**2020-2021 Georgia DECA Theme Speech Competition**

**The 2020-2021 Georgia DECA Theme Speech Topic is:**

**No matter what dreams and goals you have for the future, propel yourself to the Next Level with DECA. Using the Skills, you have obtained through DECA, how do you plan to declare go to the Next Level in your chapter, community, and future this year?**

**Purpose:** To develop the participant’s ability in organizing and presenting information in an effective manner to a small group.

**Guidelines:**

1. Three entries per chapter are permitted to enter.

2. The overall topic will be published annually by Georgia DECA on the Georgia DECA Website. The regional and state event topics will be the same.

3. For State CDC- The participant will prepare the speech and bring it to the conference. The length of the presentation will be a maximum of 3 minutes. A 1 minute warning will be given. Students will be asked to stop speaking at 3 minutes.

4. Any size index card may be used for presenting the theme speech, however memorization of the speech is encouraged. No props or visual aids of any kind are allowed. Only index cards may be utilized. If any other format is used, 10 points will be deducted.

**2020-2021 Theme Speech Rating Sheet**

**Participant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Participant’s School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Directions:***

*Score each participant according to the maximum points possible. Subtract penalty points at the end.*

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| **Items Evaluated** | **Maximum Points Possible** | **Score** | **Comments** |
| Opening | 20 |  |  |
| Voice | 10 |  |  |
| Platform Deportment/Diction | 20 |  |  |
| Organization | 30 |  |  |
| Closing | 20 |  |  |
| Subtotal | 100 |  |  |
| **Penalties** |  |  |  |
| Format other than note cards used in presentation | -10 |  |  |
| Total Penalties | -10 |  |  |
| **TOTAL SCORE** | 100 |  |  |

Judges Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Judges Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Judges Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Feedback: