

PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT Rules for the State FFA Event

Sponsor

This event is currently sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller.

State Event Superintendent

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Eligibility and General Guidelines

This event is open to all FFA chapters and FFA members in good standing. The event will be open only to students who are active FFA members and who are currently enrolled in agricultural education. Each participant manuscript must be the result of the student's own efforts. Members winning a previous state event in this area or that have participated in a previous national event in this area are ineligible.

FFA members and advisors may not visit the site of a state career development event within seven days of the start of the event. Members or advisors that violate this rule will be disqualified.

The use of cellular phones, Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's) or any other mobile electronic communication device is prohibited during any state-level career development event. Any violation of this rule will result in total disqualification.

Any member found cheating in any state-level career development event will result in total disqualification for that event.

At the North Carolina FFA State Convention, members may participate in only one career development event with the exceptions of Creed and Parliamentary Procedure or Prepared Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure.

State Career Development Event Participation

The appropriate numbers of participants based on event involvement from each region are eligible to compete in the state career development event. Individuals advancing to state event participation must be certified by the regional FFA advisor.

Procedures for Administering the Event

A. Each participant's manuscript must be the result of the student's own efforts.

- B. Participants must submit four copies of their speech for regional competition and eight copies of their speech for state competition. Speeches should be double-spaced typewritten copies on 8 ½" x 11" white paper with a cover page that gives the speech title, participant's name, chapter, state and date. The body of the manuscript will have 1" margins, and 10-12 characters per inch. Follow APA style manual for developing references and bibliography. Do not bind, but place a staple in the upper left corner. Manuscripts not meeting these guidelines will be penalized.
- C. Participants must complete an accurate and complete bibliography used in writing the speech (following National FFA Career Development Event Rules).
- D. The event should be conducted on federation, regional, state and national levels.
- E. The participant may take advantage of all available training facilities and personnel in their local school and community in developing their speaking ability.
- F. Facts and working data may be obtained from any source.
- G. Participants shall draw for places on the program.
- H. Visual aids used in presenting the speech will be limited to inanimate objects small enough in size to be easily held in the participant's hand.
- I. Subject – Participants may choose any current subject for their speeches which is of an agricultural character (nature), and which may include agriscience and technology, agribusiness, agrimarketing, international agricultural relations, agricultural communications. Official judges of FFA Prepared Public Speaking shall disqualify a participant if he or she speaks on a non-agricultural subject.
- J. Time Limit – Each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes in length and a maximum of eight minutes. Each contestant will be allowed five minutes additional time in which he/she will be asked questions relating to his/her speech. Participants are to be penalized one point per second on each judges' score sheet for being under six minutes or over eight minutes. No time warnings will be given.
- K. Method of Selecting a Winner – Three competent and impartial judges will be selected to judge the event at all levels above the chapter level. At least one of the judges should have an agricultural background. Judges will formulate and ask questions pertaining directly to the participant's speech (at all levels of competition). The full five minutes for questions should be used. Judges will score participants on the National Public Speaking score sheets. Each judge will individually score and rank all contestants. The rankings of each judge will be given to the participant director who will compile rankings and determine winner(s) based on low score values. That is, a speaker ranked number one by a judge receives one point, or two points for a second place ranking, etc.

Procedure for Determining the State Event Winner When Scores are Tied

In the event a tie, the individual raw scores will be added and the high scorer will be the winner.

Dress Code

Participants are required to follow the North Carolina FFA Career Development Event Dress Code. A ten percent reduction in the total score will be taken if a participant violates the dress code. For this event, participants must wear official dress as described in the FFA manual. For male members: black slacks, white collared shirt, official FFA tie, black dress shoes, black socks, and an official FFA jacket zipped up to the top. For female members: black skirt, white collared blouse, official FFA blue scarf, black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe, black nylon hosiery, an official FFA jacket zipped to the top. (Special Note: The skirt is to be at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom, with a slit no longer than two inches above the knee, excluding the kick pleat. Black slacks may be appropriate for traveling and outdoor activities.)

State Awards

The following awards will be presented annually at the state FFA convention provided sponsorship is available:

State Winner	\$500 and first place plaque
Second Place	\$100 and Second place plaque
Third Place	\$50 and Third place plaque

National Career Development Event Participation

The state winner will advance to national career development event participation and will be automatically registered for the national event. It is the responsibility of the Chapter FFA Advisor to complete all necessary national certification forms and return them to the State FFA Coordinator by the assigned due date.

State winning CDE Teams that choose not to participate at the national level should contact the state office by Sept 1 prior to national convention. Teams that fail to inform the state office prior to Sept 1 will be ineligible to participate in that same CDE for the next year (chapters may appeal to the State FFA Board of Directors). Teams that do not compete at the National Convention will be required to pay back the \$500 travel award.

Bibliography

Official FFA Manual

National FFA Career Development Events Handbook

Supplemental Information

Prepared Public Speaking participants may also be involved in the Ritual and Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Event at the state level. (An exception may be made at the Federation and/or Regional level if agreed upon in advance by the FFA advisors on those levels.)

Students may not enter Prepared Public Speaking and FFA Creed Speaking in the same year at the state level.

North Carolina FFA Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event
JUDGES SCORE SHEET

ITEMS TO BE SCORED	MAXIMUM POINTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Content of Manuscript	200								
Manuscript composition	100								
Voice	100								
Stage Presence	100								
Power of Expression	100								
Response to Questions*	300								
General Effect	100								
TOTAL POINTS (Gross)	1000								
Less Time Deductions	See Item J under Procedures for Administering the Event.								
Less Dress Code Violations	- 10%								
TOTAL POINTS (Net)	1000								
Rank of Participant									

NOTE: Judges should meet prior to the event to prepare and clarify the types of questions to be asked. *From the timekeeper's record.

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

Part I – For Scoring Content and Composition

Content of Manuscript includes:

- Importance and appropriateness of the subject
- Evidence of purpose
- Suitability of the material used
- Accuracy of the statements included
- Relationship of the content to agriculture
- Completeness and accuracy of bibliography

Composition of Manuscript includes:

- Organization of the content
- Unity of thought
- Logical development
- Language used
- Sentence structure
- Accomplishment of purpose/conclusions
- Spelling and grammar

Stage Presence includes:

- Personal Appearance
- Poise and body posture
- Attitude
- Personality
- Confidence
- Ease before audience

Power of Expression includes:

- Fluency
- Directness
- Communicative ability
- Conveyance of thought and meaning
- Emphasis
- Sincerity

Response to Questions includes:

Ability to answer satisfactorily the questions on the speech that are asked by the judges indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly.

Part II – For Scoring Delivery of Production

Voice includes:

- Quality
- Articulation
- Pitch
- Pronunciation
- Force

General Effect includes:

Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention.