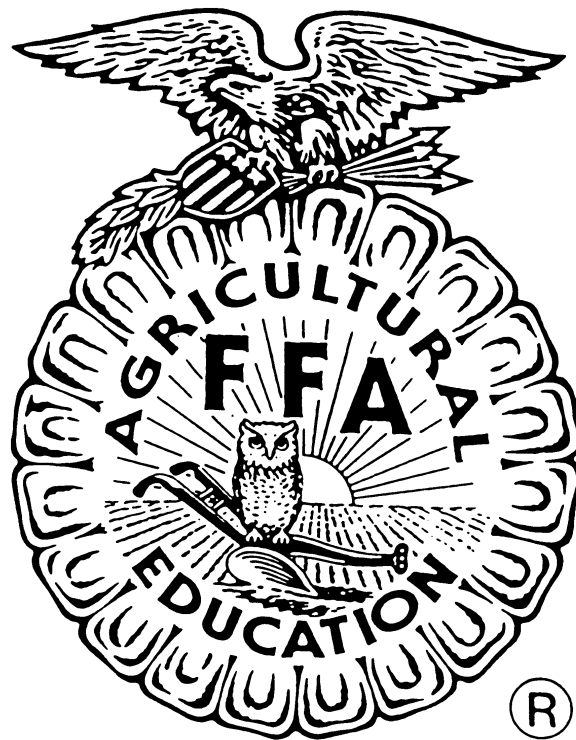


***PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING
CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT***

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.

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PURPOSE

The Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event is designed to develop agricultural leadership by providing for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities and stimulating interest in leadership and citizenship.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS

For specific eligibility of participants, refer to the Contest and Awards Booklet.

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

LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Chapter Event

- Chapter events should be held by February 1.
- Methods of eliminations in chapters are to be determined by local advisors.
- It is not necessary to report name of chapter winner to District Advisor.
- One original copy of the winner's manuscript must be submitted to the County Chairman at least one week in advance of the county event.

County Event

- The County Event should be held in February.
- The County Chairman will contact the other advisors in the county to determine the date and place, select judges, and make other arrangements for holding the event.
- The County Chairman should make copies of each chapter winner's manuscript from the original manuscript for the judges to use. No point deductions will be made for the manuscript being a copy.
- The County Chairman should keep the original manuscripts in a safe place.
- If only one chapter in a county has an entry, this participant is automatically the county winner.
- The County Chairman will mail the original copy of the county winner's manuscript immediately following the county event to the District Advisor. The original manuscript of each county winner must be in the hands of the District Advisor not later than March 15.
- Speakers will not hear each other's speech. Speakers will be in a place separate from the room where the event is being held.

Area Event

- To be determined by the District Advisor if area event(s) should be held.
- Date, time, and place will be arranged and announced to the advisors of the county winners by the District Advisor.
- The copies of the manuscripts for the judges to use in the area event will be made from the original manuscript mailed to the District Advisor by the County Chairman. No point deductions will be made for the manuscript being a copy.
- The District Advisor will keep the original manuscript received from the County Chairman in a safe place. Any copy(ies) of the manuscript needed from this point on in the Prepared Public Speaking Event will be made from this original.
- Area winner(s) will compete in the district event.
- Speakers will not hear each other's speech. Speakers will be in a place separate from the room where the event is being held.

District Event

- The district event will be held at regular district eliminations.
- All manuscripts used by the judges at the district level will be copies made from the original manuscript. No point deductions will be made for the manuscript being a copy.
- The District Advisor will send the original copy of the district winners' manuscript to the State Staff person in charge of the State Prepared Public Speaking Event.
- Speakers will not hear each other's speech. Speakers will be in a place separate from the room where the event is being held.

State Event

- The state event will be held during the State FFA Convention.
- All manuscripts used by the judges at the state level will be copies made from the original manuscript. No point deduction will be made for the manuscript being a copy.
- Speakers will not hear each other's speech. Speakers will be in a place separate from the room where the event is being held.

MANUSCRIPT

The manuscript should be double-spaced, typewritten on 8½" x 11" paper, with a cover page that gives the speech title, participant's name, and chapter. The body of the manuscript should have 1" margins, and 10-12 characters per inch. The APA Format should be followed in developing references in the text of the manuscript and the bibliography. Additional information on the APA format is provided on page 7. Do not bind the manuscript, but place a staple in the upper left corner.

A complete and accurate bibliography used in writing the speech must be part of the manuscript. All participants in the FFA Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event should give credit to others where any direct quotes, phrases, or special dates are used in the manuscript, in order not to be guilty of plagiarism. The Boards of National Officers and Directors of FFA at the October 1960 meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, adopted the following:

"A bibliography MUST be included as part of the public speaker's manuscript, and direct quotes from any source of information must be marked in "quotes" on the manuscript and be identified in the bibliography. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify a participant. This applies to all events above the local level."

SUBJECT

Participants may choose any current subject for their speeches which is of an agricultural nature. This may include, but not limited to, agriscience and technology, agribusiness, agrimarketing, international agricultural relations, agricultural biotechnology, or agricultural communications.

