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To: New Jersey FFA Chapter Advisors/Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource Educators

From: Jenny J. Allen, State FFA Specialist

CC: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

Re: **New Jersey FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design Career Development Event – Friday, March 15, 2024 – Saturday, March 16, 2024**

SPECIAL NOTE: We are using a NEW registration system this year. Please be sure to read the entire announcement for details.

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NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION, INC.
New Jersey FFA Horticultural Exposition

Mercer County Community College
 West Windsor Campus
 1200 Old Trenton Road
 West Windsor, NJ 08550

In the John P. Hanley Student Center

March 15 – March 16, 2024

HORTICULTURAL EXPOSITION ENTRIES

1. Chapters must be in good standing with the state association to compete. Therefore, affiliation agreements and payment, officer lists and POAs must be filed in the State Office before a chapter can compete.
2. Entries are open to FFA members and chartered FFA chapters who wish to exhibit. A chapter may exhibit two entries per class (except where noted). An individual may submit only one entry per class. **Entry tags must be securely ATTACHED to the arrangement or plant before entering show. ENTRIES THAT DO NOT HAVE THE OFFICIAL ENTRY TAG WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
3. Chapters will be charged **\$7.00** per entry (*non-refundable*), unless the chapter is Gold Affiliated (then fee is waived). Pre-registration is due to ag.ed.registration@ag.nj.gov on **Thursday, February 15, 2024**. Entries that have not been pre-registered will not be accepted (or classes switched) on the day of the show – NO EXCEPTIONS!
4. An entry may be exhibited in only one class. The class entered will be declared by the exhibitor at pre-registration and on the registration card.
5. Entries **cannot** be switched into different classes on the day of the show. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**
6. When creating arrangements and preparing plants to enter in the show, the student should keep in mind a florist's ability to sell and deliver each entry. Size limitations are included in class information and must be followed.
7. All entries must be the sole effort of the student. Team entries are not allowed. Arrangements are not allowed to be constructed at the event location. Only minor fixes and/or touch ups are allowed. Attendees are not allowed to touch the arrangements from other schools. If an arrangement needs to be moved on the table so another arrangement can fit, ask for assistance from a State FFA Executive Board Member or Hort Expo staff person. Failure to adhere to the aforementioned rules may result in disqualification.
8. While every precaution will be taken to care for the exhibited arrangements, the New Jersey FFA Association assumes no responsibility for damage or loss of any kind. Do not use valuables in exhibits.
9. All entries must be able to be placed on a table. Exceptions include Class 103, 106, and 107.
10. Divisions:
 - A. **Horticulture Division:** The exhibitor must have grown all plant material. All potted plants must have been in possession of the exhibitor for **three** months prior to the show. Each entry must have a cultural background card. **A fillable PDF Cultural Card is available on the Ag Ed Bulletin**

Board and in the State Activity Guide. The student must complete the cultural background information in the appropriate spaces. Entries without the cultural background card will not be judged. Cultural background cards must include both the botanical and common names of the plant. Cards must be **printed** from the fillable PDF and will be the only accepted format!

- B. **Arrangement Division:** Entries must be the sole effort of the exhibitor and must have been created during the current school year. All entries must have the official **Price Card** or the entry will be disqualified. Price Cards are provided with the online Horticultural Exposition registration. **A fillable PDF Price Card is available on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board and in the State Activity Guide.** The student must complete the price card information in the appropriate spaces. The price card should be placed in an area that does not interfere with the arrangement; however it must be secured to the arrangement. Cards must be **printed** from the fillable PDF and will be the only accepted format!

11. The Committee reserves the right to reject an entry that does not meet standards or size limitations.
12. FFA supports the Drug Free America Program and the Career Development Event and Horticultural Expo Committee will not accept any arrangement with any drug or alcohol paraphernalia. (Beverage glassware is NOT considered alcohol paraphernalia.)
13. No live animals (including aquatic) shall be used. If a live animal is used, the committee will ask for the entry to be removed from the Exposition.
14. Plug-in electricity is prohibited for all classes.

CULTURAL CARDS & PRICE CARDS

1. **ALL** entries must have a Cultural Card (Horticulture Division) or Price Card (Fresh, Permanent, Adult Divisions) **SECURELY** attached to the arrangement at time of entry in the show.
2. Fillable PDFs are the only option for completing Cultural and Price Cards.
3. Entry ID Numbers will be emailed by the end of business on Monday, March 11. Entry ID Numbers **MUST** be entered on the Cultural/Price Card. Any cards with missing Entry ID Numbers are subject to disqualification.
4. Any name changes must be finalized in JudgingCard.com by March 8 and match the Cultural/Price Card. Name changes are allowed until March 8 but class changes are NOT allowed after February 15.
5. Cultural/Price Card **MUST BE TYPED.**

Example of Price Card:

All retail prices are based on a wholesale markup of 2:1 for fresh flowers, 2:1 for greens and staples, and labor is based on a figure of \$12.00/hr.

