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GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of the Alabama FFA Association's Contests and Awards Program is to vitalize and enrich the instructional program of Agriscience Education. Through participation in an effective Contests and Awards Program, FFA members are recognized for outstanding accomplishment and motivated to achieve their greatest potential.

Schools with multiple teachers and large enrollment in Agriscience Education may establish separate chapters. Each chapter shall be organized and operated in accordance with all the provisions of the national, state, and local constitutions. Each chartered chapter must submit its own list of FFA members enrolled in this chapter, along with the designated advisor. The State Office should be notified when transfers are made from one chapter to another. FFA members are only eligible to participate in the activities of one chartered FFA chapter.

Each chapter should submit electronically, Form 1 of the National Chapter Award application annually by **September 15th**. Form 1 is not a substitution for completing an annual Program of Activities, but a summary of the chapter POA used for program improvement. FFA initial chapter rosters are due by **October 1st** annually. Annual chapter fee payments are invoiced in the month of October annually and payment is due **November 15th** annually. All chapter membership should be submitted by **March 1st** annually and paid no later than **April 1st**. The chapter annual report should be submitted by **April 1st** annually. In order to remain in good standing with the State Association, all of the above criteria must be met by **April 1st** annually (new affiliate chapters will not be billed after March 1st). Charters of chapters not in good standing by April 1st date will start the charter suspension process set forth by the FFA Executive Committee.

Membership checks will be performed for each contest and award. In order for a member to be eligible, they must be properly entered into the membership system and approved to at least the state level by the date of the contest or award deadline.

FFA members are invited to "get into the mainstream of FFA activity" and participate actively in the FFA Contests and Awards Program. Interested citizens, businesses, and partners are providing awards to inspire FFA members to do their best.

After **March 1** of the current contest year, any designated state contest site is off limits for practice to all FFA members, advisors, and volunteer coaches. FFA members are allowed to participate in university organized events at the sites so long as the event has been announced and is open to all FFA chapter statewide. This rule applies specifically to the Auburn University Beef Teaching Unit, Swine Unit, Poultry Teaching Unit, Equine Unit, Meats Lab, Forestry, Horticulture and Aquaculture units. University personnel and contest coordinators are requested not to provide information or to work with state qualifying teams in any matter after **March 1**, unless it is a statewide event open to all FFA chapters.

Failure to comply with this rule could result in disqualification from a state event.

ALTERNATE POLICY

For district level events, if a chapter brings alternates there will be no more than two alternates allowed per team. Alternates will use a copy of the scan form (not an original) for those events scored via judgingcard.com. The chapter should provide alternates with this scorecard. If more than four official scan forms are turned in for a chapter in one event, the highest score(s) for that team will be disqualified and deleted until the chapter only has four team members in the scoring system. Alternates must not be in groups with official team members. Alternate participation will depend on allowable space at a given contest site.

For state level events, alternates are not allowed.

DISCLAIMER:

In the event that contests (CDE, LDE, TDE's) cannot be held in person, a virtual option may be conducted. Contest rules and guidelines are subject to change to meet the needs of a virtual or modified in-person experience. All dates are subject to change as well.

SALUTE TO OUR PARTNERS

We are proud to salute the partners of the FFA Contests and Awards Program in Alabama. Some are new and some have been faithful partners for many years -- but we acknowledge and thank each of them for their investment in the Alabama FFA Association.

These fine partners consider their efforts to be a good investment in the future. How good an investment it proves to be, will depend upon the extent to which all Alabama FFA members, advisors, and chapters participate. Let's prove to our partners that they have made a wise decision when they chose to support the FFA Contests and Awards Program in Alabama. Please be sure to thank our partners.

PROFICIENCY AWARD SPONSORS

Agricultural Communications

Alabama Agribusiness Council
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Agricultural Mechanics – Design and Fabrication

Alabama FFA Foundation
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Agricultural Mechanics- Repair and Maintenance – Placement

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Agricultural Sales

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Agriscience Animal Systems Research

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Agriscience Integrated Systems Research

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Dairy Production

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Agricultural Services

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Agriscience Plant Systems Research

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Beef Production

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

Diversified Agricultural Production

Alabama FFA Foundation
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**Diversified Crop Production -
Entrepreneurship/Placement**

Alabama Wheat and Feed Grain Producers
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Diversified Livestock Production

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Equine Science

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Forage Production

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Fruit Production Proficiency Award

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Grain Production

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Nursery Operations Proficiency

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Poultry Proficiency Awards

Alabama Poultry and Egg Association
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Sheep Production Proficiency Awards

