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Landscape Design

Purpose

The purpose of the New Jersey Landscape Design Career Development Event is to develop proper drawing skills in students, establish public speaking and public relation skills through verbal presentation of designs, and have a better understanding of the art and industry of landscape design.

Event Rules

The complete rules, policies and procedures relevant to all New Jersey FFA Career and Leadership Development Events may be found in the CDE & LDE Event Participation Policy:

https://nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/activity/CDE_LDE_Policy.pdf

- The contest is only open to students who are enrolled in Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education for the current calendar year, or who are still in high school but have completed all Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education courses offered. When selected, contestants must be active members of a chartered FFA Chapter, who is in good standing with the New Jersey State FFA Association and the National FFA Organization.
- A student may not compete in more than one event in the same day time frame during the New Jersey State FFA Convention Career/Leadership Development Events.
- All student participants in New Jersey FFA events (CDEs/LDEs, Leadership Conference, State Convention, etc.) are **required** to complete the **Release Form, Student Agreement, and Emergency Information** in AET.
- It is highly recommended that participants wear FFA Official Dress for this event.
- Participants will report to the event room at the time and place shown on the schedule of events. Only participants will be allowed in the holding room. No cell phones or other communication devices will be allowed in the holding room without express permission from the event superintendent. Any participant in possession of any electronic device at any point throughout the event is subject to disqualification.
- The registration fee is \$11.00 per entry, unless the chapter is BLUE affiliated then the entry fee is waived.
- Three entries per chapter may be submitted. Local competition is recommended to determine the best entries from the school/chapter.

Event Format

The event will be conducted in two parts: Part I: Landscape Drawing and Part II: Oral Presentation.

The design must be labeled with the student's name, FFA Chapter, and school. The design and specifications will vary according to the year. (Reference the State Activity Guide, Landscape Design CDE Information tab.) The specifications are as follows:

1. Type and size of house
2. Size of lot
3. Size of family
4. Natural factors inherent to site
5. Purpose of landscaping

All entries must either post marked by March 1st or brought to the Horticultural Expo on Friday, March 13th.

Please do not send original drawings.

Part I will be scored and returned to all participants with comments, The top five participants will complete in Part II, the oral presentation, at the New Jersey State FFA Convention in May.

LANDSCAPE DRAWING

The scale of the drawing will be **ONE INCH EQUALS TEN FEET**. The drawing will be on **18 inches by 24 inches paper**. Hand-drawn or computer aided designed will be accepted. The plant list will be on the drawing. The plant list will contain the following headings: **KEY – BOTANTICAL NAME – COMMON NAME – QUALITY – SIZE** (reference the state activity guide, Landscaping Design CDE Information tab for supplemental materials). All elements shall be labeled in BLOCK PRINT. For examples, all lawn areas should be labeled LAWN. Walkways, decks, drives, patios, fences, etc. must be labeled. Participants must follow the sample format and use the current year's supplemental information. All students are required to submit a list of wholesale costs. Contestants and observers will not be present during judge's review of plans.

ORAL PRESENTATION

The student will give a 5-7 minute oral presentation to clients (judges) based on the original drawing. (Feedback is not expected to be incorporated into Part II.) Up to five (5) minutes of questions from the judges will follow. The student must be able to discuss the criteria used for the current year, support the landscape as it fits the needs of the family/clients, have knowledge of the plant and written estimate, and present an organized presentation. The student will be judged using the attached scorecard. Oral presentation techniques should be practiced. Student must be in Official FFA Dress or in appropriate business dress. Official dress is recommended.

The presentation to clients shall be judged by a committee of three judges with commercial landscape experience using the official FFA Landscape Design Career Development Event Judges Scorecard.

Awards

Awards will be presented to individuals based upon their rankings at the 3rd general session of the New Jersey State FFA Convention. Awards are sponsored by **Pinelands Nursery**.

Individual

1st – \$100.00, banner, & medal

2nd – \$75.00

3rd – \$50.00

There will be no competition above the state level in the Landscape Design Career Development Event.

Request for Reasonable Accommodations

The New Jersey FFA Association is committed to providing equal access to our events and activities for all people. Use this form to request a reasonable accommodation or assistance at least 3 weeks before any state-level events: <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/accommodations-request>. A new form will need to be submitted for each event in which a reasonable accommodation is being requested. This information will be kept confidential and will be used only to process the request. Our staff will review the request upon receipt and contact the requestor with additional information. The association cannot guarantee accommodations or assistance if a form is received less than 3 weeks before an event. Accommodations being requested that require the assistance of another person (nurse, interpreter, scribe, reader, etc.) is the responsibility of the school/requestor. It is also the school/requestor's responsibility to provide any approved equipment to aide in the accommodation process, if applicable.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy and Guidelines

The standard operative procedures allow FFA members to use AI tools to assist them in their learning. Appropriate uses of AI may include generating ideas for any FFA-related assignment, project, contest and award application; checking facts of a phenomenon; or checking for and correcting grammatical errors in a paper written by a member. Specific guidelines for appropriate use, including examples, is provided in the policy. To ensure clarity, a statement outlining ethical AI utilization will be added to program handbooks. Non-compliance with this policy represents plagiarism and will automatically disqualify a member.

Please visit the State Activity Guide, [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Policy 1.007](#) to view the full guidelines and best practices.

Professional Integrity

FFA members participating in New Jersey FFA programs and events understand and agree that all work must result from their own effort and ability, created, and completed alone (except for partner or chapter applications). When outside sources (direct quotes or phrases, specific dates, figures, or other materials) are used for a project, document, or application, the required reference citation must be completed according to the rules specified by the applicable handbook.

While participating in New Jersey FFA programs, FFA members are prohibited from:

- Plagiarizing
- Violating copyright
- Cheating
- Falsifying information
- Using another person's results or thoughts as their own, even with this person's permission. This includes work done by a family member or a mentor.
- Using information or data obtained from the internet without proper citation.

Any attempt to gain an unfair advantage will not be tolerated. Non-compliance represents plagiarism and will automatically disqualify a member.

Landscape Design Scorecard

Name _____

Chapter _____

Part I – Landscape Design	Points Allowed	Points Earned	Comments
Neatness	10		
Accuracy/Scale	15		
Labeling/Key	10		
Creativity	10		
Use of Plant Material	15		
Design	10		
Professionalism	10		
Appropriate Symbols	10		
Whole Cost Estimate	10		
Part I Total	100		
Part II – Mechanics	Points Allowed	Points Earned	Comments
Intro to landscape criteria for current year	10		
Appearance of individual	20		
Purpose of landscape (does it meet the needs of family/clients)	25		
Organized presentation	10		
Knowledge of design	20		
Voice and poise	15		
Less overtime deductions for each minute or major infraction thereof.	-10		
Less under time deduction for each minute or major infraction thereof	-10		
Part II Total	100		
Grand Total	200		

JUDGE'S NAME: _____

RANK: _____