

Discovery Speaking Event Junior High

Objective: To develop the ability of young FFA members to competently express themselves as they assume the responsibilities of agricultural leadership.

A. Rules and Regulations

1. The event is open to all junior high students who have been or are involved in local agricultural education classes or FFA. Students participating in this event do NOT need to be official FFA members.
2. Each district will determine the number of individuals per school allowed to compete at the district level, if a district event is held. Each district may send a maximum of two individuals to state competition.
3. Each speech will be limited to four minutes (warning at three minutes) and not less than two minutes in length. One point will be deducted for each second overtime or undertime. A maximum of three minutes additional time will be allowed each participant to answer questions asked by the evaluators.
4. A bibliography must be included as part of the participant's manuscript, and direct quotes from any source of information must be in quotes on the manuscript and identified with the bibliography. Charts and other visual aids **are prohibited**.
5. The participant's use of manuscript is prohibited at the district and state event; note cards are acceptable.
6. The participant will furnish **four** typewritten copies of the complete manuscript including cover page and bibliography for the district and state events. The cover page must include the participant's name, chapter, and title of the speech. The copies must be brought to the district event. For state, they must be received in the State FFA Office postmarked or delivered on or before **March 1**.
7. Cover page and bibliography are mandatory.

B. Guide For Conducting FFA Discovery Speaking Event

Prior to the event:

1. The order of appearance will be determined in advance of the event.
2. Hand out one of the following to each evaluator:
 - a. Discovery Speaking rules and regulations
 - b. Official score card/Results sheets
 - c. Order of appearance roster
 - d. Manuscripts of speeches

Start event:

1. Each participant will be introduced by the individual running the event.
2. After the participant is finished, the timer will record the time and forward to the evaluators.
3. Each participant is to have a maximum of three minutes for questioning from the evaluators. These questions are to be based on the speech.

After event:

1. Each evaluator should total each participant's score and arrive at the placing. Discussion between evaluators is allowed and encouraged.
2. Ribbons may be awarded according to the guidelines on the results sheets.

3. A critique sheet should be completed for each participant.
4. Two copies of the results should be completed on the sheets provided. List name/chapter of each participant.

Event dress:

1. Each participant should wear the official FFA dress as defined in the FFA manual if they are an FFA member. If not, each participant should wear business clothes.

C. Official Score Card

Content of Manuscript.....	200
Composition of Speech.....	100
Voice	100
Stage Presence	100
Power of Expression.....	200
Response to Questions	200
General Effect.....	100
 Total	 1000

Time Penalty: 1 point for each second undertime and/or overtime

D. Awards Recognition

1. District Awards—Participants meriting awards shall be rated as purple, blue, red, or white. Each district may send a maximum of two contestants to the state competition.
2. State Awards—Participants in the state event will be designated as gold, silver, or bronze medal recipients. A trophy will be awarded to the winner.

DISCOVERY SPEAKING EVENT CRITIQUE SHEET

Participant: _____

FFA Chapter: _____

Excellent Good Average Fair Poor

Recommendations for Improvement

Content of manuscript Importance of the subject Suitability of the material Cover page and bibliography included <i>(maximum of 200 points)</i>						
Composition of speech Organization of the content Unity Language used, sentence structure <i>(maximum of 100 points)</i>						
Voice Quality, Pitch Force, Articulation Pronunciation <i>(maximum of 100 points)</i>						
Stage presence Personal appearance Poise and body posture Attitude, Confidence, Personality Ease before audience <i>(maximum of 100 points)</i>						
Power of expression Fluency, Emphasis Directness, Sincerity Conveyance of thought and meaning <i>(maximum of 200 points)</i>						
Response to questions Ability to answer the questions on the speech, familiarity with subject <i>(maximum of 200 points)</i>						
General effect Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable and convincing <i>(maximum of 100 points)</i>						
TOTAL <i>(maximum of 1000 points)</i>			Time _____ Points Deducted _____			

GENERAL COMMENTS: