

# **NATIONAL FFA CREED SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

## **Event Format -**

1. The National FFA Officers and National Board of Directors will be in charge of this event.
2. The event will include both an oral presentation as well as answering questions directly related to the Creed. Each contestant will be asked three questions per round with a five minute time limit. The questions used will change as the contestant progresses to semi and final rounds of competition. The questions will be formulated annually by the Creed Speaking Career Development Event committee and will avoid two part questions. Sample questions will not be available prior to the event.
3. Members will present the FFA Creed from the current year's Official FFA manual.
4. The event will be a timed activity with four minutes for presentation. After four minutes, contestant will be deducted 1 point for every second over set time.
5. The national event will be conducted in three rounds: preliminary (consisting of 6-8 speakers per section), semifinals (2 sections) and finals (4 participants). No ranking will be given except for the final four.
6. 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.
7. 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."
8. Contestants will be held in isolation until their presentation. Contestant will not be allowed to have contact from any outside persons.
9. Three to six competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At least one judge should have an agricultural/FFA background. Each state with a speaker shall provide a judge for the national event.
10. 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.
11. Two timekeepers shall be designated who will record the time used by each participant in delivering his/her speech. Timekeepers will be seated together.

12. Two content accuracy judges will record the number of recitation errors during delivery. The accuracy judges will be seated with the timekeepers.
13. When all participants have finished speaking each judge will total the score of each speaker. The timekeeper's and accuracy judge's record 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.
14. 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).

#### **Tie breaker -**

1. Ties will first be broken by total net scores and then by the score for answer to the questions.

#### **Eligibility -**

1. The National FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event will follow the general rules and polices for all National FFA Career Development Events.
2. The National FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event will be limited to one participant per state and must qualify in grades 7, 8 or 9, and must compete at the next national convention following their state qualifying round.

#### **Awards -**

Plaques will be awarded to the national participants by the National FFA Organization. The National FFA Foundation, Inc., will present cash awards as follows:

1st place \$300  
2nd place \$275  
3rd place \$250  
4th place \$225

In addition, if funding is available, the final four speakers will receive an additional scholarship that is to be used for registration at the Washington Leadership Conference. The recipients have a maximum of three years, or prior to high school graduation, in which to use this scholarship.

Reference - Current year's Official FFA Manual