



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.

EVENT RULES

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 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.
10. No cell phones, technology, or communication devices will be permitted to be used in the holding room, unless conducted by Texas FFA or SHSU. This includes the contestant and all of those with the contestant.

TIEBREAKER

Ties will be broken by counting the total number of top-ranks. The contestant with the most top-ranks will be declared the winner.

For example:

- Contestant 1 rankings: 7, 7, 9
- Contestant 2 rankings: 6, 5, 12

Since contestant 2 has two higher rankings (5 and 6) compared to contestant 1's highest rankings (7 and 7), contestant 2 wins the tie. If a tie still exists, then the event superintendent will add up the contestant's response to questions points. The contestant with the highest score will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, then the event superintendent will add up the contestant's score on the oral communication section. The contestant with the highest score will be declared the winner.

ELIGIBILITY

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