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## **New Jersey FFA Landscape Design Career Development Event Rules and Information**

1. Entry into the competition is open to any FFA member from each of the chartered FFA chapters in good standing. **The registration fee is \$11.00 per entry, unless the chapter is BLUE Affiliated then the entry fee is waived.** FFA members must be enrolled in a Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources class. Entries must be the product of one student's own effort. Three (3) entries per chapter may be submitted. Local competition is recommended to determine the best entries from the school/chapter.
2. The event will be conducted in two parts: I) Landscape Drawing II) Oral Presentation (sale of design to client). The design must be labeled with the student's name, FFA Chapter and school. The design specifications will vary according to the year. (See [Landscape Design Supplemental Materials](#) and [Landscape Design Plan](#)) 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 be mailed to the Office of Agricultural Education in U.S. Postal tubes by **March 1, 2025**. Please do not send original drawings. Part I will be scored and returned to all participants with comments. **The top five participants will complete Part II, the oral presentation, at the state FFA convention in May.**

**Part I: 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 AND computer aided designs will be accepted.** The **plant list will be on the drawing**. The PLANT LIST will contain the following column headings: **KEY - BOTANICAL NAME - COMMON NAME - QUANTITY - SIZE (see sample in supplement)** All elements shall be labeled in BLOCK PRINT. For example, 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 (See [Landscape Design Supplemental Materials](#) for instructions).

**Part II: Oral Presentation** - (sale of design to clients) - The student will give a 5-7 minute oral presentation to clients (judges) based on the original drawing. (Feedback

provided for Part I is solely for the benefit of the student. This 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 plan and written estimate, and present an organized presentation. The student will be judged using the attached scorecard. Oral presentation techniques should be practiced. Students 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 Score Card.

3. The landscape drawing will be judged by industry professionals. Contestants and observers will not be present during judge's review of plans.
4. There will be three prizes awarded: 1st place - \$100.00, 2nd place - \$75.00, and 3rd place - \$50.00.

*"The New Jersey FFA Association is a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the state FFA constitution, bylaws or policies."*

## Landscape Design Career Development Event JUDGES SCORE CARD

Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### PART I: LANDSCAPE DESIGN

ITEMS TO BE SCORED	POINTS AWARDED ALLOWED	SCORE
1. Neatness	10	
2. Accuracy/Scale	15	
3. Labeling/Key	10	
4. Creativity	10	
5. Use of plant material	15	
6. Design	10	
7. Professionalism	10	
8. Appropriate symbols	10	
9. Wholesale Cost Estimate	10	
<b>TOTAL PART I</b>	<b>100</b>	

COMMENTS - (Areas for improvement, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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### PART II: ORAL PRESENTATION

1. Intro to Landscape criteria for current year	10	
2. Appearance of individual	20	
3. Purpose of landscape (Does landscape meet the needs of family/clients?)	25	
4. Organized Presentation	10	
5. Knowledge of Design	20	
6. Voice and poise	15	
Less overtime deductions for each minute or major fraction thereof.	-10	
Less under time deductions for each minute or major fraction thereof.	-10	
<b>TOTAL PART III</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>	

### NUMERICAL PLACING OF CONTESTANTS

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Judge's Name \_\_\_\_\_