BUILDING OUR ALABAMA COMMUNITIES
(BOAC)

RULES AND REGULATIONS
APPLICATION

ALABAMA FFA ASSOCIATION
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AWARD

PURPOSE

The Building Our Alabama Communities Award is designed to teach and reward FFA chapters for their achievements and efforts in community development.

ELIGIBILITY

1. All chartered local FFA chapters in good standing with the Alabama FFA Association and National FFA Association are eligible to participate.

2. Chapters are eligible for recognition each year.

3. Reports must be submitted March 1 annually and on an official application.

4. Activities reported must have been started and/or completed within a 12-month period of March 1 – February 28 annually.

5. The project must be worthwhile to a broad segment of the community.

6. The BOAC application should be based on community projects to improve facilities, grounds, or buildings, which are used by various groups or organizations in the area to include, but not limited to school-owned land and/or property.

RECOGNITION LEVELS

CHAPTER

1. There is no specific local recognition available at the chapter level. However, chapters may make presentations to a group or an individual who was actively involved in with the chapter’s BOAC activities at the discretion of the chapter.

DISTRICT

1. There is no specific recognition available at the district level.

STATE

1. To be eligible for state level recognition, chapters must complete and submit the BOAC application to the Alabama FFA Association by March 1 annually.

2. Applications will be evaluated and the top four applications will receive state level recognition.

SECTION A: Chapters must complete 12 of the 17 items to qualify for the BOAC awards program.
SECTION B: Steps in the community development process

1. **Organization and Knowledge**: For these two preparatory steps, note BOAC Committee organization and use of community development informational materials.

2. **Survey and Analysis**: How did the chapter determine community needs, past or present? Who did they survey? With written or oral questions? Who was contacted? How many members were involved?

3. **Decide**: How did you use collected information to select the project? What was the basis for selection? Who would benefit and how? What was the improvement objective and how did the project affect it?

4. **Plan**: How many members were involved in planning and in what roles, i.e. collecting information, reviewing and analyzing, project decision and drafting the plan? A separate committee? Formal or informal process?

5. and 6. **Act**: Were action steps carried out as planned or were major changes made in action? How much, how long and what kind of resources were used, equipment, materials, supplies, and/or money? Example: 2 bulldozers for 10 hours, one roll of bailing wire, $300.00, etc. How obtained; who donated?

7. **Communicate**: How was the community informed, consulted, and involved? How did you approach the community, i.e. did you use the media, did you contact officials or leaders, make presentations to groups?

8. **Evaluate**: What were the results? Be as specific as possible. How did your approach affect the actual results?

9. **Records and Recognition**: Identify the form of recognition and to whom it was given. This application provides an outline for your final record of the project, as a basis for award recognition of your chapter.

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