New Jersey FFA Horticultural Exposition	
CLASS #: 316 316	CLASS NAME: Puppy Dog Tails
ENTRY ID NUMBER: 00-316-1	CONTESTANT NAME: Samantha Smith
CONTESTANT CHAPTER:	

NJ State Association				
Pricing Card				
Qty.	Item Name	Wholesale	Retail	Total
6	Roses	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$9.60
6	Carnations	\$0.25	\$0.50	\$3.00
2	Pom-Pom Stems	\$0.60	\$1.20	\$2.40
1	Toy Truck	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$3.00
4	Baker Fern	\$0.20	\$0.40	\$1.60
20 minutes	Labor			\$4.00
			Price	\$23.60

Please note: The Career Development Event and Horticultural Exposition Committee may update, cancel, or close classes at their discretion.

PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF ENTRIES

1. Placing entries (Friday, March 15, 2024):

- a. Entries will be received from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on the morning of the show. Details on parking and entering the building will be provided closer to the event. **All arrangements must be in place by 11:00 am.**
- b. Please keep the entrance area clean as you set-up your arrangements.
- c. Please do not block doorways, stairwells or hallways.
- d. When you register, pick up the map for class locations. All classes will be on the second floor.
- e. All entries must be able to be placed on a table, except where noted. Please be sure to place entries in the appropriate division and class. Some classes may have more than one table.
- f. Please have the person placing the arrangement initial the **yellow official entry list** on the class table to verify the entry is there. **Name changes MUST be made in JudgingCard by March 8 and cannot be changed on the day of the show.**
- g. All entries must have a Cultural Card (Horticulture Division) or Price Card (Fresh, Permanent, Adult Divisions) securely attached to the arrangement at time of entry in the show. Fillable PDFs are the only option for completing Cultural and Price Cards.

2. **Picking up entries** (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Saturday, March 16, 2024):

- A. THE AGREEMENT WE HAVE WITH MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROHIBITS THE REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS DURING SHOW HOURS. PLEASE HELP US RESPECT THE GENEROSITY OF THE COLLEGE BY ADHERING TO THIS RULE.
- B. **DO NOT** ARRIVE BEFORE 5:00 PM WITH BOXES, HAND CARTS, WAGONS, ETC. TO REMOVE EXHIBITS.
- c. PRIZES WILL BE FORFEITED IF EXHIBITS ARE REMOVED EARLY - BEFORE 5:00 pm Saturday.
- d. All materials must be removed. We will not hold arrangements or bring them back to the office. Show materials not picked up will be discarded and awards will be forfeited.
- e. All entries must be "checked-out" by Hort Expo staff.
- f. Exhibits not claimed by 6:00 pm will be discarded and awards will be forfeited. This is not an invitation to leave behind arrangements for Hort Expo staff to handle. Please make the proper arrangements to have exhibits picked up in a timely manner.

JUDGING OF ENTRIES

1. Judging will begin promptly following the judges' orientation.
2. Students are not to disturb the judges or linger around arrangements while judging is in progress. If a judges' assistant feels that students are distracting the judges, he/she has the right to ask the students to move on.
3. All entries will be judged on industry standards, i.e., hospital arrangements meet hospital room standards, baby arrangements for use in the hospital or home, etc. Keep in mind that the industry must produce arrangements that may be delivered by someone other than the designer. **Arrangement's retail price must not exceed \$125, unless otherwise noted. Mark up is 2:1.**
4. Judges may refuse to award a prize if, in their opinion, there is no worthy exhibit competing in that class. **Judges' decision will be final.**
5. Size limits will be checked, and entries will be disqualified if they do not meet specifications. All size limits include objects used in arrangements. Size is listed as length X width X height.

PRIZES AND RECOGNITION

1. No prizes will be awarded to entries that do not conform to the specifications for the category.
2. Ribbons will be awarded to entries for 1st – 5th places. A plaque will be presented to the first-place entry in each class.
3. A plaque will be awarded to the "Best of Division." The divisions are as follows:
 - (1) Horticulture
 - (2) Fresh Arrangement
 - (3) Permanent Arrangement
 - (4) Post-Secondary – Adult
4. Entries removed before 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2024 will forfeit any prizes.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT JUDGINGCARD.COM HORT EXPO REGISTRATION – NEW IN 2024

1. Pre-registration is due on **Thursday, February 15, 2024**. **Direct access to the registration form can be found here:** <https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=18346>
2. Log into www.judgingcard.com
3. Click on the leftmost icon at the bottom of the screen for "Event Registration and Information."
4. Use the month list at the top of the calendar to browse to the month of the Horticultural Exposition (March).
5. Click on the event link "New Jersey Horticultural Exposition" on the calendar (March 15)... this will pull up the event's registration page.

6. Click the link to “Online Registration” at the top of the page.
7. Click “Registration” link for each class you want to enter.
8. Change the number of contestants to how many you need and enter the contestant’s names.
9. Click the “submit Entry” button.
10. Repeat steps 7, 8, and 9 for each class you need to register.
11. Review all entries back on the event’s main page.