Alabama Farmers Federation - Meat Goat & Sheep Division
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Specialty Animal Production

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Diversified Horticulture Proficiency

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**Environmental Science and Natural Resource
Management**

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Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production

Alabama Peanut Producers
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Forest Management & Products Proficiency Awards

Alabama Farmers Federation - Forestry Division
William Green, Director-Forestry Division
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Montgomery, Alabama 36191-0001

Goat Production Proficiency Awards

Alabama Farmers Federation - Meat Goat & Sheep Division
Brady Ragland, Director
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Landscape Management

Blackjack Horticulture, Inc.
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Outdoor Recreation

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Montgomery, AL 36124

Service Learning Proficiency Awards

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Small Animal Production and Care

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Specialty Crop Production

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Swine Production

Alabama Farmers Federation - Pork Division
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Vegetable Production Proficiency Award

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Wildlife Production and Management Proficiency Awards

Alabama Wildlife Federation
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Turfgrass Management Proficiency Awards

Alabama Turfgrass Association
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Veterinary Science

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CDE/LDE/TDE AWARD SPONSORS**Agricultural Construction and Maintenance CDE**

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Ag Mechanics CDE

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 Scotty Redmond,
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 Palmetto, Georgia 30268

Conduct of Chapter Meeting LDE

Alabama FFA Foundation
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 Montgomery, AL 36124

Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE

Southeast United Dairy Industry Association, Inc.
 Mekenzie Panhans
 5340 West Fayetteville Road
 Atlanta, GA 30349

Employment Skills LDE

Alabama FFA Foundation
 Doug Thiessen
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 Montgomery, AL 36124

Agriscience Education CDE

Auburn University College of Agriculture and College of Education
 Paul Patterson / James Linder
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Aquaculture CDE

ALFA - Catfish Division
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Creed Speaking LDE

Florida Farm Bureau
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Discussion Meet LDE

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Envirothon

Alabama Association of Conservation Districts
 Sabra Sutton, Executive Director
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 Montgomery, AL 36130

Extemporaneous Speaking

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 Sarah Murchison,
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 Weogufka, AL 35183

Forestry Career Development Event

Alabama Forestry Foundation
 Chris Isaacson, Executive Vice President
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 Montgomery, AL 36104

Forestry Career Development Event

Twilley Lands
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 Damascus, GA 39841

Land Evaluation Career Development Event

Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee
 Dr. William E. Puckett, Executive Director
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 Montgomery, AL 36130-4800

Livestock Evaluation

AL Cattlemen, SLE, AL Beef Checkoff
 Erin Beasley, Executive Director
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Meats Evaluation

Alabama Farmers Federation - Pork Division
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Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Development Event

Alabama FFA Foundation
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Prepared Public Speaking

AL Council of Cooperatives
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Quiz Bowl

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Small Engines Career Development Event

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Floriculture

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Forestry Career Development Event

Alabama Treasure Forest Association
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Horse Evaluation

Alabama FFA Foundation
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 Montgomery, AL 36124

Land Evaluation Career Development Event

Ward Farms
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 Atmore, AL 36502

Meats Evaluation

AL Beef Checkoff
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Nursery Landscape

Alabama Nursery and Landscape Association
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Poultry Career Development Event

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Quartet

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Safe Tractor Driving Career Development Event

Thompson Tractor Company
 Jessica Winters,
 2401 Pinson Valley Parkway
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String Band

Alabama FFA Foundation
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 Montgomery, AL 36124

Veterinary Science Career Development Event

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Compact Tractor Driving

Alabama FFA Central District
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Montgomery, AL 36130-2101

Scrapbook Talent Development Event

Alabama FFA South District
Alabama FFA Central District
P.O. Box 302101
Montgomery, AL 36130-2101

SPECIALTY EVENT SPONSORS

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

State FFA Degree

First South Farm Credit
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District/State Star Farmer

Cargill
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American FFA Degree

Alabama FFA Foundation
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And

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CHAPTER AWARDS

Building Our Alabama Communities (BOAC)

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M.K. Heath Animal Health Award

Alabama Veterinary Association
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National and Superior Chapter Awards

Alabama Rural Electric Association
Fred Braswell
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Montgomery, AL 36117

100% Membership Award

Alabama FFA Foundation
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Montgomery, AL 36124

Crime Prevention Award

AL Sheriffs Association
Bobby Timmons,
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Agriscience Fair

Alabama FFA Foundation
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Montgomery, AL 36124

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Alabama Farmers Federation Young Farmers Division
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Montgomery, AL 36191-0001

AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

INTRODUCTION:

Proficiency award areas do not define supervised agricultural experience (SAE) programs. Rather, proficiency awards are an outgrowth of students' SAE enterprises, work-based, service based, and learning activities conducted outside of regular class time. An SAE is a year-round developmental program that can be made up of multiple enterprises and activities, including entrepreneurial and/or placement enterprises, development of supplemental skills, learning activities and improvement projects impacting the student's SAE, home, school or community.

