

# 2016 Stand and Deliver Hot Topics

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This round will be 30 minutes in length. Twenty minutes are given to candidates to plan, organize and prepare a spoken presentation. Five minutes are focused on the candidate's ability to deliver spoken presentation. Five minutes focused on the candidate's ability to respond accurately to questions regarding topic and presentation.

Candidates will have 20 minutes in a preparation room to prepare for delivering a five minute speech on a topic that is given to them. When preparing their speech, candidates should plan as if they are advocating for this topic and its supporting ideas. When candidates arrive to the preparation room they will receive the topic and instructions regarding the setting and audience to which the speech will be directed. Candidates will have a full 20 minutes to formulate their remarks. No materials will be allowed in the room during this time other than a pad of paper and a pen, which will be provided.

The following is a listing of 10 "hot topics" to guide your preparation for this round in the 2016 selection process.

- **The Future of American Agriculture**
- **21st Century Skills**
- **College and Career Readiness**
- **Advancement of Science & Technology in Agriculture**
- **Agricultural Literacy/Consumer Education**
- **FFA and the fight against hunger**
- **Sustainable Agriculture: Feeding a Growing Population**
- **Global Opportunities and partnerships in FFA**
- **Shortage of Agricultural Educators**
- **FFA in the "Information Age"**

One of the 10 topics will be selected by the nominating committee during preparation at state convention. The committee will also select the context in which the speech will be delivered. Details about the specific topic chosen and the context will be provided to candidates only when they enter the preparation room (i.e. deliver a 5 minute speech to a group of 20 legislators about American Education/Agricultural Education during a breakfast at Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day).

For more information regarding this interview round please reference the New Jersey State Officer Candidate Handbook.