Nominations for Hort Expo’s Assistants, Runners, Data Entry Assistants and/or CDE Assistants will be taken with a separate form: <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/horticultural-exposition-assistant>. Advisors will be notified the week prior to the event if nominated students are selected for these positions.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS & OTHER ACTIVITIES – Friday, March 15, 2024

10:00 am – 12:30 pm **Floral Design CDE Observation** (PE Gymnasium – Viewing Balcony)

10:15 – 11:15 am **Workshop #1 & #2** (CM Building – rooms will be communicated closer to the event)

11:30 – 12:30 pm **Campus Tours** (Meet in Campus Quad outside Student Center (SC))

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **Workshop #3 & #4** (CM Building – rooms will be communicated closer to the event)

* Workshop topics will be communicated closer to the event.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

Note: For 100 classes, cultural background card must accompany each entry. Both the botanical name and common name must be present on the card. Plug-in electricity is prohibited.

- Class 101** Flowering Bulb Plants
Any flowering bulb plant in bloom **includes Easter lilies**. Pot size limit 12".
- Class 102** Geraniums
Any geranium plant. Entries may include scented geraniums. Plants will be judged on overall appearance, not solely on the flowering. Pot size limit between 4 ½" and 12".
- Class 103** Nursery Plants
Entries can be grown in either a 1 or 2-gallon nursery can. The nursery container cannot exceed 8 ½" in diameter and 8" in height. Plants can either be deciduous, evergreen trees, shrubs, or New Jersey hardy perennials.
- Class 104** Flowering Plants
Any flowering plant with exception of plants listed in other classes.
Pot size limit 10".
- Class 105** Terrariums
Must contain at least 3 different plant species. Size limit: inside dimensions not to exceed 12" wide X 24" long. (Must have a top)
- Class 106** Flowering Hanging Plants
Must be in hanging pot and able to be hung **with its own hook**. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 107** Hanging Foliage Plants
Must be in hanging pots and able to be hung **with its own hook**. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 108** Flowering Dish Garden
A group of at least 3 different species of flowering plants growing in a container.
Pot size limit 14".
- Class 109** Foliage Dish Garden
A group of at least 3 different species of plants growing in a container.
Pot size limit 14".
- Class 110** Tropical Foliage Plants
Any tropical foliage plants. Pot size limit 12".
- Class 111** Cactus/Succulent Foliage Plants
Any cactus/succulent plants. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 112** Flat of Bedding Plants
A chapter entry of a flat of bedding plants consisting of 36-48 plants transplanted and raised from seed or transplanted from nothing larger than a plug. The flat is to be ready for sale on March 8 and must be a complete, unbroken sheet. One entry per chapter.

- Class 113a** Bonsai Plants (Newly Started)
To include Bonsai plants that have been started and maintained for at least three months by one student. If needed, wiring must be performed successfully without damaging branches. Indicate which of the three forms of bonsai is intended on the culture card. Plants purchased as bonsai plants will be disqualified. No size limit on Bonsai.
- Class 113b** Bonsai Plants (Completed and Maintained)
To include Bonsai plants that are completed and that have been maintained by one student. No size limit on Bonsai. Student must have owned for 3 months prior to show. Plants purchased as bonsai plants will be disqualified.
- Class 114** Potted Herb Garden
A group of at least 3 herb plants growing in a container. Pot size limit 14".
- Class 116** African Violets
Plant should be in bloom.
- Class 117** Orchids
Plants should be in bloom. Pot size limited to 10".
- Class 118** Foliage – Holiday
A foliage plant decorated for the holidays. (i.e. Christmas, Easter, Mother’s Day.) Plants will be judged on their quality and appropriateness of decorations for specific holiday. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 119** Flowering – Holiday
A flowering plant decorated for the holidays (i.e. Christmas, Easter, and Mother’s Day.) Plants will be judged on their quality and appropriateness of decorations for specific holiday. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 120** Cactus/Succulent Dish Garden
A group of at least 3 mixed cactus/succulent plants growing in a container. Pot size limit 14".
- Class 121** Magical Miniature Garden
A group of at least six different plant species with miniature accessories to scale (natural or artificial). Size limit: Inside dimensions not to exceed 12" for any shape container.
- Class 122** Sustainable Agriculture –
An edible or ornamental plant grown hydroponically, aeroponically or aquaponically. Plant must be displayed in a zip-lock bag large enough to accommodate the height of the plant (no larger than 2-gallons), a glass container which allows for easy examination of the root system, or a plastic container and a small amount of water to ensure survival of the entry. Entry must have roots. The judges may open the bag if condensation makes the entry difficult to see. The method used to grow the plant is to be listed on the culture card, and a photograph of the system is to be attached to the culture card.

