



National FFA Organization Career Development Events

Student Frequently Asked Questions

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Scholarships:

Did you know that you could receive a scholarship towards college, doing something you actually enjoy?

Participants in a National career development event have an opportunity to win a scholarship. Scholarship amounts and qualifying requirements are based the amount of funding provided by our sponsors. For more information on the companies that provide these scholarships, visit our Event Information page to view Sponsors by CDE Event.

General Scholarships Guidelines

Scholarships will be awarded in the 2002 National FFA Career Development Events as available on the following basis:

Scholarships will be held for a full year beyond the student's graduation date. If the scholarship is not requested within one year after graduation from high school, the scholarship will be forfeited. Our purpose is to protect the scholarship for a reasonable period of time without accumulating unused scholarships.

Only one scholarship will be awarded per student. National winning team members are not eligible for individual scholarships. Additional individual scholarships will be provided to students who are not on national winning team. Individual scholarships are based upon participant's rankings. Amounts are in descending rank order. Visit the Event Information page for available CDE Scholarships.



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What does CDE stand for?

The letters C-D-E stand for Career Development Events.

What is a Career Development Event?

Career development events are activities that allow students to learn more about agricultural areas they are interested in. That knowledge is put to the test, when you compete against other teams. CDEs are based upon the general areas covered in a typical ag class through out the nation. Many states offered CDEs that are not offered at the national level, this is because they are specific to their region and industries. The national level offers 23 different events, which cover 23 broad areas of agricultural education.

What kind of events are offered?

There are 23 events and one activity, all are listed on the right hand menu.

What will I get by participating?

The knowledge that you gain will vary from event to event. But no matter which event you participate in you will come away from it with strong decision-making skills, higher self-confidence and additional friends, that you make & meet along the way. You will also expand your technical skills, and that will increase your possibilities as you look to begin entering the workforce. And with reaching the national level you will have the opportunity to earn an educational scholarship for college. Knowledge, Fun and Friends, who could ask for more!

What event should I choose?

Your choice should be based on the following: Your interest
What do you find exciting? What ag career would you like to pursue? If you select a Career Development Event that is geared around your career choice, you will be better prepared for the world of work.

Classroom Curriculum

Choosing a Career Development Event that is directly related to what you are learning in class will give you a jump start on being prepared for the event. Not only will you be learning, you will have a chance to put that knowledge to work, by 'doing' what's taught in class.

Overall, you should discuss your decision with your advisor and your parents. They will be able to help you make an informed decision.

Where can I find information on these events?

National CDE information can be found in the latest edition of the National FFA Career Development Event Handbook, which is available, both on-line in the CDE Program area of *ffa.org* and through the National FFA Education Resource Catalog. Your ag instructor/FFA advisor should have a copy of this. Within the handbook you will find the latest rules and guidelines that outline/explain the different elements for events in each competition.

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How do I prepare for the event?

By participating in an event that you have learned about in your classroom, you have a head start. Take this knowledge and expand on it by working on it with your teammates outside of class as well.

For more information, visit <http://www.ffa.org/programs/cde/>