

## Job Interview Career Development Event

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*In Cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Education*

### Purpose of Event

The ability to complete a resume and a job application and to participate in an interview is essential for any career. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education. Through the Job Interview event, students will have the opportunity to polish their skills in landing a job and launching a career.

### Common Core & State Core Curriculum Content Standards (CCCS)

Through Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education, FFA is helping students meet the 2010 Common Core and State Core Curriculum Content Standards in various areas. The Job Interview Career Development Event teaches students about English Language Arts and 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Life and Careers standards. Some examples of how the Job Interview Career Development Event is meeting these standards are:

**Students will: produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.**

- Through agricultural education, students learn abilities to non-verbally communicate in a powerful, organized and professional manner. [W.11-12.4. – English Language Arts: Writing – Production and Distribution of Writing]

**Students will: adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating a command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.**

- Through agricultural education, students learn abilities to communicate in a powerful, organized and professional manner. [SL.11-12.6.– English Language Arts: Speaking and Listening – Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas]

**All students will apply knowledge about and engage in the process of career awareness, exploration, and preparation in order to navigate the globally competitive work environment of the information age.**

- Through the Job Interview Career Development Event, students prepare a resume and use job seeking skills, such as interviews to land a job. [9.3 – 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Life and Careers: Career Awareness, Exploration, and Preparation]

### Rules of Event

All Career Development Events will follow the general rules, which are published in the NJ State FFA Activity Guide (Form 7.000). This event will consist of five (5) phases: Phase I - Cover Letter (Due April 10); Phase II – Resume (Due April 10); Phase III – Employment Application (will NOT be electronic) (15 minutes); Phase IV – Personal Interview (10 minutes); Phase V – Follow Up Correspondence (15 minutes). Chapters may have one (1) participant compete. \*Please note the times for the state event are different than the times for the national event. Also note that the state event will only consist of one round (using the phases listed above). The Initial Telephone Contact and the Networking Activity will NOT be conducted on the state level. For more details on this event, [click here](#) consult the [National FFA Career Development Event Handbook](#).

### Scoring for the New Jersey Event

*(other scoring will occur on the national level)*

Phase I – Cover Letter - 100 points

Phase II – Resume - 200 points

Phase III – Employment Application – 100 points

Phase IV – Personal Interview – 500 points

Phase V – Follow up Correspondence – 50 points

Individual Total – 950 points

[Click here to discover the Career Opportunities, SAE Opportunities and Proficiency Award Areas that correspond to the Job Interview Career Development Event!](#)

*\*10 copies of the student's Cover Letter and Resume (collated) are due postmarked April 10. Late materials will receive a 10% point reduction.*

*\* Cover Letters should be addressed to:*

*Ms. Jane Smith  
All Purpose Agricultural Estate  
523 Apple Bloom Road  
Anytown, NJ 01234*