Presidents' Trophy Contest

Purpose:
Show off how successful your club was over the past year. Share some ideas with other clubs and get recognized for your efforts.

Awards and Recognition:
The winner of the Presidents’ Trophy Contest will receive a trophy to display and will have possession of the traveling plaque until the next year’s competition.

Eligibility:
Any SASES club with students that hold current memberships in ASA, CSSA, and/or SSSA is eligible to participate. Only one presentation per club will be allowed.

Rules:
Presentations may be made by one or two members of the club. The presenter does not need to be the president of the club. Presentations must be five minutes or less.

Bring the presentation on a flash drive and arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the program to upload your presentation. A data projector and computer will be provided.

Powerpoint is the most common program used, but students are encouraged to be creative with their presentations. If you are using a software that will not run solely off your flash drive, please check with the contest coordinator for compatibility at least 3 weeks prior to the contest.

Judging:
Club Overview (40 points)—Share the club’s promotion of professional opportunities in agronomy, crops, soils, and/or environmental science, any community service activities the club organizes or participates in, the program of activities from the past year, and fund raising efforts.

Innovations (40 points)—Every club faces challenges. Share a unique challenge your club has faced within the past year, and how the club has worked to overcome the challenge. Discuss how the club used problem solving skills to identify the challenge, how teamwork and collaboration was used to execute a solution, and how the results will make a lasting impact on the club.

Presentation (10 points)—The chapter representative should use appropriate voice, mannerisms, presentation structure, and language. The presentation uses a creative approach to enhance overall effectiveness.

Time—There will be a 1-point deduction made from each president’s score for every 30 seconds over 5 minutes.

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