

The 2022 Maryland State FFA Floriculture Career Development Event will take place Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Westminster High School beginning at approximately 10 a.m. The contest will conclude by 5pm.

The event will feature the following elements as per the National FFA Career & Leadership Development Events Handbook 2022.

Scoring will be based on the following: Team Activity (800 pts); Plant Identification (50 plant/equipment items, 200pts); General Knowledge (50 questions/200 pts); Problem Solving (5 problems/200 pts); and Practicum's (200 pts) as noted below and as time and facilities allow.

Students need to be prepared with materials as noted on Floriculture page 4 under "Event Format" materials, clipboard, pencils, floral shears, knife, Calculator etc. etc. No cell phones allowed.

All Supplies, the plants, flowers, containers, ribbon, wire, pins etc. will be provided.

No Coaches/Advisors will be permitted except those assigned and working with this CDE as part of the Committee.

**The Practicum(s) will include:**

1. Floral Arrangement suitable for a round buffet table in an Easter Basket (100 pts).  
Note 20 minutes will be allowed for the arrangement design with an additional 5 minutes for calculating the bill equaling 25 minutes total for completing this practicum.

NOTE: Students must reserve the remaining products from these arrangements for their team activity. Corsage & Boutonniere construction will be part of team activity.

2. Make a mixed planter (75 pts.)  
20 minutes will be allowed, and all materials will be provided including prices and billing form.

**The Team Activity (800 total points)**

This will be an activity in which all 4 team members will work together to complete floral orders for the business following an actual scenario and using the materials provided to them.

Teams will be evaluated upon teamwork and the products created.

All contestants (4 max) from a team will work together on this section of the event.

Teams with more than 4 individuals will have to specify the 4 official team members.

The total team score will be based upon the 4 individual scores plus the team activity score.

The Practicums and Team Activity will take place first in this event. The General Knowledge exam and Identification will follow. ***This year, mounted photos will be used for the identification part of the event in place of live plant materials and actual equipment.*** While we are planning to complete all the elements named above, it's possible that we may have to modify the event given the help, facility, and time allotted. There may also be verbal instructions given at the beginning or during any or all parts of the practicums which the students will need to follow.

## **Team Activity Scenario 2022**

In a retail florist shop things can get extremely busy during a holiday week. Due to the heavy workload, individual items were prepared earlier, the 4 Easter Basket arrangements and 4 planters/dish gardens (your 4 individual team member items combined) will be organized and prepared for delivery.

You now have several more items that are needed for Easter Sunday events requiring Saturday delivery. 45 minutes will be allocated for the team members to complete this activity.

Plan with and assemble your team to produce and pack for transport the following items:

\*4 Easter basket arrangements

\*4 planters/dish gardens decorated with a bow, Easter eggs and an Easter card for delivery to Grandma.

\*1 hand tied bouquet to lay at the foot of a cross for sunrise services.

It must consist of at least 6 Mass and/or focal Flowers (disbuds, tulips and/or/carnations)

\*1 boutonniere, for the church organist to wear during Easter Sunday service,  
it must contain a decorative wire element.

\*1 corsage, pin on or wrist, for the minister to wear during Easter Sunday service.

It must contain a decorative wire element.

\*1 matching pair of Altar arrangements in plastic liners (aka McDonalds cups) to be placed into the church's gold vases for Sunday service. They must include at least 3-line flowers each.

Materials are:

fresh product (which is the team's combined items remaining after the design practicum)

assorted Mass/Focal Flowers (ie: disbuds/tulips/carnations, tbd.)

Alstromeria

Line flowers

pompons

Assorted foliage, Filler/accent Flowers

Easter eggs

#3 Ribbon, #9 Ribbon

Corsage and Boutonniere pins and bags 1 wristlet

enclosure cards and cadettes

Decorative accessories such as Mega, Flat, Aluminum, and /or, Bullion wire

Tube Glue, Uglu Strips, florist wire, stem tape, wooden picks, hyacinth stakes

4 basket arrangements and 4 planters/dish gardens from individual team members' earlier practicums

Box or Boxes w/packing materials

We look forward to meeting the students and seeing all the great work they will do.

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