

Agricultural Skills Showcase

About: All students deserve the opportunity to experience premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Through this unique event, students are invited to participate in FFA in a way they have never before been able to, by highlighting their skills at their educational level. This event is open to all agricultural education students/FFA members in grades 7-12+ with an emphasis on individuals with an intellectual disability, IEP, or 504 Plan.

Format: Students will provide evidence of successfully engaging in agricultural education through one of the pathways or through an FFA-related activity. This could be a written document, video, drawing, poster, or other item that has been developed. If the student is comfortable in sharing their item with a committee, a 5-8 minute virtual interview will be conducted. All IEP modifications and accommodations will be honored throughout this event.

Cost: Form 1-\$3, Bronze Rating, Awarded Certificate
Form 2-\$ 6, Silver, Gold Ranking, Awarded Certificate, Sticker, and Prize

- Additional \$1/ per Form 1 Entry.

Important Dates:

- Artifacts will be submitted electronically by Wednesday, December 4th, 2024.
- Entries will be judged prior to Wednesday, December 18th, 2024
- Form 2 interviews will be held virtually during the school day during the week of January 13th, 2025. Extended interview dates will be announced at state/teacher discretion.
- Results compiled by January 28, 2025

Submitting Your Artifacts: Google Forms will be used to gather your information and artifacts. If you are not a Google user, please contact Sean Welch at swelch@illinoisffa.org for other uploading options.

Awards/Recognition: Students will receive a Certificate of Achievement following the competition.

Areas of Competition:

Topic	Item to Turn in by Friday, March 15, 2024.	Interview 5-8 Minutes	Grade Level/ Notes
FFA Creed	Video Recording reading/reciting the paragraph of the FFA Creed that means the most to you.	Discuss why that paragraph is important to you.	Grades 7-9
Public Speaking	Video Recording of Ag Related Topic. Can be read or memorized. Use of props is allowed. Limited to 2-5 minutes.	Answer questions related to speech topic.	Grades 7-12
SAE	Submit a presentation that includes 5 photos of your SAE with descriptions (limited to 100 words or less).	Answer questions related to your SAE.	Grades 7-12

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College & Career Readiness - Personal Finance	Submit a personal budget, including expenses and income, that you can follow after high school.	Answer questions related to your budget.	Grades 7-12
College & Career Readiness - Career Planning	Submit a presentation of 2-3 potential careers with appropriate requirements to achieve that career.	Explain your career choices and what you learned during your exploration.	Grades 7-12
College & Career Readiness - Employability Skills	Submit a video (5 minutes or less), presentation or document discussing skills necessary for employment.	Explain what it takes to get a job and what you learned about employment.	Grades 7-12
College & Career Readiness - Workplace Safety	Submit a video (5 minutes or less), presentation or document discussing a workplace safety skill(s) that could help you in the future.	Explain a safety skill you learned and answer questions about how it will help you in the future.	Grades 7-12
Ag Mechanics - Wood/Metals/ Electricity	Submit a video (5 minutes or less), presentation or document including steps taken, materials used, expenses and the final product.	Describe the final project and explain how it was made.	Grades 7-12
Animal / Vet Science Demonstration	Submit a video (5 minutes or less), presentation or document highlighting a skill learned in animal/vet science.	Explain the skill and how you learned to do the demonstration.	Grades 7-12
Foods - Cooking/Baking	Submit a video (5 minutes or less), presentation or document of steps taken to prepare a dish of your choice.	Answer further questions related to the dish that was prepared.	Grades 7-12
Plant Science - Skills Learned	Submit a video (5 minutes or less), presentation or document highlighting a skill learned in plant science. This area could include floral design, landscape, plant science, horticulture, or agriscience.	Explain the skill and how you developed it.	Grades 7-12
Natural Resources - Hunting/Hunter Safety	Submit a video (5 minutes or less), presentation or document highlighting a skill learned in hunting or that is hunter safety related.	Explain the skill and how you developed it.	Grades 7-12