



General Rules for All Career Program Areas

The purpose of the Career Program Areas (CPAs) is to allow participants to test their knowledge and problem solving skills in a competitive and professional environment.

Objectives:

- Encourage the development of soft and technical skills through the active participation of students in CPA events
- Evaluate the participant and educational program efficiency
- Recognize participant and educational program accomplishments
- Provide opportunities to develop and improve curricular and instructional techniques by implementing the organization and events

Goals:

- Develop skills, knowledge, and leadership abilities pertinent to the agriculture industry
- Develop an overall view of the needed knowledge, skills, and people in the growing and changing agriculture industry

Registration:

- Each chapter may enter the appropriate number of participants for the state conference who have paid their state membership dues. For specific participation levels for each CPA refer to the individual rules.
- Any changes to individuals must be brought to the registration table at the state conference prior to the start of the competition.
- Individual CPA participation is based on the ability and timeframe required to address needs.
- Specific participation levels for individual CPA participation per chapter:

CPA	No. of Individuals per Chapter
Ag Education Specialist	4
Agricultural Sales	4
Employment Interview	4
Speakers for Agriculture (Prepared & Impromptu)	4
Career Planning and/or Progress Areas	5
Precision Ag Specialist	4

- Specific participation levels for team CPA events are as follows:

CPA	Individuals per Team	No. of Teams per Chapter
Agricultural Machinery Service Technician	2	unlimited
College Bowl	5	3
Crop Specialist	3	unlimited
Dairy Specialist	3	3
Equine Specialist	3	3
Ornamental Horticulture: Floriculture	2	3
Ornamental Horticulture: Landscape Design & Nursery Development	2	3
Turfgrass Management Specialist	2	3
Soil Specialist	3	unlimited
Livestock Specialist: Beef	3	3
Livestock Specialist: Sheep	3	3
Livestock Specialist: Swine	3	3
Livestock Specialist: Overall	3	3

General Rules:

- Participants will only be eligible to compete in each of the following at the state level per year:
 - ONE individual specialist area
 - ONE team event
 - College Bowl
 - Either a Career Planning or Career Progress award area
- Participants may not compete in more than one individual specialist area, more than one team event, or more than one award area in the Career Planning or Progress events.
- Any participant who achieves 1st Place as an individual or as part of a team at state will not be eligible to participate in the same program in the coming years.
- Participants must clearly and legibly write their name and identify which career program area they are in.
- Participants need to provide a NON-programmable calculator, two No. 2 pencils and erasers. Please read specific rules for additional materials needed. **CALCULATORS WILL NOT** be provided. It will be the responsibility of the participant to be prepared at the event.
- Cell phones and personal smart devices are not allowed to be used as calculators in events where calculators are needed or required.
- If possible, write thank you letters on local or state PAS stationary. Participants will be responsible for their own thank you stationary and their own writing utensils.