



VIRGINIA  
FFA ASSOCIATION



# *Career Applications in Horticulture Event*

## State Fair of Virginia

### Contest Rules:

1. Each FFA Chapter is invited to enter up to 6 individuals.
2. Contests must be any active FFA member who is enrolled in an agricultural education course during the school term preceding entry the contest. This is an adaptive contest intended for students who have validates/documentated academic needs and require support and/or accommodation.
3. Pre-registration is required by September 15th.
4. The purpose of this contest is to evaluate green industry career readiness through demonstrative and knowledge-based assessments. The students will rotate through the following stations:
  - Plant I.D.: Identification of different common greenhouse plants. Students will be given an answer choice bank and will be presented a live sample or photo (10 samples - 100 points)
  - Parts of a Plant: Identification of different plant parts. Students will be given 10 samples with an arrow pointing to the plant part to identify. Live samples or photos may be utilized, and an answer bank will be provided. (10 samples - 100 points)
  - Safety: Students will be shown 5 different photos. In each photo, a potential safety hazard is displayed. Using short answer, students will identify the safety hazard. (5 hazards - 50 points)
  - Seed Pack Evaluation: Students will respond in short answers to questions based on information provided on the back of a seed pack. Potential questions could include: shade/sun requirements, depth for planting, days till germination, etc. (5 questions - 50 points)
  - Demonstration Practicum: During this component of the contest, students will demonstrate a planting assignment based on a grower's specification photo/drawing and instructions. Their work will be evaluated on design accuracy, appropriate planting technique and placement, and workspace clean-up. All supplies will be provided (100 points)
5. This contest will utilize 15-minute increments and will be adjusted if the entire group requires more or less time. If time and space allows, the contest will be self paced.
6. Maximum score is 400 points. The tiebreaker will be the practicum.

### Awards:

The State Fair of Virginia will award ribbons to the eight high teams and ten high individuals. Each participant will also receive a participation ribbon.

**2023 Date:** 9/25

### State Fair Address:

Meadow Event Park  
13111 Dawn Blvd  
Doswell, Virginia 23047  
Caroline County

### Contest Registration and Tickets for the Fair:

Participants must have a \$5 Student Competition Ticket to enter the Fairgrounds unless they are already at the Fair for another competition. Agricultural Education instructors are responsible for ordering tickets:

<https://www.vaffa.org/state-fair-of-virginia>

### Event Location:

Farm Credit Pavilion

### Times:

**Contestant Meeting:** 10:00 AM

**Contest Begins:** 10:15 AM

**Awards:** Following the Event

### Entry Deadline:

September 15

### Contest Superintendents:

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### Questions? Contact Us!

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## Plant ID List

Number	Botanical Name	Common Name
101	<i>Begonia x semperflorens-cultorum</i>	Wax Begonia
102	<i>Canna x generalis cv.</i>	Canna Lily (GardenCanna)
103	<i>Cholorophytum comosum cv.</i>	Spider Plant
104	<i>Chrysanthemum x morifolium</i>	Florist's Chrysanthemum
105	<i>Dianthus caryophyllus cv.</i>	Carnation
106	<i>Dieffenbachia maculata cv.</i>	Spotted Dumb Cane
107	<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima cv. Gypsophila</i>	Poinsettia
108	<i>elegans cv.</i>	Baby's Breath
109	<i>Hosta cv.</i>	Hosta
110	<i>Kalanchoe x blossfeldiana cv.</i>	Kalanchoe
111	<i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus cv.</i>	Daffodil
112	<i>Opuntia cv.</i>	Cactus
113	<i>Parthenocissus tricuspidata</i>	Boston Ivy
114	<i>Pelargonium x hortorum cv.</i>	Zonal Geranium
115	<i>Petunia x hybrida cv.</i>	Petunia
116	<i>Philodendron scandens oxycardium</i>	Heartleaf Philodendron
117	<i>Rosa spp.</i>	Rose
118	<i>Rumohra adiantiformis</i>	Leatherleaf Fern
119	<i>Sansevieria trifasciata cv.</i>	Snake Plant
120	<i>Tulipa spp. cv.</i>	Tulip

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