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Quartet Contest
QUARTET CONTEST

PURPOSE

The purpose of this contest is to develop musical ability and leadership characteristics through member participation in musical activities.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS

This contest is open to all junior and senior high school students who are presently enrolled in Agriscience Education and also to those who have already completed at least one year of Agriscience Education and continues to follow a planned course of study, which includes a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program under the supervision of the Agriscience teacher. All participants must be in school and bona fide FFA members.

Each quartet must consist of four different parts in harmony.

Each quartet may be accompanied by no more than one musical instrument of their choosing. If a musical instrument is used for either one, two, or all three selections, the same instrument must be used. The accompanist is not required to be an FFA member. Any quartet having an accompanist playing an instrument other than a piano must provide their own amplifier. If an electronic synthesizer is used, it must be set to duplicate only one instrument.

Each quartet will sing three selections of their choice. Either spiritual, gospel, country-western, and/or folk music may be used. All singers will use the PA system provided.

Area and/or district eliminations will be held prior to the state finals. The first and second place winners from the North, Central and South districts will compete in the state finals. Winning quartets that are unable to compete in the next highest contest should notify the District Advisor in time for the runner-up to compete.

Entries should be submitted to the County Chairman by February 1.

STATE AWARDS/SPONSOR(S):

Refer to Alabama FFA Contests and Awards Booklet at: http://www.alabamaffa.org/forms_applications.htm
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Each selection will be scored separately and recorded on the score sheet.

When all quartets have finished, the judges will retire and make their placings (1, 2, 3, etc.) without any discussion. The judges' rankings of each quartet then shall be added, and the winner will be the quartet whose total score is the lowest. This is the low point score method of selection. The person in charge will assist by recording the final placings of each judge on the Summary Sheet to determine the winners. In case of a tie the judges should vote by secret ballot on the two quartets involved. Judges will be welcomed to make comments and suggestions for each quartet to help enhance their performance as well as stage presence.

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SCORING

Each judge will score the three selections performed by a quartet using a 100 point per selection basis. Each selection will be scored on the following items:

Harmony (40 points)
Rendition (15 points)
Appropriateness and Variation in Types of Songs (15 points)
Stage Presence (20 points)
Official Dress (10 points)

Each judge will add the score given to each of the three selections for a quartet to obtain the Total Score for that quartet. The Total Score given by the judge for each quartet in the contest will be used to rank the quartets in the contest. The highest score being ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, the second highest score being ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc. The rankings of each of the three judges will be entered on the Summary Sheet by the person in charge of the contest.
EXPLANATION OF ITEMS TO BE SCORED

1. Harmony
   Quality of voices
   Distinctness of each part
   Way in which voices blend

2. Rendition
   Pronunciation
   Conveyance of thought and meaning
   Technique of individuals taking lead
   Ability to change tempo

3. Appropriateness and Variation in Types of Songs

4. Stage Presence
   Poise and confidence
   Ease and relaxation
   Ability to start, stop, and stay together
   Ability to sing without written lyrics

5. Official Dress

   Male Members
   Black slacks, white shirt, official FFA tie, black shoes, black socks, and the official jacket zipped to the top.

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SCORE SHEET FOR JUDGING FFA QUARTET CONTEST

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**TOTAL SCORE**

\[1 + 2 + 3\] (300 points possible/Quartet)

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**TOTAL SCORE/BAND**

[Judge 1+2+3] (Add up the judges’ placings for each band)

**FINAL PLACING**

[1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.]

[Lowest TOTAL SCORE/BAND is 1st Place, etc.]

*TOTAL SCORE:  The Total Score is the sum of the placing given to a quartet by each of the three judges. The low score wins.

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