

**South Carolina  
2009 Region and State  
FFA Upper Division Creed Speaking  
Career Development Event**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Upper Division Creed Career Development Event is to develop leadership programs in the state for first-year members enrolled in the agriculture education program in the tenth grade. This CDE provides first-year members the opportunity to develop basic public speaking skills and stimulates the opportunity to develop leadership and citizenship.

**Eligibility**

1. One participant per chapter.
2. This event is open to **first-year FFA members who are enrolled in the tenth grade** and who have earned the Greenhand FFA Degree. Contestants must be dues paying members in good standing with their chapters.
3. The top two contestants in each region will compete at the state event to be conducted during the state FFA convention.
4. A student can compete in only one speaking event (Upper Division Greenhand Creed, prepared, or extemporaneous) on the state level in a given year.
5. A participant shall wear official FFA dress when competing in this event.
6. Each region is permitted to enter two contestants to compete at the state level held during the state FFA convention

**Subject**

The contestant must recite from memory the FFA Creed as printed in the *Official FFA Manual* to a panel of judges. The presentation should begin by stating, "**The FFA Creed by E.M. Tiffany.**" Each contestant shall end the presentation with the statement ". . . **that inspiring task. Thank you.**"

**Time Limit**

1. The contestant must recite the FFA Creed within four minutes.
2. If a contestant takes longer than four minutes, a penalty of one point per second over the four minutes will be enforced.
3. Each judge will ask at least one question of each contestant.
4. The judges will be allowed five additional minutes per contestant to ask related questions.

5. Time commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep a record of their time.
6. Event officials or observers will give no time warnings.

### **Procedures**

1. The CDE coordinator will randomly draw speaking order.
2. A timekeeper will keep the official speaking time and monitor the time the judges' use of time for asking questions.
3. At least two competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event.
4. Each judge shall formulate and ask questions. Questions shall pertain to the FFA Creed.
5. When all participants have finished speaking, each judge will total the score on each speaker. The timekeeper's record and accuracy record will be used in computing the final score for each participant.
6. Contestants must recite the FFA Creed from memory. The presentation should begin by stating, "The FFA Creed by E.M. Tiffany." Contestants shall end the presentation with the statement ". . . that inspiring task. Thank you."
7. The criteria and point allocation are detailed on the FFA Creed Speaking CDE score sheet.

### **Tiebreakers**

1. 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.
2. If a tie still exists, then the event superintendent will rank the participant's response to questions. The participant with the lowest ranking from the response to question will be declared the winner.

### **Awards (tentative, based upon sponsorship.)**

The state winner will receive a plaque and \$500.00 to attend the National FFA Convention or Washington Leadership Conference. Plaques will be awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place individuals.