

JIM GRAHAM FFA CREED SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT Rules for the State FFA Event

Sponsor

This event is currently sponsored by the Law Offices of James R. Ansley.

State Event Superintendent

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Eligibility and General Guidelines

This event is open only to active FFA members who are enrolled in their first course in Agricultural Education as a 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grader. **Students may not compete in this event more than once.** No sophomores, juniors or seniors are eligible to compete at the state level. Members winning a previous state event in this area or that have participated in a previous national event in this area are ineligible.

FFA members and advisors may not visit the site of a state career development event within seven days of the start of the event. Members and advisors that violate this rule will be disqualified.

The use of cellular phones, Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's) or any other mobile electronic communication device is prohibited during any state-level career development event. Any violation of this rule will result in total disqualification.

Any member found cheating in any state-level career development event will result in total disqualification for that event.

At the North Carolina FFA State Convention, members may participate in only one career development event with the exceptions of Creed and Parliamentary Procedure or Prepared Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure.

State Career Development Event Participation

The appropriate numbers of participants based on event involvement from each region are eligible to compete in the state career development event. Individuals advancing to state event participation must be certified by the regional FFA advisor.

Procedures for Administering the Event

- A. Participants must recite from memory the latest version of the FFA Creed. The participant may have an introductory statement of no more than 30 seconds, which will not be considered in selecting a winner. Judging will be based on the following criteria.

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points Allowed</u>
Voice	200
Stage Presence	200
Power of Expression	200
Accuracy and General Effect	100
Response Total	300

- B. This career development event may be introduced jointly with the FFA Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event using the same setting and judges if practical to do so.
- C. The participants may not observe the career development event.
- D. Observers will be allowed to view the career development event but must enter the room prior to the recitation by the first participant and must stay for the entire career development event.
- E. Creed participants may also be involved in the Ritual and Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Event at the state level. (An exception may be made at the Federation and/or Regional level if agreed upon in advance by the FFA advisors on those levels.) Students may not enter Prepared Public Speaking and FFA Creed Speaking in the same year at the state level.
- F. The participants will draw for order of participation. (An exception may be made at the federation level if necessary.)
- G. At the state event, flighting of the teams will occur on the morning of the event.
- H. The event will include answering questions directly related to the creed. Each participant will be asked one question per judge per round, with a five minute time limit for responses. The questions used will change as the participant progresses to semi and final rounds of competition. 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.
- J. Method of Selecting Winner- Three competent and impartial judges will be selected to judge career development events at all levels of competition. At least one of the judges should have an agricultural background. Judges will score participants on the North Carolina FFA Creed Speaking Score Card. Each judge will individually score and rank all participants. The ranking of the judges will be given to the event director, who will compile rankings and determine winner(s) based on low score values. That is, a speaker

ranked number one by a judge receives one point, or two points for a second place ranking, etc.

Procedure for Determining the State Event Winner When Scores are Tied

The judges will use individual raw scores, which will be added, and the high scorer will be the winner. The official judges will break any tie prior to announcing any results.

Dress Code

Participants are required to follow the North Carolina FFA Career Development Event Dress Code. A ten percent reduction in the total team score will be taken if a participant violates the dress code. For this event, participants must wear official dress as described in the FFA manual. For male members: black slacks, white collared shirt, official FFA tie, black dress shoes, black socks, and an official FFA jacket zipped up to the top. For female members: black skirt, white collared blouse, official FFA blue scarf, black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe, black nylon hosiery, an official FFA jacket zipped to the top. (Special Note: The skirt is to be at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom, with a slit no longer than two inches above the knee, excluding the kick pleat. Black slacks may be appropriate for traveling and outdoor activities.)

State Awards

The following awards will be presented annually at the state FFA convention provided sponsorship is available:

State Winner	\$500 and first place plaque
Second Place	Second place plaque
Third Place	Third place plaque

National Career Development Event Participation

Only 7th, 8th, or 9th graders are eligible to compete in the National FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event. The state winner will advance to national career development event participation and will be automatically registered for the national event. It is the responsibility of the Chapter FFA Advisor to complete all necessary national certification and waiver forms and return them to the State FFA Coordinator by the assigned due date.

State winning CDE Teams that choose not to participate at the national level should contact the state office by Sept 1 prior to national convention. Teams that fail to inform the state office prior to Sept 1 will be ineligible to participate in that same CDE for the next year (chapters may appeal to the State FFA Board of Directors). Teams that do not compete at the National Convention will be required to pay back the \$500 travel award.

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.

The Creed was written by E. M Tiffany and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. Revised at the 38th and 63rd National FFA Conventions.

Creed Speaking Score Card

Name: _____ Chapter: _____ Participant No.: _____

	Possible Points	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
-Quality	40								
-Pitch	40								
-Force	40								
-Articulation	40								
-Pronunciation	40								
Voice Total:	200								
-Personal Appearance	50								
-Poise and Posture	40								
-Attitude	35								
-Confidence	35								
-Personality & ease before audience	40								
Stage Presence Total:	200								
-Fluency	30								
-Emphasis	35								
-Directness	35								
-Sincerity	35								
-Communicative Ability	35								
-Conveyance of thought and meaning	30								
Power of Exp. Total:	200								
Extent to which speech was understandable, convincing, pleasing, and held attention	100								
General Effect Total:	100								
Ability to answer satisfactorily the questions asked by the judges indicating familiarity with the subject	300								
Response Total:	300								
Less Accuracy Deduction***:									
Participant Ranking									

*** -2- points per word, determined from the accuracy judges