

FFA CREED SPEAKING

Purpose

The purpose of the FFA Creed Speaking Contest is to develop the ability of beginning FFA members to demonstrate their interpretation and self-expression of the FFA Creed.

Objectives

The student will be able to:

- I. Memorize and recite the FFA Creed.
- II. Present the FFA Creed using his/her own interpretation, self-expression, and delivery.
- III. Experience speaking before a group.
- IV. Communicate effectively with others.
- V. Develop self-confidence in speaking before an audience.

Event Format

1. This contest is limited to FFA members in good standing who are enrolled in the agriculture program for the first time and who are either in the ninth or tenth grade. **Only students who are in the 9th grade at the time of the state contest will be allowed to compete in the National contest.** (See National CDE rules)
 - i. NOTE: Ties will be broken following the national rules. Tie breaker rules are as follows: 1) Add judges ranking – lowest ranking; 2) If lowest rank value is a tie go to greatest number of lowest ranks; 3) If greatest number of lowest ranks is a tie then rank of judges score on response to questions; 4) If the greatest number of lowest ranks on response to questions is a tie to use total raw score.
2. Participants will be asked questions directly related to the FFA Creed following their presentation. A maximum of two (2) minutes will be allowed for questions per participant. At the end of two (2) minutes the time keeper will call time and the participant must stop even if they are in the middle of answering a question. The two (2) minute time will begin when the judge begins their first question. Questions will be formulated by the event judges and two part questions will be avoided. During the state event questions will change (be different) between the 1st round and the finals. Sample questions will not be available prior to the event.
3. **Students are not allowed to compete in FFA Creed Speaking and Division I Prepared Public Speaking the same year.**
4. Each contestant must recite the FFA Creed from memory. An introduction to the creed may be given; however it is limited to exactly the following words – “The FFA Creed by E. M. Tiffany”. If the short introduction is given, any words added &/or deleted may be subject to the 10 point per word penalty. **No closing information should be presented** with the exception of exactly the words, “Thank You.”. **DO NOT present the statement at the end of the FFA Creed regarding** when The FFA Creed was adopted & revised. Doing so will result in a 10 point per word penalty.
5. No closing statement or comments are permitted.
6. The presentation will be given without the use of a microphone.
7. The time limit is four minutes for presenting the FFA Creed. Any contestant taking more time will be disqualified.
8. The number of state FFA Creed speaking entries from each district is listed in the Guidelines under Allocation of Teams from Each District.
9. Ten (10) points shall be deducted for each added or deleted word. A Reader other than the judge will be used to check the wording and determine mistakes.

References

Forms

FFA Creed Evaluation Sheet

Name: _____

Omitted words (circled) x 10 points = _____

Chapter: _____

Added Words (indicate #) x 10 points = _____

Total Deduction: _____

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.

FFA CREED SPEAKING - FORM 32 - JUDGES' SCORE SHEET

The presenter may begin with an introduction limited to, "The FFA Creed by E. M. Tiffany"
and may close with the words "Thank you" (See Rules)

Speaking Order											
Possible Points		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
VOICE (Total 200):											
Quality	40										
Pitch	40										
Force	40										
Articulation	40										
Pronunciation	40										
STAGE PRESENCE (Total 200):											
Personal Appearance	50										
Poise and Posture	40										
Attitude	35										
Confidence	35										
Personality and ease before audience	40										
POWER OF EXPRESSION (Total 200):											
Fluency	35										
Emphasis	35										
Directness	35										
Sincerity	35										
Communicative Ability	30										
Conveyance of thought and meaning	30										
GENERAL EFFECT (Total 100):											
Extent to which speech was understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention.	100										
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS* (Total 300)											
Ability to answer satisfactorily the questions asked by the judges indicating familiarity with the subject.	300										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Gross Total Points	1000										
Less Time Deduction *											
Less Accuracy Deduction **											
Net Total Points											
Participant Ranking:											

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

** - 10 points per word, determined from by the accuracy judges

FFA CREED SPEAKING - FORM 32 - JUDGES' SCORE SHEET (Continued)
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 and may close with the words "Thank you" (See Rules)

Speaking Order											
Possible Points		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
VOICE (Total 200):											
Quality	40										
Pitch	40										
Force	40										
Articulation	40										
Pronunciation	40										
STAGE PRESENCE (Total 200):											
Personal Appearance	50										
Poise and Posture	40										
Attitude	35										
Confidence	35										
Personality and ease before audience	40										
POWER OF EXPRESSION (Total 200):											
Fluency	30										
Emphasis	35										
Directness	35										
Sincerity	35										
Communicative Ability	30										
Conveyance of thought and meaning	30										
GENERAL EFFECT (Total 100):											
Extent to which speech was understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention.	100										
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS* (Total 300)											
Ability to answer satisfactorily the questions asked by the judges indicating familiarity with the subject.	300										
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Gross Total Points	1000										
Less Time Deduction *											
Less Accuracy Deduction **											
Net Total Points											
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FFA CREED SPEAKING - FORM 32 - JUDGES' PLACING SCORE SHEET

Speaking Order

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CONTESTANT NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Judge's A Placing										
Judge's B Placing										
Judge's C Placing										
Total of Placings										
FINAL RATING										

Speaking Order

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CONTESTANT NUMBER	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Judge's A Placing										
Judge's B Placing										
Judge's C Placing										
Total of Placings										
FINAL RATING										