All applications are bound directly to The Agriculture Experience Tracker (AET). Student records must be kept in AET to complete a proficiency award application. The AET online record keeping system can be found at www.theaet.com.

There are four categories of SAE programs:

- **Foundational** - Learn about the big picture of agriculture and its many related careers.
- **Agriscience Research and Experimentation**-Involve planning and conducting a scientific experiment based on hypothesis and the use of the scientific method of investigation on the hypothesis. This may include qualitative, quantitative, experimental, descriptive and quasi experimental research.
- **Entrepreneurship** - A student-owned enterprise where the student assumes responsibility for all financial and management decisions for the successful completion of the project or activity.
- **Placement** – A student works for an agriculture-related business or individual, either for pay or for the experience

As students develop their long-range SAE plans they may engage in enterprises or activities that cross the four SAE categories, which could theoretically qualify for multiple proficiency awards.

When considering applying for proficiency award recognition, the focus of the enterprise, activities and/or skills developed determine the correct proficiency award area in which to apply.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of these awards is to stimulate interest in the instructional program, stimulate interest in agricultural occupations, and reward FFA members for exceptional accomplishments in progressing toward specific occupational objectives in agriculture. In judging these awards, major emphasis will be placed on the work done by the applicant.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

Agricultural Proficiency Awards are available to all FFA members enrolled in high school Agriscience Education or have been out of high school not more than one year and have completed at least three full years of Agriscience Education or all the Agriscience Education offered in the school. Applications for these awards may include reports of activities and records completed up to December 31 of the previous year the application is submitted. *(Example: during the 18-19 school year, records included in the application will be from the start of the member's participation to December 31, 2021.)*

Consideration will be given to the applicant's cumulative record in Agriscience Education and FFA and his/her Supervised Agricultural Experience Program. Also, applications should include achievement records that prove the applicant has developed abilities in the respective area for which the application is submitted. The state first place winner in each of the Agricultural Proficiency Awards will be eligible to compete for national awards.

A member may be granted only one first place Agricultural Proficiency Award on the state level per year, even though members are allowed to submit more than one proficiency award annually. All of the Agricultural Proficiency Awards are individual awards. Chartered chapters are eligible to submit multiple applications in each of the proficiency award areas.

Each participant must be an FFA member of a chapter that is in good standing with the state association and the national organization at the time of his/her selection. If a chapter or participant is found to be ineligible for competition, the application may be disqualified.

All applications for the Agricultural Proficiency Awards must be submitted electronically in the National FFA Application Center by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org** annually.

All applications will be submitted and scored electronically. Suggestions and recommendations will be recorded as comments for review in the application center for the sole purpose of improving the quality of the application. Letters will be mailed or emailed notifying the advisor and individual of either a first place, top four finish, or did not place.

State winning proficiency applications should be updated, corrected and/or revised, and updated in the application center by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**. The \$250.00 award is contingent upon the resubmission of the state winning proficiency application as well as a letter of thanks to the award area sponsor being returned to the Alabama FFA Association at which time the application will be submitted to National FFA for summer judging. Sponsor thank you letters can be mailed to the address below.

Travel stipends will be awarded to any FFA state proficiency winner who qualifies as a national finalist and interviews as part of the National Convention. Stipends are based on sponsorship availability and are in addition to the \$250 first place award. Any individual who fails to participate at the National Convention as a national finalist will be responsible for reimbursing the amount of the travel stipend back to the Alabama FFA Foundation.

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Includes programs in which a student is placed at a newspaper or other agricultural print (such as magazines) facilities to obtain training and practical experience in writing and publicizing in preparation for a writing communications career. Programs may also be at radio, TV stations, fair media rooms, or other businesses requiring speaking skills and knowledge of agriculture. The student may also own and produce an agriculture related broadcast or show. This area also includes any use of technology (such as websites and blogs) aimed at communicating the story of agriculture.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	\$250 and chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Relates to education and extension, including, but not limited to, youth mentoring, agricultural education departmental assistants, PALS mentors and student coordinators, developing and conducting informational materials and presentations for civic organizations and school-aged youth, and students who are involved in SAEs surrounding educating the public about the broad topics of agriculture, agriculture education and FFA.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	\$250 and chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS: DESIGN AND FABRICATION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Involves the design and construction of agricultural equipment and/or structures, and/or selection of the structural materials, and/or implementation of plans for utilizing concrete, electricity, plumbing, data communication cable systems, heating, ventilation, and/or air conditioning into agricultural settings. May also include the development of new and emerging agricultural technologies such as engineering, remote sensing, precision agriculture, ag-robotics and other new technologies not covered by a more appropriate area.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	\$250 and chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS: REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Entrepreneurship

