

CREED SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

Purpose:

To develop public speaking and agricultural leadership for younger members in the FFA organization by providing the opportunity to recite from memory the FFA creed.

Objectives:

- To develop in individuals the ability to effectively orally deliver the FFA Creed from memory.
- To develop in individuals the ability to answer impromptu questions about the content of the FFA Creed.

General rules:

1. The state FFA Creed Speaking CDE will be limited to the winning participant in each of the FFA districts during the current school year.
2. Participants must be freshmen members enrolled in their first year of agriculture.
3. The State FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event will be held at the State Leadership Conference.
4. Participants must memorize the Creed and shall use only “The FFA Creed” by E.M. Tiffany as an introduction and close with “Thank You.”
5. Agriculture instructors representing each of the nine FFA districts will judge the preliminary event.
6. In the preliminary round all judges will judge all speakers and the high and low rank will be discarded for each participant. The final rank will be determined by tallying the remaining seven ranks for each participant.
7. In the final competition, the agriculture instructors of the finalists will select and mutually agree on four agriculture instructors to serve as judges for the final round.
8. In the final competition, the top four participants will present the creed on stage during one of the main sessions.

Format and scoring:

1. In the preliminary round each participant will be asked one question pertaining to the FFA Creed and allowed one minute to respond. (Time will be called at one minute).
2. In the final round, each participant will be asked two questions and allowed one minute to respond to each question. (Time will be called at one minute per question). Questions should come from the content of the creed and how it relates to the individual.
3. Participants will not hear the other responses to the questions.
4. A deduction of one (1) point per word missed will be assessed.

Awards:

Awards are presented to the top four individuals.

THE FFA CREED

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds--achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so--for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

CREED SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT SCORECARD

Explanation of Scorecard Points

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| <p>1. <i>Voice includes:</i>
 <i>Quality</i>
 <i>Pitch</i>
 <i>Articulation</i>
 <i>Pronunciation</i></p> | <p>4. <i>General Effect includes:</i>
 <i>Extent to which the creed was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing, and held attention</i></p> |
| <p>2. <i>Stage Presence includes:</i>
 <i>Personal appearance</i>
 <i>Poise and body posture</i>
 <i>Attitude</i>
 <i>Confidence</i>
 <i>Personality</i>
 <i>Ease before audience</i></p> | <p>5. <i>Response to Question includes:</i>
 <i>Ability to answer the question asked by the judges indicating originality, familiarity with the creed, and ability to think quickly</i></p> |
| <p>3. <i>Power of Expression includes:</i>
 <i>Fluency</i>
 <i>Emphasis</i>
 <i>Directness</i>
 <i>Sincerity</i>
 <i>Communicative ability</i>
 <i>Conveyance and meaning</i></p> | |

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	Points Allowed	Points Awarded Participant								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Order of Speaking										
Power of Expression	20									
Voice	20									
Stage Presence	20									
General Effect	20									
Response to Question	20									
TOTAL POINTS (GROSS)	100									
Less Error Deductions	1 pt/error									
Total Points (Net)										
Rank of Participant										