

General Competition Information



Note: The following guidelines apply to **all** 2015 Future Educators Association National Competitions. Please copy and distribute these pages to each student competing in a competition.

- **Competitions will take place on Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24, 2015 at the FEA National Conference at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia, which all competitors must attend.** (Competitors in the FEA Leadership Award competition will not need to participate in any onsite judging.)
- All individual competitions are open to good-standing FEA members in middle school and high school. (Students may or may not be affiliated with an FEA chapter.) All chapter competitions are open to good-standing FEA chapters in middle school and high school. **Please note: middle school will compete with high school. They will not have their own division.** A couple of select competitions are open to college level students. They will compete in their own division.
- If a competitor is from a state that holds state competitions they must first qualify at their state conference before competing at the FEA National Conference. Contact your state director to see if your state offers competitions.
- **All competitor materials must be uploaded by Noon (Eastern Time), March 16, 2015.** Each competition will identify what materials are required for submission prior to the competition. Failure to submit required materials by the submission deadline will result in disqualification. **Students who have qualified for nationals by placing in the top five in state-level competitions also must submit their entries on the national website by the deadline to compete at the national conference.**
- For states that offer state-level competitions, the top five places in each competition offered by the state will be eligible to compete at the FEA National Conference; no other entrants from states that offer the competition at the state level will be eligible for those state-level-offered competitions. For states that do not offer state-level competitions, students may register to compete in those events at the FEA National Conference. (For example, if you want to compete in Impromptu Speaking but place sixth or lower in your state level Impromptu Speaking competition— or don't compete in the state level competitions at all, you unfortunately can't compete in Impromptu Speaking at the FEA National Conference this year. If you live in a state that didn't hold an Impromptu Speaking state-level competition, you may register to compete in that event at the FEA National Conference.) This applies to all FEA National Competitions.

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- **All video files that are submitted in advance must be in .mp4 format.** Videos that are not in this file format will not be accepted and will be immediately disqualified. Videos will not be accepted by mail.
- Students may enter up to a total of three (3) combined events.
- Advisors may enter up to three (3) students per chapter in each individual event and one (1) team for chapter events. **All chapter events require at least two and no more than four student representatives per chapter to participate in the judging session at the FEA National Conference.**
- Competitors must report to their assigned areas on time. Failure to report at their scheduled time can result in disqualification. All advisors will be provided a schedule of all of their students' scheduled competition times prior to the conference.
- Competitors may allow advisors and other non-competitor spectators to be in the judging room with the participant during their competition. Peer competitors will not be permitted as spectators.
- Competitors are expected to dress in business-casual attire. **(See here for a detailed explanation of what is and is not permissible as "business casual.")** Points will be deducted from the entrant's score for failure to follow the stated dress code.
- Certificates will be awarded to the top 10 entries. Awards will be presented to the top three (3) entries in each category.
- Entrants grant PDK International, the sponsoring organization for FEA, the right to use and publish the submission in print, online, or in any media without compensation.
- Entrants grant PDK International, the sponsoring organization for FEA, the right to post photos of students for promotional purposes on the state FEA website.
- All source media used for the competition must be cited in competition submissions.
- All submitted materials must reflect original work from the 2014-2015 school year. Material that may have been submitted in previous years is ineligible.
- Written permissions for copyrighted material must be obtained for the rights to display and present media-related materials at the FEA National Conference and to post media-related materials on the FEA website. All permissions obtained to use copyrighted material must be included with entry submission. (Note: This requirement does apply to music used in videos and other media-related materials. It does not apply to artifacts collected for a project.) Failure to accomplish this will result in disqualification.

Entries must be submitted online at: www.futureeducators.org under "National Conference"

For event inquiries call: 800-766-1156 or email fea@pdkintl.org

2015 Technology Video Competition



COMPETITION TYPE: Chapter—Closed to spectators

ELIGIBILITY: FEA Chapters at the Middle and High School Levels

Contest Purpose

Technology can be leveraged for learning in limitless ways. Across the world, technology is transforming how learners connect with each other and with content.

The Technology Video Competition allows students to tell a compelling story about their firsthand experiences with technology in education. Contestants will produce a creative video designed to demonstrate specific ways that the smart use of technology is elevating teaching and learning in their school or district.

The National Education Technology Plan, while dense, is recommended contextual reading for describing how learning can be “powered by technology.” The report is available here: <http://www.ed.gov/technology/netp-2010>

At the national conference, students representing their chapters in this competition will screen their video to a panel of expert judges and will then engage in a discussion about the technology and its impact on teaching and learning. This competition affords chapter members the opportunity to sharpen their technology and communication skills, as well as to develop their leadership and team-building skills.

This competition is cross-walked with the following Education and Training Career Cluster Knowledge and Skill Statements: ESS02, ESS04, ESS07, ESS10, EDC02, and EDC07.

Competition Guidelines

- A. **The video file must be in an .mp4 format.** *Videos that are not in this file format may not be accepted.* The video file must be brought to the FEA National Conference session on a flash drive or jump drive.
- B. The video must contain a title at the beginning of the video.
- C. The video must include the name of the school, city, and state in the closing credits (Example: This message was brought to you by Kirkwood High School's chapter of the Future Educators Association in Bloomington, IN.).
- D. From the beginning caption until the last scene of the closing credits inclusively, entries must be no less than 90 seconds in length and no longer than 180 seconds in length. *If the video is less than 90 seconds or longer than 180 seconds, the chapter will be disqualified.*
- E. At the FEA National Conference, no less than two and no more than four chapter representatives from each participating chapter will make an oral presentation to a panel of judges. During the presentation, chapter members will have up to five (5) minutes to introduce their video and to provide description and context. Chapter members will then play the video for the judges. The entire presentation to judges (oral presentation and video) will last no more than ten (10) minutes. Following the presentation and the video, the judges will have up to five (5) minutes to ask questions to chapter representatives.

Judging and Scoring

- A. The judges' decisions are final.
- B. Scoring is based on the Technology Video Competition rubric.

How to Enter

- A. Chapters must register online for the competition by the submission deadline stated on the General Competition Information sheet.
- B. Print the confirmation page for your records after completing the online submission form.