

Creed Speaking Leadership Skills Event

Objective: To develop the ability of interpretation and self expression of beginning FFA members.

A. Rules and Regulations

1. The event is open to first year FFA members in good standing who are enrolled in their first year of agricultural education during one or both semesters of the school year, are in the ninth grade, and have not placed first in the state Creed Speaking Leadership Skills Event.
2. Each chapter in good standing may enter one participant in the district event. If the chapter has 50 or more in-school FFA members (grades 9-12), the chapter may enter two individuals in the district event.
3. A creed speaking participant may compete in only one of the following events in a given year: Junior Parliamentary Procedure, Senior Parliamentary Procedure, or Agricultural Demonstration. They are not eligible to compete in job interview or any other speaking leadership skills events in a given year.
4. *The creed must be presented from memory, without the use of note cards. Each participant shall begin the presentation by stating "The FFA Creed by E.M. Tiffany." Each participant shall end the presentation with the statement "...that inspiring task. Thank you."*
5. *The event will be a timed activity with four minutes for the oral presentation. After four minutes, 1 point for every second over set time will be deducted from the participant's final score on all judges' scorecards.*
6. *The event will include answering questions directly related to the creed. Each participant will be asked three questions per round, with a five minute time limit for responses. Sample questions will not be available prior to the event.*
7. *One timer will record the time used by each participant in delivering the creed.*

B. Guide for Conducting FFA Creed Speaking Leadership Skills Event

Prior to the event:

1. The order of appearance will be determined in advance of the event.
2. Hand out one of the following to each evaluator:
 - a. FFA Creed Speaking rules
 - b. The FFA Creed
 - c. Official score card/Results sheets
 - d. Order of appearance sheet
3. No one is to enter or leave the room while a participant is speaking.

Start event:

1. Each participant will be introduced by the individual running the event.
2. Each participant will recite the FFA Creed.
3. A maximum of five minutes will be allowed for evaluators to question each participant in the career development event. The questions will follow the creed presentations. The questions may be different for each participant, but should be of similar difficulty.

After event:

1. Each evaluator should total each participant's score and arrive at the placing. Discussion between evaluators is allowed and encouraged.
2. Ribbons may be awarded according to the guidelines on the results sheets.
3. A critique sheet should be completed for each participant.
4. Two copies of the results should be completed on the sheets provided. List name/chapter of each Participant.

Event dress:

1. Each participant should wear the official FFA dress as defined in the FFA Manual: Male—a white shirt, official FFA tie, dark trousers, dark socks, dark shoes, and FFA jacket. Female—a white blouse, official FFA scarf, dark skirt/slacks, dark shoes, and FFA jacket.
2. Points will be deducted for variance from official dress.

C. Official Score Card

Voice.....	200
Stage Presence	200
Power of Expression	200
General Effect.....	100
Exactness	100
Response to Questions	<u>200</u>
Total.....	1000

D. Awards Recognition

1. District Awards—Participants meriting awards shall be rated as purple, blue, red, or white. Each district is entitled to one participant in the state event. If there are seven or more participants, or if 70% or more schools in the district have a participant in the district event, a second participant will qualify for the state event.
2. State Awards—Participants in the state event will be designated as gold, silver, or bronze medal recipients. A trophy will be awarded to the top creed speaker. Cash awards will be awarded to the top three creed speakers in the state event.

CREED SPEAKING EVENT CRITIQUE SHEET

Participant: _____

FFA Chapter: _____

Excellent
 Good
 Average
 Fair
 Poor

Recommendations for Improvement

Voice Quality—40 points Pitch—40 points Force—40 points Articulation—40 points Pronunciation—40 points <i>(maximum of 200 points)</i>						
Stage presence Personal appearance—50 points Poise and Posture—40 points Attitude—35 points Confidence—35 points Personality & ease before audience—40 pt <i>(maximum of 200 points)</i>						
Power of expression Fluency—30 points Emphasis—35 points Directness—35 points Sincerity—35 points Communicative Ability—35 points Conveyance of thought & meaning—30 pt <i>(maximum of 200 points)</i>						
General effect Extent to which the Creed was interesting, convincing and understandable <i>(maximum of 100 points)</i>						
Exactness <i>(maximum of 100 points)</i>						
Response to questions Ability to answer the questions indicating familiarity with subject and ability to think on their feet <i>(maximum of 200 points)</i>						
TOTAL <i>(maximum of 1,000 points)</i>						

GENERAL COMMENTS: