

West Virginia Creed Speaking Rules

1. The event will include both an oral presentation as well as answering questions directly related to the Creed. Each contestant will answer no less than one or more than three questions at the regional contest. Each state contestant will answer three questions in the preliminary and final rounds. Questions for each level will progress in difficulty and will be prepared by the event judges.
2. Members will present the FFA Creed from the current year's Official FFA Manual.
3. The event will be a timed activity with four minutes for the presentation. After four minutes, contestants will be deducted one (1) point for every second over the set time.
4. 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."
5. Contestants will be held in isolation until their presentation. Contestants will not be allowed to have contact from any outside persons.
6. Three to six competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At least one judge should have an agricultural/FFA background. Each region with a contestant to the state contest shall provide a judge.
7. A timekeeper will be assigned to the contest to record the time used by each contestant in delivering the creed.
8. A content accuracy judge will record the number of recitation errors during the delivery of the creed. Contestants will be deducted 20 points for each word missed.
9. When all participants have finished speaking, each judge will total the score of each speaker. The timekeeper and accuracy judge's record will be used in computing the final score for each participant. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to the advisory committee member in charge of the event.
10. Participants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation. The judges' ranking of each participant then shall be added, and the winner will be the contestant whose total ranking is the lowest. Other placings will be determined in the same manner (low point score method of selection).

Tie Breaker – Ties will first be broken by the total net scores and then by the score for answer to the questions.

Eligibility – The Creed Speaking Event will be limited to one ninth grade FFA member per school and one contestant per region for state event.

Awards – Each regional winner will be presented a plaque. Each contestant in the state contest will receive a check, with the top three contestants receiving a plaque and medal. The state winner will be eligible to compete at the national contest.