

NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION
STATE FFA OFFICIAL CEREMONIES EVENT

The FFA Official Ceremonies Event is intended to help chapter officers and members perfect the various Official FFA Ceremonies. Through this activity, members may develop abilities in public speaking as well as in performing the Ceremonies.

RULES

1. The event shall consist of each team performing two ceremonies from memory; the Official Opening and Closing Ceremony and one other local level Ceremony as presented in the latest Official FFA Manual. The second Ceremony will be selected at the event by the judges and will be the same ceremony for all teams.
2. Contestants will be responsible for local level events as assigned by years. The rotation is: - Greenhand FFA Degree Ceremony and Honorary Member Ceremony - even numbered years - Chapter FFA Degree Ceremony and Chapter Installation Ceremony - odd numbered years (i.e. Event will consist of these ceremonies during 1997 Convention).
3. The order of presentation shall be: 1.) Opening Ceremony; 2.) one of the other local level Ceremonies; 3.) Closing Ceremony.
4. A team shall consist of eight (8) members, including six officers listed in the Official FFA Manual, a seventh member who will act as an Advisor and an eighth person to act as a participant in the ceremony. The team of eight must be complete to participate.
5. Each team shall not use more than ten (10) minutes for its presentation. Ten (10) points may be deducted for each whole minute or major fraction thereof, used over ten (10) minutes.
6. The order of appearance of teams in the event shall be determined by lot.
7. The event shall be held at the New Jersey State FFA Convention. Advisors are welcome to videotape their Chapter's team presentation. Chapters will bring official equipment and be responsible for set up prior to their competition. Each team will set up the room.
8. Teams shall be judged on room set up, accuracy of wording, order and flow of the ceremonies and delivery of the production by three (3) competent and impartial judges. It is suggested that one judge follow along with a written version of the Ceremonies and act as a timekeeper.
9. All contestants shall wear the Official FFA Dress as stated in the *Official FFA Manual*.
10. Each team shall have all of its members present at the start of the event or be disqualified.
11. No books or papers may be used by contestants during the event.
12. Contestants shall be dues paid members of chapters in good standing with the state association.
13. Awards: First Place Team – Plaque & gold medals; Second Place Team – silver medals; Third place team – bronze medals

SCORE CARD FOR THE STATE FFA OFFICIAL CEREMONIES EVENT

I. ACCURACY OF CEREMONIES

Items to be Scored	Points Allowed	POINTS AWARDED TEAMS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Correct Use of Opening Ceremonies	25						
Opening Ceremonies: Correct Words and Enunciation, Correct Order Followed, Smooth an Appropriate	100 (-5 each)						
Correct Use of Assigned Ceremony	25						
Assigned Ceremony: Correct Words and Enunciation, Correct Order Followed, Smooth an Appropriate	100 (-5 each)						
Correct Use of Closing Ceremonies	25						
Closing Ceremonies: Correct Words and Enunciation, Correct Order Followed, Smooth an Appropriate	100 (-5 each)						
Time 10 minutes or under	25 (-10 each min. over)						
TOTAL PART I	400						

II. DELIVERY

Chair & Team Voice	100						
Poise & Stage Presence	100						
Unison	50						
Power of Expression	50						
Reading out of Manual	-20 per contestant						
TOTAL PART II	300						

III. ROOM SET UP

Correct Mtg. Room Setup	50 (-10 ea. emblem misplaced max. 50 deduction)						
TOTAL PART III	50						

TOTAL PART I	400						
TOTAL PART II	300						
TOTAL PART III	50						
GRAND TOTAL	750						
FINAL PLACING							

