

# Job Interview – Career Development Event

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**Purpose:** The National FFA Job Interview Career Development Event (CDE) is designed for FFA members to develop, practice and demonstrate skills needed in seeking employment in the agricultural industry. Each part of the event stimulates “real world” activities that will be used by real world employers.

**Background:** The FFA Job Interview CDE was developed to encourage FFA members to prepare themselves to develop those skills that will help enable them to obtain meaningful employment. The Job Interview CDE consists of:

- One participant at each level per chapter, region, or state.
- FFA members in official dress.

- A prepared resume with a cover letter and application developed by the member’s own effort.
- A signed statement of originality of documents provided.
- Job sought will be related to the members Supervised Agricultural Experience program.
- A maximum three-minute telephone interview.
- A personal interview of twenty minutes with three separate judges.
- A follow up letter written by the student after each interview.

This CDE is currently held on the regional, state and national levels. All chapters in Tennessee are eligible to compete on the regional level with the top two from each region competing at the State FFA Convention held each spring in Gatlinburg. The state winner will represent Tennessee at the National FFA Convention in October. The CDE is judged by business and industry people proficient in their knowledge of hiring employees.

**Visibility:** The sponsor of this award will be recognized in the following ways:

- Immediate press release recognizing the new partnership.
- Statewide recognition at the state FFA convention in front of 2,500 FFA members.
- Statewide media recognition through press releases in agricultural publications.
- Name of sponsor on plaques received by FFA members.

**Budget:** The annual cost of this three-year commitment is \$1250.00 each year. This amount of support each year will provide the award plaques with sponsor’s name on each of three regional levels, cash awards to the winners, communication on the statewide level and travel expenses for

the winning member to the National FFA Convention.

Expected Results: This partnership will generate added interest and excitement in this award area. Through this increased interest more students will focus their skill development in the area of Job Interview.