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Career Applications in Horticulture Event

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Sponsored By James River Equipment

Registration Deadline: September 16, 2022

Participants must register through the online registration system: <https://www.vaffa.org/state-fair-of-virginia>

Teams will need to be entered under team or school name. **Individuals** will also need to be entered separately to be eligible for scholarships.

2022 Official Schedule

Date: Monday, September 26, 2022

Location: Farm Credit Show Ring

Contestants Meeting: 10:00 am

Contest Begins: 10:15 am

Awards Presentation: at the conclusion of the event

Participants must have a \$5 Student Competition Ticket to enter the Fairgrounds. FFA Advisor/coach is responsible for ordering tickets: <https://www.vaffa.org/state-fair-of-virginia>

Contest Rules

1. Each FFA chapter is invited to enter **up to 6 individuals**.
2. Contestants must be any active FFA member who is enrolled in an agricultural education course during the school term preceding entry in the contest. **This is an adaptive contest intended for students who have validated/documentated academic needs and require support and/or accommodation.**
3. **Pre-registration is required by September 16th.**
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:
 - o **Plant I.D.** - Identification of common greenhouse plants. Students will be given an answer choice bank and will be presented a live sample or photo. (10 samples - 100 points)
 - o **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 plant parts - 100 points)
 - o **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)
 - o **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 until germination, etc. (5 questions - 50 points)
 - o **Demonstrative Practicum** - During this component of the contest, students will create a planter or hanging basket design based on a grower's specification photo/drawing and instructions. The design 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.
6. Maximum score is 400 points. The tie-breaker 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.

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 (Garden Canna) |
| 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.</i> | Poinsettia |
| 108 | <i>Gypsophila 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 |
