

Job Interview Career Development Event

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Purpose of Event

The ability to complete a resume and a job application and to participate in an interview is essential for any career. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education. Through the Job Interview event, students will have the opportunity to polish their skills in landing a job and launching a career.

State Core Curriculum Content Standards

Through Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education, FFA is helping students meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards in various areas. The Job Interview Career Development Event teaches students about Language Arts Literacy, Visual and Performing Arts and Career Education and Consumer, Family and Life Skills. Some examples of how the Job Interview Career Development Event is meeting these standards are:

All students will develop, apply and reflect upon knowledge of the process of critique.

- FFA members learn the importance of critique through their participation in the Job Interview Career Development Event. [1.4 Visual and Performing Arts: Critique]

All students will write in clear, concise, organized language that varies in content and form for different audiences and purposes.

- Through agricultural education, students learn abilities to non-verbally communicate in a powerful, organized and professional manner. [3.2 - Language Arts Literacy: Writing]

All students will speak in clear, concise, organized language that varies in content and form for different audiences and purposes.

- Through agricultural education, students learn abilities to communicate in a powerful, organized and professional manner. [3.3 - Language Arts Literacy: Speaking]

All students will develop career awareness and planning, employability skills, and foundational knowledge necessary for success in the workplace.

- Through the Job Interview Career Development Event, students prepare a resume and use job seeking skills such as interviews to land a job. [9.1 – Career Education and Consumer, Family and Life Skills: Career and Technical Education]

Rules of Event

All Career Development Events will follow the general rules, which are published in the NJ State FFA Activity Guide (Form 7.000). This event will consist of five (5) phases: Phase I - Cover Letter (Due April 10); Phase II – Resume (Due April 10); Phase III – Application (15 minutes); Phase IV – Personal Interview (10 minutes); Phase V – Follow Up Letter (15 minutes). Chapters may have one (1) participant compete. For more details on this event, [click here](#) consult the [National FFA Career Development Event Handbook](#).

Scoring for the New Jersey Event

(other scoring will occur on the national level)

Phase I – Cover Letter - 100 points
Phase II – Resume - 150 points
Phase III – Application – 50 points
Phase IV – Personal Interview – 450 points
Phase V – Follow up Letter – 100 points
Individual Total – 850 points

[Click here to discover the Career Opportunities, SAE Opportunities and Proficiency Award Areas that correspond to the Job Interview Career Development Event!](#)