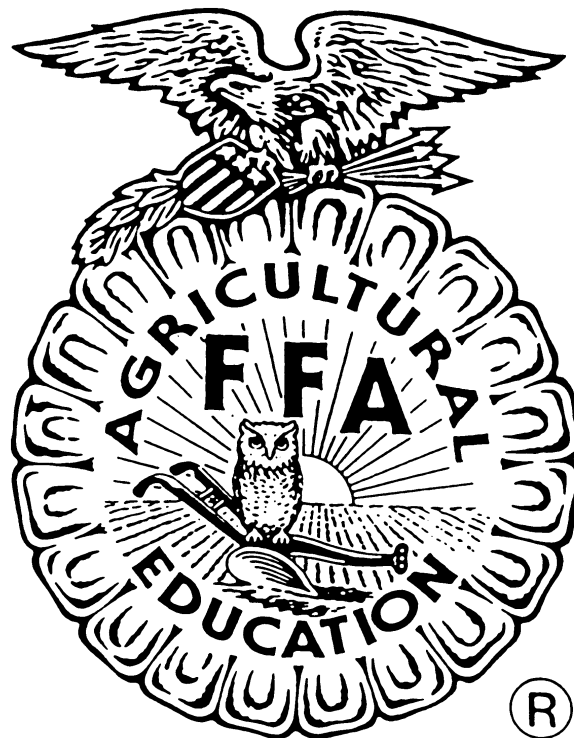


***CREED SPEAKING
CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT***

RULES AND REGULATIONS
INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION



ALABAMA FFA ASSOCIATION

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No person shall be denied employment, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity on the basis of disability, sex, race, religion, national origin, color, or age. Ref: Sec. 1983, Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.; Title VI and VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964; Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Sec. 504; Age Discrimination in Employment Act; Equal Pay Act of 1963; Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972: Title IX Coordinator, P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101 or call (334) 242-8444.

CREED SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE

The Creed Speaking Career Development Event is designed to develop agricultural leadership by providing FFA members in Grades 7 and 8 an opportunity to participate in a leadership development activity.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS

Participation is limited to dues paying FFA members in Grades 7 and 8.

An elimination event at the county level must be held to determine the county winner. Only the winner from each county is eligible to participate in the area and/or the district events.

The first and second place winners in the North, Central and South Districts will compete in the state finals.

STATE AWARDS/SPONSOR(S):

Refer to Alabama FFA Contests and Awards Booklet at:
http://www.alabamaffa.org/forms_applications.htm

EVENT RULES

1. The Creed Speaking Career Development Event is limited to dues paying FFA members in Grades 7 or 8.
2. It is highly recommended participants be in official FFA dress in each event.
3. Three competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At least one judge should have an agricultural/FFA background.
4. A timekeeper will keep time for each participant and inform the judges of any penalty points to be deducted from a participant's score.
5. An Accuracy Judge will score each participant on the accuracy of their delivery of the FFA Creed.
6. Questions to ask the participants will be formulated prior to the event.
7. The participants will draw for the order of presenting at the beginning of the event.

EVENT FORMAT

- 1. The event will include both an oral presentation as well as answering questions directly related to the FFA Creed. All questions should pertain to factual information and should not be opinionated. Each contestant will be asked three questions, with a five minute time limit. 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.**
- 2. Members will present the FFA Creed from the current year's Official FFA manual.**
- 3. The event will be a timed activity with four minutes for presentation. After four minutes, the contestant will be deducted 1 point for every second over four minutes.**
- 4. 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."**
- 5. Contestants will be held in isolation until their presentation. Contestant will not be allowed to have contact from any outside persons.**
- 6. 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.**
- 7. A timekeeper shall be designated who will record the time used by each participant in delivering his/her speech.**
- 8. An accuracy judge will record the number of recitation errors during delivery.**
- 9. When participants have finished speaking each judge will total the score of each speaker. The timekeeper's and accuracy judge's records 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.**
- 10. 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 (low point score method of selection).**

TIEBREAKERS

Ties will be broken based on the greatest number of low ranks. Participant's low ranks will be counted and the participant with the greatest number of low ranks will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, then the person in charge of the event will rank the participant's response to questions. The participant with the greatest number of low ranks from the response to questions will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists then the participant's raw scores will be totaled. The participant with the greatest total of raw points will be declared the winner.

REFERENCES

This list of references is not intended to be inclusive. Other sources may be utilized and teachers are encouraged to make use of the very best instructional materials available.

The following list contains references that may prove helpful during event preparation.

Current year's Official FFA Manual

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Creed Speaking
Judge's Score Sheet

Participants Name									
	Possible Points	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
Voice									
• Quality	40								
• Pitch	40								
• Force	40								
• Articulation	40								
• Pronunciation	40								
Stage Presence									
• Personal Appearance	50								
• Poise & Posture	40								
• Attitude	35								
• Confidence	35								
• Personality & ease before audience	40								
Power of Expression									
• Fluency	30								
• Emphasis	35								
• Directness	35								
• Sincerity	35								
• Communicative Ability	35								
• Conveyance of thought and meaning	30								
General Effect									
• Extent to which speech was understandable convincing, pleasing and held attention.	100								
Response to Questions*									
• Ability to answer satisfactorily the questions asked by the judges indicating familiarity with subject.	300								
Gross Total Points:	1000								
Less Time Deduction***									
Less Accuracy Deduction***									
Net Total Points									
Contestant Ranking									

*-Judges will select three questions per round. Questions will be selected from a data bank of questions that were developed by the Creed Speaking Career Development Event Committee.

**-1 point per second over, determined by the timekeepers.

***-20 points per word, determined by the accuracy judge.

Accuracy Judge Score Sheet

Participant's Name _____ **Chapter** _____

Grade (Circle one): 7th 8th

The FFA Creed by E. M. Tiffany.

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. Thank you.

Points Deduction (20 points per recitation error)

Number of recitation errors: _____ **x 20 points =** _____ **points deduction**

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Timekeeper's Record Sheet

Speaker	Time of Speech	Penalty Points*
Speaker No. ____	Minutes Seconds	
Speaker No. ____	Minutes Seconds	
Speaker No. ____	Minutes Seconds	
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Speaker No. ____	Minutes Seconds	

*Penalty Points: 1 point per second over 4 minutes.

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SUMMARY SHEET

When all participant have finished, the judges will retire and make their placings (1, 2, 3, etc.) without any discussion. The judges' rankings of each participant then shall be added, and the winner will be the participant whose total ranking (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, ties will be broken based on the greatest number of low ranks. Participants' low rankings will be counted and the participant with the greatest number of low rankings will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, then the person in charge of the event will rank the participant's response to questions. The participant with the greatest number of low ranks from the response to questions will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, then the participant's raw scores will be totaled. The participant with the greatest total of raw points will be declared the winner.

The Summary Sheet should be checked and double-checked before the winners are announced. The decision announced is final! The individual score sheets should be destroyed immediately by the judges; no one else will be allowed to see the score sheets.

Judges	Participants Names and Placing of Participants by Judges (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , etc.)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Judges 1								
Judges 2								
Judges 3								
TOTAL SCORE*								
Final Placing								

*TOTAL SCORE: The Total Score is the sum of the placing given to a participant by each of the three judges. The low score wins. (Revised 8/05)