A. Interview

The student will answer carefully prepared questions presented by adult interviewers to determine the student's intellect, choices, habits, plans, ambitions and knowledge of agricultural science. Semi-finalists must be prepared to discuss items such as previous experiences in agricultural science, their current knowledge level and plans for the future, and their expectations for a rigorous program of this nature. Dress in a manner that is professionally appropriate for an interview. Note: The Governor's Honors Program Agricultural Science interviews are not associated with any 4H or FFA competition or event - official uniform or dress should not be worn. Semi-finalists should anticipate being on site at least 2 hours.

B. Performance Task

Students will be given 90 minutes to complete the written performance task at the interview site. Information and/or data from approved peer-reviewed articles will be utilized to construct a written response to a given prompt. The prompt will be provided on-site the day of the interview.

Students should read and analyze the following articles. These are included on your finalist email and can be accessed through use of Adobe Reader (pdf). Students will be allowed to bring annotations of each article to the interview performance task. Note: Any semblance of a constructed response with the articles will not be allowed in the performance task room.


The prompt provided on-site should be answered utilizing information and/or data from at least two of the articles provided. Students may bring up to two supplemental primary resources to assist with understanding of the topics, however, the supplemental information should not be cited for more than 20% of the constructed response.

The constructed written response will be evaluated on 1) appropriate use of information and/or data, 2) overall organization of thoughts, and 3) grammar. Proper in-text and resource citations are required. Computers will be provided should the student wish to type their constructed response. Note: No additional allotment of time will be provided if typing is the preferred method of submission.
C. Group Simulation

Students will be placed into groups of 8 or more to participate in a group task simulation. No additional preparation is required for this portion of the interview process.

D. Use of Technology

The use of electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, projectors, etc.) is prohibited during the interview process. Possession of these devices will result in disqualification.