ARRANGEMENT DIVISION

(Live and Permanent)

NOTE: *Classes with 200 numbers are entries in the **Live Arrangement Division**. Live materials are to comprise the majority of the materials in these entries. Other materials are to be used as accents only. Plug-in electricity is prohibited.*

*Classes with 300 numbers are entries in the **Permanent Arrangement Division**. Plug-in electricity is prohibited.*

*Classes with 400 numbers are entries in the **Live Arrangement Division** open to **post-secondary/adult students currently enrolled in Agricultural Education programs**. Plug-in electricity is prohibited.*

Class 201 and 301	<u>State FFA Theme</u> An arrangement to depict the current state FFA theme, while also recognizing the FFA colors of Corn Gold and National Blue. <i>2024 Theme: "Radiate".</i>
Class 203 and 303	<u>Asian Inspired *CLASS NAME CHANGE AND DESCRIPTION UPDATE 2024</u> An arrangement using Asian inspired design techniques. Including but not limited to Ikebana, Nagiere and Moribana.
**Class 204 and 304	<u>Summer Sunshine</u> An arrangement to be used for an outside summer event.
Class 205 and 305	<u>Remember When?</u> An arrangement in an antique container using the container to determine sizes and style of arrangement.
Class 206 and 306	<u>Look at that Container!</u> An arrangement done in a container not normally used for this purpose must be able to hold water. Size limit 24" x 24" x 24". (A liner is suggested.)
Class 207 and 307	<u>Easter Basket</u> A basket arrangement suitable for Easter celebrations. Size limit 24" x 24" x 24".
**Class 208 and 308	<u>Simple Buds!</u> An arrangement done in a bud vase, must not exceed five stems, not including greens and filler. Ribbon may be used.
**Class 209 and 309	<u>The Formal</u> Entries may be traditional corsages or atypical corsages/body flowers with a matching boutonniere for a formal dance. All entries must be packaged.
Class 210	<u>New Year's</u> An arrangement suitable for a New Year's Eve Party.
Class 211 and 311	<u>With Sympathy</u> A table arrangement suitable for an expression of sympathy.

- **Class 212 and 312** Celebrate!
An arrangement suitable for a wedding, graduation, or party.
Price Limit of \$150.
- **Class 213 and 313** Happy Holidays
An arrangement suitable for a Christmas or a Hanukkah Party.
- **Class 214 and 314** Valentine's Day
A vase arrangement of suitable flowers to send for Valentine's Day. Limit of six roses. Can include other suitable flowers and plant materials for the holiday.
- **Class 215 and 315** Thanksgiving
An arrangement suitable for a Thanksgiving dinner table, must include candles that are capable of being lit and will not interfere with the arrangement.
- Class 216 and 316** Thinking of You
An arrangement suitable for a person going through a hard time.
Size limit 12" X 12" X 12".
- Class 217 and 317** Puppy Dog Tails....
An arrangement suitable for the birth of a baby boy. Intended for hospital delivery. Size limit 18" X 18" X 24". (Size includes height of Balloon)
- Class 218 and 318** Sugar and Spice....
An arrangement suitable for the birth of a baby girl. Intended for hospital delivery. Size limit 18" X 18" X 24". (Size includes height of Balloon)
- Class 219 and 319** Spring Fever!
An arrangement suitable for the celebration of spring.
Size limit 16" X 16" X 16".
- **Class 220 and 320** Mardi Gras!
An arrangement suitable for a buffet table decoration at a Mardi Gras celebration. Size limit 20" X 20" X 38".
Price Limit of \$150.
- Class 221 and 321** Mother's Day
An arrangement suitable for Mother's Day.
Size limit 16" X 16" X 24".
- Class 222 and 322** Father's Day
An arrangement suitable for Father's Day.
Size limit 16" X 16" X 24".
- **Class 223 and 323** Independence Day!
An arrangement suitable for a Fourth of July party.
Size limit 16" X 16" X 24".

Class 224, 324 and 424	<u>Administrative Professionals' Day</u> An arrangement suitable for placement on the desk of an administrative professional. Size limit 16" X 16" X 16". Must include a minimum of three (3) keepsake items, not including the container.
Class 225 and 325	<u>Leprechaun Festival</u> An arrangement suitable for St. Patrick's Day.
Class 226 and 326	<u>Nosegay</u> Traditional colonial bouquet suitable for a wedding or other occasion. May contain ribbon, streamers, pearls, etc. The bouquet may be hand-wrapped or on a bouquet-oasis holder.
**Class 227 and 327	<u>"I Do"</u> Hand tied bouquet of flowers suitable for a wedding. Fresh flowers must have a water source. Permanent flowers do not need a water source. May contain ribbon, streamers, pearls, etc. Stand must be used and included. Price Limit of \$150.
**Class 228 and 328	<u>Cascade Bouquet</u> A cascading bouquet suitable for a wedding or other occasion. May contain ribbon, streamers, pearls, etc. Price Limit of \$150.
**Class 229 and 329	<u>Banquet Table</u> An arrangement suitable for sitting on a head table at a wedding or other occasion. Price Limit of \$150.
**Class 230 and 330	<u>Formal Affair</u> An arrangement suitable for a dinner party for four to six persons. Must include candles. For use on a 48" X 72" table.
Class 231 and 331	<u>Trendsetters</u> A freestyle arrangement using a recent style of design. Vegetative, New Wave, Abstract, Botanical, etc.
Class 232 and 332	<u>Children's Birthday Party</u> An arrangement to be used for a child's birthday party. Can include but not limited to themes of superheroes, characters, animals and sports.
Class 234	<u>Jersey Fresh!</u> An arrangement depicting New Jersey agricultural products. Size limited to 24" X 24" X 24".
Class 235	<u>Thank You</u> An arrangement suitable for a thank you gift.
Class 236 and 336	<u>Harvest Festival</u> An arrangement suitable for the celebration of Autumn. May include Halloween decorations.

