

# JUDGE TIPS FOR CE SUCCESS

- Review the rubrics. Ensure you are following the rubrics step by step and addressing all items on which you will be evaluated.
- Practice with a live audience and with someone who will be honest with you about areas of strength and areas to improve.
- Videotape your presentation and watch it to see where you can improve.
- Double check all formatting requirements.
- Prior to submitting anything, review it one last time against guidelines. Often times points are lost on items that could have easily been corrected.
- For writing events, work on succinct and clear thesis statements.
- Have confidence. You have done the work. Now is the time to be proud and have fun.
- Show enthusiasm for the topic.
- In presentations, be more conversational and less scripted. Don't read directly from notes.
- Be bold creative in your presentations. Do something other people aren't doing.
- Speak loudly and clearly.
- Verbalize in a confident and concise manner.
- Use the verbiage from the guidelines to create your portfolio so it is easier for judges to follow.
- PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!