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns an enterprise or business involving the repair and maintenance of agricultural equipment (including lawn equipment) and/or structures, including agricultural power systems including mechanical, electrical, chemical, wind, solar and/or water power.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	\$250 and chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS: REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student works for an employer involved in the repair and maintenance of agricultural equipment (including lawn equipment) and/or structures, including agricultural power systems including mechanical, electrical, chemical, wind, solar and/or water power.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	\$250 and chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

A student owns an enterprise or works for a business of assembling, transporting, processing, fabricating, mixing, packaging and storing food and nonfood agricultural products. Programs could include processing meat, milk, honey, cheese, raisins and other dried fruits, maple syrup and/or other food processing. Nonfood products could include byproducts processing such as meat, bone, fish and blood meal, tallow, hides; processing of wool and cotton, making compost, cubing and pelleting of forages, producing bird seed and other pet foods.

NOTE: Processing of non-food forest products is no longer part of the agricultural processing area. See: Forest Management and Products.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	\$250 and chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

AGRICULTURAL SALES

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise or business or works for agriculture related business, that are not covered in a more appropriate proficiency award category; may include enterprises such as: the sales of feed, seed, fertilizer, agricultural chemicals, agricultural equipment, machinery or structures. Enterprises or businesses may also include the merchandising (which is buying an item with the sole purpose to resell it in a short time frame) of crops, livestock, processed agricultural commodities, horticultural, floriculture (including quarry rock for decorative or landscape purposes), or forestry items at either the retail or wholesale level. **NOTE:** SAE's that include the production or processing of the previous items, it does not belong in this award area.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	\$250 and chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns enterprises or works in an agricultural business that is not covered in any of the existing award categories. This includes enterprises such as custom equipment operation and maintenance, agricultural management and financial services, animal breeding services, custom baling, crop scouting, implementing integrated pest management programs, horseshoeing, taxidermy services, auction services (working at or owning the auction house), commercial agricultural well drilling, residential tree removal service, custom and contract feeding services or other appropriate services offered through agricultural enterprises. Students applying for placement in agricultural services must work for a company or individual whose primary activity to provide agricultural services. **NOTE:** Activities related to lawn care, landscaping, mowing or other landscape and care activities are not included in this area. Students with these types of enterprises or activities need to apply in other, more appropriate areas related to turf care, horticulture or nursery landscape.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	\$250 and chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
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AGRISCIENCE ANIMAL SYSTEMS/PLANT SYSTEMS/INTEGRATED SYSTEMS RESEARCH

Research

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Animal Systems: Research in the life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management and processing of animal systems related to small animals, aquaculture, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry.

Plant Systems: Research in the life cycles, classifications, functions, practices of plant systems related to crops, turf grass, trees and shrubs and/or ornamental plants.

Integrated Systems: Must fit one of the following descriptions:

- Diversified Research – Research in two or more of the agriscience research areas.
- Environmental Service Systems/Natural Resource Systems Research - Research in the systems, instruments and technology used in waste management and their influence on the environment.
- Food Products and Processing Systems Research - Research in the product development, quality assurance, food safety, production, sales and service, regulation and compliance, and food service practices within the food industry.
- Power, Structural and Technical Systems Research - Research in the agricultural equipment, power systems, alternative fuel sources and precision technology, as well as woodworking, metalworking, welding and project planning for agricultural structures.
- Social Sciences Research - Research of leadership, personal growth and career success skills necessary for a chosen profession that effectively contributes to society.

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BEEF PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise or business or works for a livestock producer that uses the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market beef. This award area is for any beef animals, including miniature Herefords, Zebu, etc.

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DAIRY PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns an enterprise or business or works in the dairy cattle industry and applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market dairy cattle and dairy cattle products.

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DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Involves the use of the best management practices available to produce and market a combination of livestock and crops in two or more proficiency areas. These areas include at least one species included in Diversified Livestock and at least one species included in Diversified Crop proficiency area.

