Wisconsin FFA Opening and Closing Ceremony Career Development Event

Official Entry Information and Form

Wisconsin Association of FFA will conduct the State FFA Opening and Closing Ceremony Career Development Event at the State FFA Convention in Madison. **This CDE will be limited to the first 15 high school teams and first 15 junior high teams that submit an entry form.** The entry form is attached. The CDE will be held Wednesday of the State Convention at 8:00 a.m. in the Alliant Energy Center. Complete rules for the competition are listed below.

The objectives of the FFA Opening and Closing Ceremonies CDE are designed to develop public speaking skills and promote the proper use of the Official FFA Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Opening and Closing Ceremony Career Development Event Rules:

1. Teams wanting to compete in the State Opening and Closing Ceremony CDE must submit an official entry form (attached) and be accepted as one of the first 30 chapters to enter in order to compete (15 high school teams and 15 junior high teams).

2. There will be two divisions: One for high school members and one for middle school members. A chapter may only have one team participating in each division. Each team will consist of six members (including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Sentinel.) There must be the proper amount of students present in order to participate. The advisor part with be recited by one of the three judges.

3. Members of the state winning team of each division may not compete on a team in that same division in subsequent years. (Example: State winning middle school team may not compete in the middle school division again, but once those members are in high school they may compete in the high school division.)

4. Participating team members must all wear official FFA dress. The judges will use their discretion in penalizing a team for lack of official dress.

5. Each team member shall wear a card on which his/her officer title (for the contest) is legibly printed or written large enough so the name can be read by the judges. The card shall be worn on the FFA jacket in the place where the member's name is located.

6. The six officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Sentinel. Upon entering the room, the officers should take their place according to their stations.

7. After each officer is at their proper station, opening ceremonies should be performed. Once the meeting has been opened, the president should take a short pause before performing closing ceremonies. NO BOOKS OR SCRIPT MAY BE USED. The student should recite their parts from memory.

8. A gravel should also be used properly during the ceremonies. One tap signifies to adjourn or to sit. Two taps signifies the opening of the meeting. Three taps call for the presentors to stand in unison on the third tap.

9. After the last tap of the gavel, the team should exit the meeting room.

10. Advisors or their assistants will not be allowed to contact their teams after the contest begins. Advisors may be seated in the room, but back of the contest judges. No one except judges, hosts, state staff or assigned contest assistants may communicate in any way with the team waiting to participate after the contest has begun.

11. There is no time limit to this contest.

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State Entry Form

This entry form is only a notification to the State FFA Office that your FFA chapter wants to compete. All other materials are due at a later time.

Chapter: _____

Division: (Circle One) High School Division Junior High Division

Chapter Advisor (s): _____

☐ Yes. We would like to compete in the Wisconsin FFA Opening and Closing Ceremony Career Development Event.

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Chapter Advisor's Signature

The first 20 teams (10 high school and 10 junior high school) which enter to compete in this Career Development Event will receive further information about the competition.

Return Entry Form to:

Wisconsin FFA Center
P.O. Box 110
Spencer, WI 54479

Entry forms must be postmarked on or before April 1.