

GREENHAND CREED SPEAKING

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

The FFA Creed outlines the FFA organizations beliefs regarding the agriculture industry. The purpose of the FFA Creed LDE is to not only develop the public speaking abilities of 7th, 8th or 9th grade members but also to help preserve the heritage of our organization through competitive performance. The creed contest allows students to begin their speaking career and develop an understanding of the history of FFA and Agriculture.

1. This event will be open to the public. Applause shall be held until all participants have spoken.
2. Contestants will be sequestered in a designated holding area at the start of the event and may not exit prior to competing without a monitor. Students not in the holding room at the start time for the first speaker will be penalized 300 points (equivalent of points available for response to questions), yet allowed to compete. Advisors or other involved parties may not enter the room or contact the student once the event has commenced. Students competing in another event **MUST** be accompanied by an SHSU escort and the event superintendent must be notified of the need for an escort prior to the day of competition.
3. The event will include an oral presentation as well as answering questions directly related to the Creed.
4. Members will present the FFA Creed from the current edition of the Official FFA Manual.
5. The event will be a timed activity with four minutes for presentation. After four minutes, contestant will be deducted one point for every second over set time.
6. The event will include oral questions. There will be a maximum of three questions per contestant with a time limit of five minutes. The same questions will be asked to all contestants. These questions will be thought-type questions directly related to the creed. Two part questions should be avoided.
7. No props are to be used.
8. 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." Any other words spoken as part of an introduction or conclusion shall be assessed a penalty deduction of twenty (20) points per word. Point deductions will only be taken after the judges indicate, "You may begin."
9. 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.

TIE BREAKER

Ties will first be broken by total net scores and then by the score for answer to the questions.

ELIGIBILITY

The Greenhand Creed Speaking Event will be limited to students in grades 7, 8, or 9

SENIOR CREED SPEAKING

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

The FFA Creed outlines the FFA organizations beliefs regarding the agriculture industry. The purpose of the FFA Creed LDE is to not only develop public speaking abilities of all members, but also to help preserve the heritage of our organization through competitive performance. The senior creed event allows students to further their speaking career and develop an understanding of the history of FFA and Agriculture. The contest encourages demonstration of the ability to utilize critical thinking skills and verbal cognitive skills. Senior FFA Creed broadens agriculture knowledge and creates agriculture advocate skills. This contest encourages and emphasizes the importance of being an ambassador for agriculture in a community as a student prepares to compete at advanced levels.

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3. The event will include an oral presentation as well as answering questions directly related to the Creed.
4. Members will present the FFA Creed from the current edition of the Official FFA Manual.
5. The event will be a timed activity with four minutes for presentation. After four minutes, contestant will be deducted 1 point for every second over set time.
6. The event will include oral questions. There will be a maximum of three questions per contestant with a time limit of five minutes. The same questions will be asked to all contestants. These questions will be thought-type questions directly related to the Creed. Two part questions should be avoided-
7. No props are to be used.
8. 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." Any other words spoken as part of an introduction or conclusion shall be assessed a penalty deduction of twenty (20) points per word. Point deductions will only be taken after the judges indicate, "You may begin."
9. 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.

TIE BREAKER

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ELIGIBILITY

The Senior FFA Creed Speaking Leadership Development Event is open to all members

Judge's Signature: _____

CREED SPEAKING SCORESHEET – Page 1

Oral Communication - 400 points						
Indicators	Very strong evidence skill is present: 5-4 points	Moderate Evidence skill is present: 3-2 points	Evidence skill is not present: 1-0 points	Points Earned	Weight	Total Score
A. Speaks without hesitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaks very articulately without hesitation. Never has the need for unnecessary pauses or hesitation when speaking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaks articulately, but sometimes hesitates. Occasionally has the need for a long pause or moderate hesitation when speaking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaks articulately, but frequently hesitates. Frequently hesitates or has long, awkward pauses while speaking. 		X25	
B. Pace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaks at a moderate pace to be clear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaks at a moderate pace most of the time, but shows some nervousness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pace is too fast/slow; nervous. 		X10	
C. Tone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice is upbeat, impassioned and under control. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice is somewhat upbeat, impassioned and under control. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice is not upbeat; lacks passion and control. 		X15	
D. Pronunciation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pronunciation of words is very clear and intent is apparent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pronunciation of words is usually clear, sometimes mumbled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pronunciation of words is difficult to understand; unclear. 		X15	
E. Volume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emitted a clear, audible voice for the audience present. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emitted a somewhat clear, audible voice for audience present. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emitted a barely audible voice for the audience present. 		X15	
Non-verbal Communication - 300 points						
A. Attention (eye contact)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye contact consistently used as an effective connection. Constantly looks at the entire audience (90-100% of the time). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye contact is mostly effective and consistent. Mostly looks around the audience (60-80% of the time). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye contact does not always allow connection with the speaker. Occasionally looks at someone or some groups (less than 50% of the time). 		X15	
B. Mannerisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not have distracting mannerisms that affect the effectiveness. No nervous habits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes has distracting mannerisms that pull from the presentation. Sometimes exhibits nervous habits or ticks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has mannerisms that pull from the effectiveness of the presentation. Displays some nervous habits - fidgets or anxious ticks. 		X15	
C. Gestures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gestures are purposeful and effective. Hand motions are expressive and used to emphasize talking points. Great posture (confident) with positive body language. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually uses purposeful gestures. Hands are sometimes used to express or emphasize talking points. Occasionally slumps; sometimes negative body language. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasionally gestures are used effectively. Hands are not used to emphasize talking points; hand motions are sometimes distracting. Lacks positive body language; slumps. 		X15	
D. Well poised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is extremely well poised. Poised and in control at all times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is usually well poised. Poised and in control most of the time; rarely loses composure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isn't always well poised. Sometimes seems to lose composure. 		X15	

Judge's Signature: _____

CREED SPEAKING SCORESHEET – Page 2

Verbal Question and Answer - 300 points						
Indicators	Very strong evidence skill is present: 5-4 points	Moderate Evidence skill is present: 3-2 points	Evidence skill is not present: 1-0 points	Points Earned	Weight	Total Score
A. Detail oriented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Is able to stay fully detail oriented. •Always provides details which support answers/basis of the question. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Is mostly detail oriented. •Usually provides details which are supportive of the answers/basis of the questions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Has difficulty being detail oriented. •Sometimes overlooks details that could be very beneficial to the answers/basis of the question. 		X20	
B. Speaks unrehearsed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Speaks unrehearsed with comfort and ease. •Is able to speak quickly with organized thoughts and concise answers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mostly speaks unrehearsed with comfort and ease, but sometimes seems nervous or unsure. •Is able to speak effectively but has to stop and think and sometimes gets off focus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Shows nervousness or seems unprepared when speaking unrehearsed. •Seems to ramble or speaks before thinking. 		X20	
C. Examples used in response to questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Examples are vivid, precise and clearly explained. •Examples are original, logical and relevant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Examples are usually concrete, but sometimes needs clarification. •Examples are effective, but need more originality or thought. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Examples are abstract or not clearly defined. •Examples are sometimes confusing, leaving the listeners with questions. 		X20	
Gross Total Points						
Time Deduction (-1 point per second over)						
Accuracy Deduction (-20 points per word, determined from the accuracy judges)						
Net Total Points						
Rank						