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DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns an enterprise or business or works for a crop producer that applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops from two or more of the crop related proficiencies areas. These areas include grain production, fiber/oil production, forage production, specialty crop production (excluding floriculture production) vegetable production or fruit production.

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DIVERSIFIED HORTICULTURE

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student works for someone who or owns the enterprise or business that applies the best management practices available to efficiently manage an SAE program that includes two or more of the following proficiency areas: landscape management, nursery operations, turf grass management, or the specific floricultural production or floral design and floral sales activities accepted in specialty crop production.

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DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Involves the use of the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market a combination of two or more livestock related proficiency award areas. These areas include beef, dairy, sheep, swine, equine, goat, specialty animal, small animal production and care or poultry.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Students receive practical experience concerned with the principles and practices of managing and/or improving the environment and natural resources. Activities may include: management of agriculture waste, recycling of agriculture products, environmental cleanup, serving in the conservation corps, managing agricultural (not for building or maintaining) energy usage, multiple uses of resources, land use regulations pertaining to soil, water and air quality, preservation of wetlands, shorelines, and grasslands, wildlife surveys, erosion prevention practices, public relations and education concerning pollution.

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EQUINE SCIENCE

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns an enterprise or business or works for an employer providing experience in horse production, breeding, marketing, showing and other aspects of the equine industry. Programs may also include calf roping, barrel racing, rodeo, racing, training, riding lessons and therapeutic horseback riding if horses are owned and/or managed by the member. This also includes miniature horses (formerly in Specialty Animal Production prior to 2012).

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FIBER AND/OR OIL CROP PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, works for a business that includes the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops for fiber and/or oil; such as, cotton, sisal, hemp, soybeans, sesame seed, flax, mustard, canola, castor beans, sunflower, peanuts, dill, spearmint, and safflower.

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FORAGE PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that includes the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops for forage such as sorghum not used for grain, alfalfa, clover, brome grass, orchard grass, grain forages, corn and grass silages and all pasture.

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FOREST MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTS

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that includes the best management practices available to conserve or increase the economic value of a forest and/or forest products through such practices as thinning, pruning, weeding, stand improvement, reforestation, insect and disease control, planting, harvesting, Christmas tree farming, making and selling cedar shakes and firewood and wood chips/mulch, or working for the Forest Service. Does not include any food items harvested from the forest or residential tree removal services.

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FRUIT PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that includes the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops for fruits such as stone fruits, pome fruits, citrus fruits, pineapples, coconuts, berries, cranberries, melons, grapes, olives, nuts and all common fruits. (Pome fruits include apples, mayhaws, and pears. Stone fruits include peaches, nectarines, plums, apricots and cherries).

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GOAT PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that involves the use of the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market goats and all goat products.

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GRAIN PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns an enterprise or business or works for a crop producer or grain production related business that applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops for grain production such as corn, barley (including the malting types), millet, buckwheat, oats, grain sorghum, milo, wheat, rice and rye. Grain Production **does not** include any of the aforementioned crops with an intended use for forage.

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LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that includes experiences of planting and maintaining plants and shrubs, landscaping and outdoor beautification, grounds keeping, sprinkler installations and improvement of recreational areas.

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NURSERY OPERATIONS

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that provides students with job-entry experience in areas such as turf, ornamental plants, vegetable starter plants, shrubs and/or tree production for the purpose of transplanting or propagation. This could include water garden plants if produced for sale.

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OUTDOOR RECREATION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that develops outdoor recreational activities for public or family use as experiential or income-producing enterprises. These enterprises could include vacation cabins and cottages, camping and/or picnic areas, recreational fishing, and/or hunting areas, water sports (not including indoor lifeguard activities), winter sports, shooting preserves, guide services, riding stables, trail rides, vacation farms and guest ranches, natural scenic or historic areas, and running petting zoos and rodeo events where the member does not own or manage animals.

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POULTRY PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that includes the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market chickens, turkeys, domestic fowl such as ducks, geese and guinea, and their products.

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SERVICE LEARNING

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Member researches an agriculturally related community need(s), develops a written plan which defines the identified need and the proposed service solution. Member submits the plan or plans to a local review committee of stake holders and the FFA advisor, completes the project and provides a summary report of the project's impact to the same review committee. Service must benefit a school, public entity or a substantial portion of the community. Service provided to the member's own FFA Chapter is not eligible. Service project(s) must require the member to use agricultural skills and knowledge gained in the agriculture classroom to complete and must be of sufficient scope for the member to apply skills and abilities from the nationally accepted agriculture, food, and natural resource standards. Projects must be member initiated, planned, lead and reported and may not appear within the member's chapter Program of Activities in the current or a prior year unless it has been significantly expanded or changed. Projects initiated, planned and conducted by a chapter are not eligible though chapter members may provide labor or resources to a member's service learning SAE project. A member may not personally profit financially from the project(s). A small team of members may work together to complete a project(s) the member applying will report only their own hours, skills and growth. A continuous project must have new local review committee approval for added activities not included in the original plan

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SHEEP PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that includes the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market sheep, sheep products and wool.