TIME LIMIT

Each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes in length and a maximum of eight minutes. Each participant will be allowed five minutes additional time in which he or she will be asked questions relating to his or her speech. Participants are to be penalized one point per second on each judge's score sheet for being under six minutes or over eight minutes. No time warnings will be given.

JUDGING

- 1. Event officials will randomly determine the speaking order. The program chairman shall introduce each participant by name in order of the drawing. A participant will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation. No props are to be used. Applause shall be withheld until all participants have spoken.**
- 2. A timekeeper(s) shall be designated who will record the time used by each participant in delivering his or her speech, noting undertime or overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made. Timekeepers should be sitting together.**
- 3. Prior to the event, the subject, content and composition of the manuscripts should be judged and scored by the event judges.**
- 4. 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 presentation, using the score sheet provided.**
- 5. Each judge shall formulate and ask questions. Questions shall pertain directly to the speaker's subject. Questions containing two or more parts should be avoided. Judges will score each participant on the ability to answer all questions asked by all judges.**
- 6. When all participants have finished speaking, each judge will total the score for each participant. Then, each judge will determine the final score for each participant by deducting penalty points, if any, based on the timekeeper(s) record.**
- 7. Participants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without any discussion. Then, each judge will be given one opportunity to verbally defend his/her placings. Next, the judges will be allowed to reconsider their placings and make their final decision. The judges' ranking of each participant then shall be added, and the winner will be that participant whose total ranking (score) is the lowest. This is the low point score method of selection. The person in charge of the event will assist by recording the final placings of each judge on the Summary Sheet to determine 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.

SCORING

The following is an outline of the items to be scored.

Subject of Manuscript: (50 points possible)

Subject is of an agricultural nature

Content of the manuscript: (150 points possible)

Importance and appropriateness of the subject

Suitability of the material used

Accuracy of the statements included

Evidence of purpose

Completeness and accuracy of bibliography

Composition of the manuscript: (100 points possible)

Organization of the content

Unity of thought

Logical development

Language used

Sentence structure

Accomplishment of purpose-conclusions

Voice: (100 points possible)

Quality

Pitch

Pronunciation

Articulation

Force

Stage Presence: (100 points possible)

Personal appearance

Official Dress

Male Members

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

Female Members

Black skirt, white blouse with official FFA blue scarf, black shoes and the official jacket zipped to the top.

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Poise and body posture
Attitude
Confidence
Personality
Ease before audience

Power of expression: (100 points possible)

Fluency
Emphasis
Directness
Sincerity
Communicative ability
Conveyance of thought and meaning

Response to questions: (300 points possible)

Ability to satisfactorily answer questions asked by the judges on the speech, indicating originality, familiarity with subject, and ability to think quickly.

General effect: (100 points possible)

Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing, and held attention.

TIEBREAKERS

Ties will be broken based on the greatest number of low ranks. Participant's 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, the participant with the highest score (highest number of points) on 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.

Factual information pertaining to agriculture is available from:

1. United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250
2. State Colleges, Research Center and/or Experiment Stations
3. The Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

APA FORMAT

The APA Format should be followed in developing references in the text of the manuscript and the bibliography. The letters "APA" stand for the American Psychological Association. This Association publishes the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.

There are numerous Internet sites that provide guides based on this manual. Searching the Internet for the APA Format will produce numerous sites where information can be obtained.

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JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET**

Items To Be Scored	Max. Points	Speakers							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Subject of Manuscript <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject is of an agricultural nature 	50								
Content of Manuscript <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance and appropriateness of the subject • Suitability of the material used • Accuracy of the statements • Evidence of purpose • Completeness and accuracy of bibliography 	150								
Manuscript Composition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of contents • Unity of thought • Logical development • Language used • Sentence structure • Accomplishment of purpose-conclusion 	100								
SUBTOTAL FOR MANUSCRIPT To Be Scored Before The Speaking Event (300 Points Possible)									
Voice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality, pitch • Articulation • Pronunciation • Force 	100								
Stage Presence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal appearance • Poise and body posture • Attitude, confidence and personality • Ease before an audience 	100								
Power of Expression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicative ability including: fluency, emphasis, directness sincerity • Conveyance of thought and meaning 	100								
Response to Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to answer the questions on the speech, which are asked by the judges, indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly. 	300								
General Effect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention 	100								
Gross Total Points	1000								
Less Time Deduction* (1 point deduction for each second under six (6) minutes or over eight (8) minutes)									
Net Total Points									
Contestant Ranking									

*This information will be obtained from the timekeeper(s).

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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	
Speaker No. ____	Minutes Seconds	
Speaker No. ____	Minutes Seconds	
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Speaker No. ____	Minutes Seconds	

***Penalty Points: 1 point per second over 8 minutes or under 6 minutes.
Any part of a second counts as one second of time.**

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SUMMARY SHEET

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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 speaker by each of the three judges. The low score wins.