- Class 337** Country Delights
A country themed arrangement using permanent materials.
Size limited to 24" X 24" X 24".
- Class 338** Welcome
A decoration of flowers and/or foliage suitable for hanging on a door for everyday use.
- Class 239 and 339** Holiday Wreaths
A decoration of flowers and/or foliage suitable for hanging on a door for holiday use, such as Christmas, Independence Day, Halloween, Easter, etc.
- Class 240 and 340** Going Green
A freestyle arrangement designed to promote the idea of being environmentally friendly.
- **Class 430** FFA State Officer/Alumni Folly
A freestyle arrangement class. Open to current NJ State FFA Officers and dues paying NJ State FFA Alumni members only. Participants must register through a local chapter. All entries are subject to the \$5 fee. Affiliation fee discounts only apply to current FFA members. Alumni entries are responsible for the \$5 fee regardless of the chapter's affiliation status. Limit 2 entries per chapter.
- Class 432** Advisor's Folly
A freestyle arrangement class. Open to FFA Advisors only.
- Class 433** MCCC Freestyle
A freestyle arrangement class. Open to Mercer County Community College students only.
- Class 434** Holidays***NEW CLASS IN 2024**
An arrangement of your choosing for Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras or any holiday.

- Note:** ** **All entries not conforming to use of retail pricing cards will be disqualified.**
 ** **All information cards should be securely attached to the arrangement in an area that does not interfere with the judging of the arrangement. i.e. back of arrangement.**
 ** **Classes 212, 213, 220, 320, 227, 327, 228, 328, 229 and 329 have a price limit of \$150.**
 ** **Arrangements should be placed on the table as is. This means there shouldn't be glitter, confetti, doilies, plugged-in lighting, etc. placed under or surrounding the arrangement. The following arrangements are an exception: 204, 304, 208, 308, 209, 309, 212, 312, 213, 313, 214, 314, 215, 315, 220, 320, 223, 323, 229, 329, 230, 330, and 430. Extra presentation materials should be included in the price of the arrangement. Extra presentation materials will NOT be judged!**

Information Cards required for ALL classes.

**NJ FFA HORT EXPO ARRANGEMENT DIVISION
SCORECARD
GUIDE FOR JUDGES**

CONTESTANT NAME _____

CLASS NAME _____ CLASS # _____

**CONTESTANT
POINTS**

DESIGN

POSSIBLE POINTS: **35**

Overall shape or form of composition; a planned relationship of parts. Elements of design include: line, form, texture, color, the pleasing way in which lines, textures, size, and colors are blended or contrasted; and the tying together of the parts by the combination of good design, balance and harmony.

BALANCE

POSSIBLE POINTS: **15**

Visual stability; determined by relative sizes of material and relative darkness or lightness and the placement of them.

FUNCTIONALITY

POSSIBLE POINTS: **5**

Appropriateness of arrangement for use intended, soundness of construction.

JUDGE'S CHOICE

POSSIBLE POINTS: **5**

The use of plant materials and design principles in a particularly creative, original, and unique manner.

MECHANICS

POSSIBLE POINTS: **5**

TOTAL POINTS: _____

HORTICULTURE DIVISION SCORE CARD
GUIDE FOR JUDGES

CLASS # _____

DATE: _____ JUDGE'S NAME: _____

TAG #	CULTURAL PERFECTION (Max. 40 pts.)	SIZE (Max. 20 pts.)	FOLIAGE & STEM (Max. 20 pts.)	FORM (Max. 20 pts.)	TOTAL

*** Form includes Balance, Uniformity and Overall Appearance.**

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10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Mercer County Community College

West Windsor Campus

1200 Old Trenton Road

West Windsor, NJ 08550

In Physical Education (Fitness Center) Building

Floral Design Registration Information:

Registration for the Floral Design Career Development Event is through judgingcard.com or directly at this link: <https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=18346>. Follow the instructions on pages 5-6 for assistance. The registration cost is **\$28** per participant (non-refundable), unless the chapter is Gold Affiliated (then the fee is waived).

General Rules:

1. A team of four students per chapter may compete in the State FFA Floral Design Career Development Event. The event will consist of creating two floral arrangements. Each team member will complete their own floral arrangement for each part of the event. A member's individual score will be determined by adding the two floral arrangement scores received together. The top three individual scores will be combined to determine the chapter team score.
2. Each contestant will be assigned an identification number. These numbers will be assigned at registration. Contestants will be responsible for labeling their score sheet for each arrangement with their assigned identification number, contestant name, and chapter name.
3. Contestants must bring their own pencil, floral cutters, ribbon scissors, floral knife and wire cutters. The contestant should also bring a calculator for use in the pricing section of the Design of Choice arrangement. Cell phone calculators are NOT permitted. No other supplies or equipment may be brought to the event.
4. Contestants will work at individual stations. Contestants may not work next to another member of their chapter. Floral tools and calculators may not be shared between contestants.
5. Members are required to wear official FFA dress or business dress (if FFA jackets are not available) and will be awarded 2 points for wearing proper Official Dress. (*See Attachment – Official Dress Scoring Rubric*)

