

9. NURSERY/LANDSCAPING

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- A. PURPOSE – to promote career interest, encourage proficiency development and recognize excellence in participants of the event which includes all aspects of the industry to produce, market, utilize and maintain landscape plants (woody and herbaceous plants and turf grasses), as well as related production and landscaping products, equipment and services including design.
- B. OBJECTIVES
- PLANT MATERIALS – to demonstrate the ability to identify nursery and landscape plant materials and turf grasses commonly used in the United States.
 - PLANT DISORDERS – to demonstrate the ability to identify unhealthy plant conditions due to pests, nutritional or physiological disorders and mechanical or chemical injury.
 - CULTURAL PRACTICES – to demonstrate knowledge of the principles and skills involved in propagation, growth requirements, growing techniques, harvesting, marketing and maintenance of nursery plants and landscape turf.
 - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION – to demonstrate knowledge of the principles and techniques of landscape design and construction.
 - SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT – to demonstrate the ability to identify, select, use and maintain appropriate supplies and equipment for nursery and landscape operations, including equipment and procedures in mechanization and automation.
 - SAFETY – to demonstrate knowledge of safety practices in nursery and landscape operations.
 - INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS – to demonstrate skills in oral and written business communications.
 - MARKETING – to demonstrate understanding of marketing principles and proper sales and service skills.
 - RECORDS AND REPORTS – to demonstrate the ability to prepare accurate and legible records and reports and to interpret business documents.

Members can expect to compete in a FIVE phase contest to accomplish the objectives listed above. Phases include:

Individual Events:

- General Knowledge Exam with Landscape Estimate
- Identification of Plants, Pests, Disorders, Equipment and Supplies
- Verbal Assistance
- Nursery Propagation or Potting

Team Events:

- Team Skills Challenge

ELIGIBILITY

Career Development Event will consist of two levels of competition

- Junior Level, grades 6 – 8
 - Senior Level, grades 7 – 12
- Junior Competition will consist of an individual written test, individual identification and a team skills challenge.
- C. EVENT RULES – Each phase will be limited to thirty minutes each. A team may consist of four members, with all four members' scores to be the team score. A team may represent a sub-district or an individual FFA Chapter. The contest will be open to individuals who are not members of a complete team. The top teams will represent New York as per the New York State FFA Policy book.
- D. ATTIRE – FFA jacket or state or chapter FFA t-shirt
- E. LOCATION – FFA Building, Tuesday, August 29, 9:00a.m.