must qualify in grades 9 or 10, and must compete at the next National Convention following the state qualifying round. (A tenth grade student is NOT eligible for participation at Nationals. Greenhand Creed contestants may not participate in the Junior High Creed Contest in the same year.)
- 2 It is highly recommended participants be in official FFA dress in each event.
- 3 The State FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event will follow the general rules and policies for all State FFA Career Development Events.
- 4 The State FFA Association will be in charge of this event.
- 5 Three to six ag teachers present or retired will be nominated by the district winners to judge the event. Each district with a speaker shall provide a judge for the State Event.
- 6 Once contestants have competed, they will not be allowed back in the room.

Event Format:

- 1 The event will include both an oral presentation as well as answering questions directly related to the FFA Creed. Each contestant will be asked five questions per round. The questions used will change as the contestant progresses to semi and final rounds of competition. The questions will be formulated annually and will avoid two part questions.
- 2 Members will present the FFA Creed from the current year's Official FFA manual.
- 3 There will be no time limit for the event
- 4 The State Event will be conducted in two rounds in three preliminary rooms. Four participants will proceed to the final round. No ranking will be given except for the final four.
- 5 Event officials will randomly determine the speaking order. The program chairman shall introduce each participant by contestant number and in order of the drawing. No props are to be used. Applause shall be withheld until all participants have spoken.

- 6 Each contestant must recite the FFA Creed from memory. Each contestant shall begin the presentation by stating "The FFA Creed by E.M. Tiffany." Each contestant shall end the presentation with the statement "...that inspiring task. Thank you."
- 7 Contestants will be held in isolation until their presentation. Contestants will not be allowed to have contact from any outside persons.
- 8 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.
- 9 Two timekeepers shall be designated who will record the time used by each participant in delivering his/her speech. Timekeepers will be seated together.
- 10 Two content accuracy judges will record the number of recitation errors during delivery. 20 points per word error will be subtracted from the participant's score. The accuracy judges will be seated together.
- 11 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.
- 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).

Tiebreakers

- 1 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.

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

*website holds current rules and score sheet.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

How can living on a good farm be pleasant as well as challenging?

What are some of the best traditions of our national life?

What are some of the discomforts of agricultural life that you are personally familiar with?

Explain the phrase: "With a faith born not of words, but of deeds."

What is the importance in learning and reciting the FFA Creed as an FFA member?

What are some achievements won by the past and present generations of agriculturalists?

Explain what your influence should be in your home and community as an FFA member.

"Less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining." How can this happen?

Define "Honest wealth."

"Better days through better ways." What will make the agricultural industry better for tomorrow?

Explain "Less need for charity and more of it when needed."