6. The event shall consist of two parts:
- Part I: Assigned Arrangement** – Contestants will produce a flower arrangement based on an order scenario specified by the Event Coordinator at the start of this event section. A deduction of 30 points will be taken if the completed design is not appropriate for the given scenario.
- Part II: Design of Choice Floral Arrangement** – Contestants will make an arrangement in the design form of their choice with the arrangement meeting the price range indicated by the Event Coordinator. Contestants must identify the design form they have chosen and list its intended use. Contestants will be required to prepare an Itemized List of Costs Sheet for their floral design. A retail flower and hard goods pricing sheet will be made available to students for use in calculating the price of the arrangement. (*See Attachment – Sample Retail Price Sheet*) This pricing sheet will reflect current retail prices for the floral and hard goods materials. Students will need to add 20% for the cost of labor and 7% sales tax to their pricing.
7. All floral materials, foliage and hard goods will be supplied by the Event Coordinator. All contestants will be given materials of equal value to work with. Any concerns or issues regarding improper quantity of or quality of materials should be addressed to the Event Coordinator or designated associates as soon as the issue is discovered.
8. Two competent judges from the florist industry shall judge each section of the event. One group of two judges will evaluate the Assigned Arrangement and a separate group of two judges will evaluate the Design of Choice Arrangement.
9. Members of the first-place team may not compete in the event again.
10. A banner will be presented to the chapter with the highest score. Certificates of recognition will be presented to the five highest individuals in the assigned (practicum) event. The top 3 individuals in overall scores will receive the following: 1st- Gold Medal, 2nd- Silver Medal, 3rd- Bronze Medal.

PART I - ASSIGNED FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

A. Construction

- Contestants will create a floral arrangement based on an order scenario given at the start of the event by the Event Coordinator. An example scenario would be:
“Mrs. Kelley has ordered a centerpiece for her luncheon tomorrow. She will be placing it in the center of a round table seating six people. She prefers spring colors. Please design a floral centerpiece for Mrs. Kelley taking into consideration the “conversation zone” height restriction.”
- Contestants will have 30 minutes to complete the arrangement. All contestants will stop designing when the time limit is called and will not be allowed additional time.

3. Each student will be furnished with the following supplies based on design type*:
- 3-5 stems of line flower such as Stock, Liatrus, Snapdragons, etc.
 - 6-10 stems of focal flowers such as Carnations, Roses, Chrysanthemums, etc. (more than one type may be issued to the same student)
 - 2-4 stems filler flowers such as Baby's Breath, Waxflower, Solidago, etc.
 - 6-8 pieces foliage greens such as Baker Fern, Lemonleaf, Seeded Eucalyptus, etc.)
 - 1/3-1/2 block floral foam (if required for container)
 - 1 container
 - 1 piece (approximately 12") of container tape
 - 1 cardette
- *Please note supplies may vary slightly based on discretion of contest coordinator and availability of materials.*

NOTE: *It is not required to use all given materials in the floral arrangement.*

B. Scoring the Assigned Floral Arrangement

<i>Item</i>	<i>Points</i>
*Design Form appropriate for given scenario	30
<i>*No points will be awarded for inappropriate design form</i>	
Balance	10
Creativity	10
Depth	10
Focal Emphasis	10
Line	10
Mechanics	10
Scale	5
Unity	5
Official Dress	<u>2</u>
TOTAL POINTS	102

C. Description of Items on Scorecard

Design – arrangement conforms to the specified scenario given

Balance – visual and physical feeling of stability

Creativity – artistic inventiveness

Depth – placement of materials at different levels

Focal Emphasis – area of greatest impact

Line – visual path

Mechanics – created using industry standard techniques

Scale – relative ratio or proportion of container to floral arrangement (The floral arrangement should be 1 ½ - 2 times the height or the width of the container, whichever is greater)

Unity – oneness of style

PART II – DESIGN OF CHOICE ARRANGEMENT**A. Construction**

1. The student will design a \$40 floral arrangement made in the style of the contestant's choice.
2. Contestants will have 30 minutes to complete the arrangement. All contestants will stop designing when the time limit is called and will not be allowed additional time.
3. Each student will be furnished with assorted floral materials. Students should determine their design form based on the materials they find at their individual work station.
 - 3-5 stems line flower such as Stock, Liatrus, Snapdragons, etc.
 - 6-10 stems of focal flowers such as Carnations, Roses, Chrysanthemums, etc. (more than one type may be issued to the same student)
 - 2-4 stems filler flowers such as Baby's Breath, Waxflower, Solidago, etc.
 - 6-8 pieces foliage greens such as Baker's Fern, Lemonleaf, Seeded Eucalyptus, etc.
 - 1/3-1/2 block floral foam (if required for container)
 - 1 container
 - 1 piece (approximately 12") of container tape
 - 1 cardette

