



[NEW JERSEY FFA
CAREER AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Landscape Design

2023

Purpose

The purpose of the New Jersey Landscape Design Career Development Event is to develop proper drawing skills in students, establish public speaking and public relation skills through verbal presentation of designs, and have a better understanding of the art and industry of landscape design.

Event Rules

- The contest is only open to students who are enrolled in Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education for the current calendar year, or who are still in high school but have completed all Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education courses offered. When selected, contestants must be active members of a chartered FFA Chapter, who is in good standing with the New Jersey State FFA Association and the National FFA Organization.
- The registration fee is \$11.00 per entry, unless the chapter is BLUE affiliated then the entry fee is waived.
- Three entries per chapter may be submitted. Local competition is recommended to determine the best entries from the school/chapter.

Event Format

- The event will be conducted in two parts: Part I: Landscape Drawing and Part II: Oral Presentation.
- The design must be labeled with the student's name, FFA Chapter, and school. The design and specifications will vary according to the year. (Reference the State Activity Guide, Landscape Design CDE Information tab.) 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, or as outlined in the calendar of events.
- Please do not send original drawings.
- Part I will be scored and returned to all participants with comments. The top five participants will compete in Part II, the oral presentation, at the state FFA convention in May.

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 designed will be accepted. The plant list will be on the drawing. The plant list will contain the following headings: **KEY – BOTANICAL NAME – COMMON NAME – QUANTITY – SIZE** (reference the state activity guide, Landscape Design CDE Information tab for supplemental materials). 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. Contestants and observers will not be present during judge's review of plans.

ORAL PRESENTATION

The student will give a 5-7 minute oral presentation to clients (judges) based on the original drawing. (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. Student 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.

Awards

Awards will be presented to individuals based upon their rankings at the 3rd general session of the New Jersey State FFA Convention. Awards are sponsored by **Pinelands Nursery**.

Individual

1st place - \$100.00

2nd place - \$75.00

3rd place - \$50.00

There will be no competition above the state level in the landscape design career development event.

Landscape Design Score Sheet

200 points

NAME _____

CHAPTER _____

Part I – Landscape Design	Points Allowed	Points Earned	Comments
Neatness	10		
Accuracy/Scale	15		
Labeling/Key	10		
Creativity	10		
Use of plant material	15		
Design	10		
Professionalism	10		
Appropriate symbols	10		
Whole cost estimate	10		
Part I Total	100		
Part II – Mechanics	Points Allowed	Points Earned	Comments
Intro to landscape criteria for current year	10		
Appearance of individual	20		
Purpose of landscape (does it meet the needs of family/clients)	25		
Organized presentation	10		
Knowledge of design	20		
Voice and poise	15		
Less overtime deductions for each minute or major infraction thereof.	-10		
Less under time deductions for each minute or major infraction thereof	-10		
Part II Total	100		
Grand Total	200		

JUDGE'S NAME: _____

RANK: _____