

## **GENERAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

- Registration in the competitive events at the FEA Regional Conference at FIU is by invitation only. A link to access the Online Competition Entry Form will be provided to the chapter's advisor after all student members have registered to attend the conference via our Eventbrite page. Chapter advisors (not individual students) must complete and submit one form online.
- All individual competitions are open to FEA members in high school. All chapter competitions are open to FEA chapters in high school. You must register to attend the FEA Regional Conference at FIU to be eligible to participate.
- All submitted materials must reflect original work from the 2019–2020 school year.
  Material that may have been created or submitted in previous years is ineligible.

- In order to compete in an individual or chapter competition, all entries must be submitted by 5:00pm, November 1, 2019.
- Entries submitted by email will not be accepted.
- Some competitions may require the submission of materials prior to the day of the conference. All competition materials must be submitted by 5:00pm, Friday, November 8, 2019. Failure to submit required materials by the submission deadline will result in disqualification.
- The number of entries allowed per school varies by competition. Teachers may enter one team for each of the chapter events. The number of entrants is capped for the individual and chapter events.
- Competitors must report to their assigned areas on time.
  Failure to report at their scheduled time can result in disqualification.



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- Competitors may allow teachers to be in the judging room with the participant during their competition. For closed competitions, no other spectators will be permitted.
- Spectators may not coach or offer any verbal or nonverbal assistance to a contestant during that contestant's assigned time slot with the judges. A breach of this guideline may result in disqualification of the contestant
- Spectators may not record any competition without prior consent of the competitions and judges.
- Competitors are expected to dress in business-casual attire.
  For a detailed explanation of what is not and is not permissible as "business casual," see our Conference FAQ page on the <u>fea.fiu.edu</u> website.

- Certificates will be awarded to all the entries. Awards will be presented to the top three entries in each of the individual categories and the top two entries in each of the group categories.
- Competitors are strongly discouraged from using copyrighted material in their competitive entries. If copyrighted material is used, written permission must be obtained for the rights to display and present mediarelated materials at the FEA Regional Conference at FIU. Al permissions obtained to use copyrighted material must be included with entry submission. (This requirement applies to graphics taken from the web and other media-related materials. It does not apply to artifacts collected for a project.)