**Please note supplies may vary slightly based on discretion of event coordinator and availability of materials.*

NOTE: *It is not required to use all given materials in the floral arrangement.*
4. Students must identify on their Score Card the Design Form they chose and its intended use. A deduction of 15 Design points will be taken if the floral arrangement is not identified correctly on the Score Card. Examples of Design Forms are: Centerpiece, Crescent, Fan, Round, Vertical, Asymmetrical, Triangle and Horizontal.
5. Students are allowed an additional 15 minutes to complete an Itemized List of Cost for the arrangement they have created. This form will include costs of Flowers and Foliage, costs of Hard Goods, 20% Labor Cost and 7% Sales Tax. This bill will be completed on the invoice sheet provided by the Event Coordinator. (*See Attachment – Itemized List of Costs Sheet*)

B. Scoring the Design of Choice Arrangement**ARRANGEMENT (85 Points)**

Design	15
Balance	10
Creativity	10
Depth	10
Focal Emphasis	10
Line	10
Mechanics	10
Scale	5
Unity	5

ITEMIZED BILL (15 Points)

Price Range	5
Identification & Accuracy	10
Official Dress	2

TOTAL POINTS	102
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C. Description of Items on Scorecard

Design – Arrangement conforms to the specified scenario given

Balance – visual and physical feeling of stability

Creativity – artistic inventiveness

Depth – placement of materials at different levels

Focal Emphasis – area of greatest impact

Line – visual path

Mechanics – created using industry standard techniques

Scale – relative ration or proportion of container to floral arrangement (The floral arrangement should be 1½-2 times the height or width of the container, whichever is greater.)

Unity – oneness of style

Price Range – 5 points will be deducted if the itemized cost does not calculate between \$38.00-\$42.00

Accuracy – All materials correctly identified as to name, quantity, and unit cost; all price cost extensions, labor cost and sales tax calculations are correctly made. Total cost is added correctly.

FFA FLORAL DESIGN CDE SCORE SHEET***ASSIGNED FLORAL ARRANGEMENT***

NAME: _____ CONTESTANT ID # _____

CHAPTER: _____

	Needs Improvement	Good	Excellent	Member Score
ARRANGEMENT (85 points)				
Design	0-10	11-20	21-30	
Balance	0-3	4-6	7-10	
Creativity	0-3	4-6	7-10	
Depth	0-3	4-6	7-10	
Focal Emphasis	0-3	4-6	7-10	
Line	0-3	4-6	7-10	
Mechanics	0-3	4-6	7-10	
Scale	0-1	2-3	4-5	
Unity	0-1	2-3	4-5	
OFFICIAL DRESS (2 points)	0	1	2	
TOTAL POINTS (102 points)				

Judged by: _____

FFA FLORAL DESIGN CDE SCORE SHEET***DESIGN OF CHOICE ARRANGEMENT***

NAME: _____ CONTESTANT ID#: _____

CHAPTER: _____

DESIGN FORM CREATED: _____

INTENDED USE OF FLORAL: _____

	Needs Improvement	Good	Excellent	Member Score
ARRANGEMENT (85 points)				
Design	0-5	6-10	7-15	
Balance	0-3	4-6	7-10	
Creativity	0-3	4-6	7-10	
Depth	0-3	4-6	7-10	
Focal Emphasis	0-3	4-6	7-10	
Line	0-3	4-6	7-10	
Mechanics	0-3	4-6	7-10	
Scale	0-1	2-3	4-5	
Unity	0-1	2-3	4-5	
ITEMIZED LIST OF COSTS (15 points)				
Price Range	0-1	2-3	4-5	
Identification & Accuracy	0-3	4-6	7-10	
OFFICIAL DRESS (2 points)	0	1	2	
TOTAL POINTS (102 points)				

Judged by: _____

**Floral Design CDE
Floral Arrangement Itemized List of Costs**

Name: _____ Contestant ID #: _____
Chapter: _____

Quantity	Flower/Foliage	Unit Cost	Total

Total Flower/Foliage Material Cost _____

Quantity	Material Used	Unit Cost	Total

Total Hard Goods Cost _____

Total Flower/Foliage Material Cost	
Total Hard Goods Cost	
Labor Cost (20%)	
<i>Sub Total</i>	
Tax (7%)	
TOTAL ARRANGEMENT COST*	

**Note: Participants will be provided the RETAIL price of flowers and foliage that they will use in their arrangement by the Event Coordinator at the beginning of the event. The MARKUP is built into the retail price of the flowers and the foliage used in the arrangement.*

Sample Retail Price Sheet

FLOWERS	RETAIL PRICE	FLOWERS	RETAIL PRICE
Ageratum	\$2.65	Rose:	
Alstroemeria	\$2.55	<i>Regular</i>	\$4.20
Anthurium	\$5.20	<i>Spray</i>	\$2.65
Aster (Spring)	\$2.20	Snapdragon	\$3.20
Astilbe	\$2.60	Solidago/Solidaster	\$2.20
Baby's Breath	\$2.25	Statice	\$2.20
Bells of Ireland	\$2.75	Stock	\$2.20
Bird of Paradise	\$6.25	Sunflower	\$3.20
Bueplernum	\$2.75	Tuberose	\$3.15
Carnation:		Tulip	\$2.15
<i>Novelty Select</i>	\$1.75	Waxflower	\$2.85
<i>Mini Carnations</i>	\$1.75	Zinnia	\$2.10
Cattleya Orchid	\$5.25		
Chrysanthemum:		GREENS	RETAIL PRICE
<i>Daisy/Pompons</i>	\$2.25	Asparagus Fern	\$0.70
<i>Spider/Fugi</i>	\$2.75	Baker Fern	\$0.30
Cymbidium Orchid	\$4.25	Huckleberry	\$0.70
Delphinium	\$2.75	Lemonleaf	\$0.85
Freesia	\$3.20	Plumose Fern	\$0.45
Gardenia	\$10.25	Sperengi Fern	\$1.20
Gerbera Daisy	\$3.65		
Gladiolus	\$2.65	HARD GOODS	RETAIL PRICE
Heather	\$2.10	Floral Foam	\$1.50/brick
Hydrangea	\$6.20	Bowl/Container/Vase	\$3.25
Hyacinth	\$4.70		
Iris	\$2.70		
Larkspur	\$3.20		
Leptospermum	\$2.10		
Liatrix	\$2.10		
Lilac	\$3.65		
Lily:			
<i>Asiatic</i>	\$4.25		
<i>Oriental</i>	\$5.25		
Limonium	\$2.10		
Marigold	\$2.10		
Marguerite Daisy	\$2.55		
Queen's Anne Lace	\$2.10		

Official Dress Scoring Rubric

0 points	1 point	2 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in official dress or business dress • More than three of the following are noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skirt is considerably above knee length, spandex, shorts or jeans are worn ▪ Skirt/slacks is not black ▪ Shoes are not black or sneakers are worn ▪ FFA jacket not zipped ▪ Official dress is worn, but no jacket ▪ Shirt/ blouse hanging out ▪ Flashy tie – not blue, black or FFA ▪ No scarf/tie worn ▪ Socks/nylons are not black ▪ More than three medals are worn on the jacket ▪ Pins and other insignia are worn on jacket (state convention/theme pin is acceptable) ▪ Member is wearing a hat ▪ Member has airpods in 	<p>One to three of the following are noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skirt is considerably above knee length, spandex, shorts or jeans are worn • Skirt/slacks is not black • Shoes are not black or sneakers are worn • FFA jacket not zipped • Official dress is worn, but no jacket • Shirt hanging out • Flashy tie – not blue, black or FFA • No scarf/tie worn • Socks/nylons are not black • More than three medals are worn on the jacket • Pins and other insignia are worn on jacket (state convention/theme pin is acceptable) • Member is wearing a hat 	<p>Dressed in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black dress slacks/ skirt (No mini skirt, spandex, shorts or jeans are worn) • FFA Jacket zipped to top • FFA scarf/tie • Black Shoes • Black nylons • White collared shirt/ blouse

Directions to Mercer County Community College - West Windsor Campus

From North or South via U.S. 1

- Exit onto Quakerbridge Road / South 533.
- After 2 miles (through 4 traffic lights), turn left at the Youngs Road traffic light.
- At the end of Youngs Road, turn right onto Hughes Drive and follow past Mercer County Park entrance.
- MCCC campus entrance is on the left.

From Route 206 North or South

- From 206 South, turn left onto Province Line Road (at traffic light).
- From 206 North, turn right onto Province Line Road.
- Follow Province Line Road through the next traffic light (Princeton Pike), continue to the next traffic light and turn right onto Quakerbridge Road / South 533.
- On Quakerbridge Road, follow directions from Route 1 (see above).

From North or South via Interstate 95/295

- Take Interstate 95 (which becomes Interstate 295) to Exit 65A: Sloan Ave. East
- Continue straight on Sloan Ave. East (becomes Flock Road) to the end.
- Turn left at traffic light, onto Edinburg Road
- Continue straight through one traffic light (becomes Old Trenton Road).
- Take right jug handle that leads to the MCCC campus entrance.

From East

- Follow Route 33 West until you see signs for Route 133 West (the new bypass route).
- Turn right onto Route 133 West.
- Take Route 133 West to the end and exit immediately onto Route 571 West (Princeton-Hightstown Road).
- Move immediately to the far-left turning lane and turn left onto Route 535 / Old Trenton Road.
- Follow Route 535 / Old Trenton Rd for approximately 5 miles.
- MCCC campus entrance is on the right.

From North via NJ Turnpike

- Take Turnpike Exit 8 at Hightstown onto Route 33 West.
- Follow signs onto Route 133 West (the new bypass).
- Turn right onto Route 571 West (Princeton-Hightstown Road).
- Move immediately to the far-left turning lane and turn left onto Route 535 / Old Trenton Road.
- Follow Route 535 / Old Trenton Road for approximately 5 miles.
- MCCC campus entrance is on the right.

From South via NJ Turnpike

- Take Turnpike Exit 7A.
- Go West on I-195 to Exit 5B (first exit off I-195).
- North on Route 130, proceed to the second traffic light and turn left onto Robbinsville-Allentown Road (526 West).
- Go through traffic light and make immediate right onto Robbinsville-Edinburg Road (526 West).
- At the end of Robbinsville-Edinburg Road (526 West), turn left onto Old Trenton Road (535).
- Follow Old Trenton Road for 2 miles to campus entrance on right, after Mercer County Park.