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SMALL ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND CARE

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that includes the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market small animals such as all rabbits, cats, dogs, mice, hedgehogs, guinea pigs, lizards, small birds (such as canaries, cockatiels, cockatoos, parakeets, parrots, etc..) and programs that typically provide a service in caring for the well-being of pets. Programs could include working at a pet shop, as a groomer, as a dog trainer, providing pet sitting services, working at a kennel, or preparing guide and assistance animals.

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SPECIALTY ANIMAL PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market specialty animals within the U.S. Agriculture industry. Students in the specialty animal production proficiency area must demonstrate that they are producing and marketing specialty animals not covered in any of the existing award categories. Specialty animals can include the following: aquaculture, bees, mules, donkeys, mink, worms, ostriches, emus, alpacas or llamas. Placement experiences could include roles as a zoo worker or placement at any specialty animal facility. In their supervised work experience, students must participate in hands-on activities including feeding, inoculating, performing basic animal care, weighing, measuring, showing and possibly marketing animals in an entrepreneurial or work placement environment. **NOTE:** Goats are in the Goat Production award area, and miniature horses have been reclassified and moved to Equine Science. All rabbits should be entered in small animal production.

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SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops not covered in any of the existing award categories, such as: native prairie plants, sugar beets, dry edible beans, gourds, tobacco, specialty corns (popcorn, white corn, Indian corn), all grass seed production, herbs and spices, mushrooms, sugar cane, hops, sorghum cane, confectionary sunflowers, production of crop seed, or specific floriculture production.

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SWINE PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns an enterprise or works for a swine production business that applies - the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market swine.

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TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that involves the planting and maintaining of turf for outdoor beautification, providing a lawn mowing service; improving recreational areas, sod produced for sale, and sport field or golf course management.

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VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops such as asparagus, beans, potatoes, sweet potatoes, yams, pumpkins, sweet corn, tomatoes, onions, zucchini, hot peppers, all canning vegetables and all common garden vegetables.

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VETERINARY SCIENCE

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that includes working with veterinarians in clinical practice, research facilities, colleges of veterinary medicine, animal health industry, or any other environment in which they assist veterinarians in performing duties related to the health of people and/or the health and welfare of large and small animals. This experience should be under the supervision of a veterinarian and may include wage earning, entrepreneurial or exploratory activities not limited to hands-on care of animals, management of business aspects of a veterinary practice, or working on legislation or regulations relating to animals.

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WILDLIFE PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

Entrepreneurship/Placement

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS:

Student owns the enterprise, or works for a business that includes the improvement and the availability of fish and wildlife through practices such as land and water habitat improvement, wildlife surveys, development of new land and water habitat, trapping, or the stocking of fish and wild game. This proficiency includes activities conducted with the Fish & Wildlife departments, or Department of Natural Resources. The production of wild species for the stocking of ducks, geese, quail and pheasants are eligible if used as an income enterprise.

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LEADERSHIP AWARDS

STATE FFA DEGREE

PURPOSE:

This degree is meant to recognize outstanding achievement in Supervised Agricultural Experience development, leadership, and scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

Have received the Chapter FFA Degree and have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the degree. Must meet all other minimum qualifications, as outlined in the Official FFA Manual. (Those members who wish to become a State FFA Officer Candidate should apply for their State FFA Degree as soon as they are eligible.)

A committee will select from the applications those members to be recommended to receive the State FFA Degree. State FFA Degree certificates will be presented to successful candidates for the degree. Application forms will be made available to all chapters on the National FFA Organization Web site or through www.theaet.com. These forms are due to the District Specialist by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org** annually. All applications should be submitted electronically through the National FFA application center.

All applications are bound directly to The Agriculture Experience Tracker (AET). Student records must be kept in AET to complete a State FFA Degree application. The AET online record keeping system can be found at www.theaet.com.

DISTRICT/STATE STAR FARMER AWARDS

PURPOSE:

To challenge every member in Alabama to earn all the FFA degrees offered in the state organization (i.e., Greenhand, Chapter FFA, and State FFA Degrees), and furthermore, to encourage them to have the best possible record in FFA and Agriscience Education when they receive the State FFA Degree.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

One FFA member from each chapter who meets the minimum qualifications and is an applicant for the State FFA Degree is eligible to compete for the District/State Star Farmer Awards. They will be selected from the current year's State FFA Degree applicants.

Applicants for the District/State Star Farmer Awards must be recommended to receive this award by a committee appointed for this purpose. An applicant must have an outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.

An applicant must show initiative in taking advantage of opportunities at hand. He/She must have plans to continue and enlarge his/her Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program after graduation from school. Successful applicants must also have an outstanding record of FFA and community leadership.

State FFA Degree applications must be submitted electronically to the District Specialist by the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

State FFA Degree candidates interested in being considered as a District/State Star Farmer must click "Yes" on the "I would like to complete additional pages in this application to be considered for a Star Award:" portion of the "Cover" section of their application. The application will be due electronically utilizing the National FFA Application Center by the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org for State FFA Degrees. Two candidates will be selected from each district and asked to provide a minimum of 20, but no more than 30 high quality photographs (preferably from multiple years) and a script of the candidate's SAE. The story should be no more than two typed pages, double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font and written in the third person. Third person is defined as a style of discourse marked by general use of verbs and pronouns of the third person. Written as if someone else was speaking about you. These should be shared electronically with the district specialist or other designated representative through a cloud drive (google doc, drop box, zip folder).

Smartphone photography is an allowable option, but consider turning the phone horizontal and not using the zoom function. This will improve the quality of the image.

STATE AWARDS:

District Star Farmer \$100 and chapter banner
State Star Farmer \$300, chapter banner, and plaque

AMERICAN FFA DEGREE

PURPOSE:

To recognize those FFA members who, as a result of their program in Agriscience Education and FFA membership, have made outstanding progress toward their occupational goal in an agricultural occupation.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS: (Minimum Qualifications for Election)

- Have received the State FFA Degree,
- Have been an active member for the past three years (36 months) and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities on the chapter and state levels.
- Have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years (540 hours) of systematic secondary school instruction in an agricultural education program, or have completed the equivalent of at least two years of systematic secondary school instruction in an agricultural education program and completed one year of a post-secondary education program in an agricultural major or have completed the program of agricultural education offered in the school last attended. NOTE: the hours of instruction do not need to be in three different calendar years).
- Have graduated from high school at least 12 months prior to the national convention at which the degree is to be granted.
- Have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program through which a member has exhibited comprehensive planning, managerial and financial expertise.
- Must meet all other minimum qualifications, as outlined in the Official FFA Manual.

AWARDS:

The American FFA Degree Key and certificate will be presented by the National FFA Organization during the annual National Convention. If the candidate does not go to the National Convention to receive the degree in person, the key, and certificate will be mailed to him/her. American FFA Degree applications must be submitted electronically in the National FFA Application Center by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**. The application is 100 % online, but must be approved by state staff.

CAREER AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

PURPOSE:

The primary goal of the career and leadership development events and awards is to develop individual responsibilities, foster teamwork, and promote communication while recognizing the value of ethical competition and the value of individual achievement.

Career/leadership development events and awards should be an outgrowth of instruction but recognize the value and contributions of the experiences and aspirations of individual members.

FFA career/leadership development events and awards should reflect instruction that currently takes place in the Agriscience Education program, including classroom instruction, laboratory instruction, individual instruction and/or supervised agricultural experience.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

1. Each participant must be an FFA member of a chapter that is in good standing with the state association and the national organization at the time of his/her selection and at the time of the FFA Career Development Event in which he/she participates. If a chapter or participant is found to be ineligible for competition, the team may be disqualified.
2. The participant, at the time of his/her participation as a national team member, must be:
 - a. A high school FFA member (a graduating senior is considered eligible to compete in state and national career development events up to and including his/her first national convention following graduation). High school refers to grades 7-12.
 - b. Enrolled, while in school, in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or following a planned course of study; either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program; the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career.
3. A student may not participate more than once in the same official National FFA Career and/or Leadership Development Event. No student may participate in more than one National FFA Career and/or Leadership Development Event each year. Once a student has competed at a National FFA Career and/or Leadership Development Event, they may not compete in that particular district or state event the following year. (This includes all team and individual career and leadership development events.)
4. Participants in leadership development events must be in official FFA dress as defined in the *Official FFA Manual*.
5. The FFA Districts will independently make decisions regarding a member competing in multiple CDE/LDE events on the same day.

NOTE: For detailed rules information on all events, please refer to the Career and/or Leadership Development Event Booklet specific to that event. The booklets can be found on the “Resources” page of www.alabamaffa.org.

DISCLAIMER:

In the event that contests (CDE, LDE, TDE's) cannot be held in person, a virtual option may be conducted. Contest rules and guidelines are subject to change to meet the needs of a virtual or modified in-person experience.

AGRICULTURAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

This event recognizes students with agricultural construction and maintenance competencies important to the modern workplace. The technical content and required skills continue to include all traditional areas of agricultural construction. It involves many areas of building construction including; blueprint reading, layout, framing, electrical systems, plumbing systems, and roofing systems.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

District teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members.
State teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members.

Only district eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

There is no advancement to national competition in this event.

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE :

The Agriculture Education Career Development Event is designed to develop an interest in an agricultural education career for students by providing real-life scenarios that an educator will encounter.

ADVANCEMENT :

Chapter's may submit one student's lesson plan to the state coordinator by the date listed on the state calendar. The students with the top two lesson plans from each district will advance to the state finals. In the event that a district does not submit two applications, the next highest ranking lesson plan will be selected regardless of district. Lesson plans are due to the Executive Secretary by the deadline.

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AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

This event recognizes students with agricultural mechanics competencies important to the modern workplace. The technical content and required skills continue to include all traditional areas of agricultural mechanics. Additionally, the operation of modern equipment, the application of new management strategies, and the mastering of advance technologies are increasingly emphasized.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

District and state teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members.

Only district eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

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AQUACULTURE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

This event is a prime example of the growing diversity in agriculture. Through this event students will have an opportunity to participate in completing tasks integral to most aquaculture operations. Tasks include water quality testing, weighing fish and determining feed amounts, basic plumbing, identification of common species and also a written exam covering basic principles.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

District teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members.
State teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members.

Only district eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

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CONDUCT OF CHAPTER MEETING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

The Conduct of Chapter Meeting Leadership Development Event is designed to introduce seventh, eighth and ninth grade FFA members to parliamentary procedure while learning how to conduct efficient meetings and build their communication skills.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

The team shall consist of seven participants.

Only district eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners in each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA Convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

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CREED SPEAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

The Creed Speaking Leadership Development Event is designed to develop agricultural leadership by providing FFA members in Grades 7, 8, and 9 an opportunity to participate in a leadership development activity.

ADVANCEMENT:

Participation is limited to dues paying FFA members in Grades 7, 8, and 9.

An elimination event at the county level must be held to determine the county winner. Only the winner from each county is eligible to participate in the area and/or the district events. If only one chapter in a county has an entry, this participant is automatically the county winner, thus no need for a county event to be held.

The first and second place winners in the North, Central, and South Districts will compete in the state finals.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the chapter representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state winner be unable to participate in the national event, the second place winner may go instead. The chapter representing Alabama in the national event will be responsible for providing a judge for the national event.

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DAIRY EVALUATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

To provide a competitive event for FFA members, emphasizing skills in dairy cattle evaluation, selection, and dairy herd management.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

Teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members. There will not be a county or district elimination in this event.

The state event MAY be held prior to the Alabama State FFA Convention. This event is held in partnership with Alabama 4-H.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion FFA team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

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DISCUSSION MEET

PURPOSE:

This competition simulates a committee meeting where discussion and active participation are expected from participants. The competitors discuss pre-selected topics, and the participants receive the topics in advance. The four bases of general discussion are cooperation, constructive criticism, problem solving and communication.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

Each county may submit up to four FFA members. If more than four students from a county wish to compete then a county contest must be held and the top four individuals may compete in the district contest. The top four individuals from each district will advance to the state contest.

DISTRICTS AWARDS

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

EMPLOYMENT SKILLS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

The Employment Skills event simulates real-world activities used by employers and tests students' ability to perform effectively throughout the employment process.

ADVANCEMENT:

Chapter's may submit one student's employment packet (Application, resume, and cover letter) to the state coordinator by the date listed on the state calendar. The students with the top two employment packets from each district will advance to the state finals. In the event that a district does not have two submissions, the next highest ranking employment packet will be selected regardless of district.

Employment packets are due April 1 to the CDE coordinator, Auburn University College of Education, Agriscience Education.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

ENVIROTHON CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

Envirothon is a team based program of conservation education which involves local, state and national contests. The emphasis is on practical, hands-on conservation. The contests are based on the five environmental areas above. An oral presentation on the complex environmental problem (CEP) requires application of the knowledge gained of the environment. The Alabama Envirothon is a three-day event; usually Thursday through Saturday.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

Envirothon teams consist of 5 members and can have up to two alternates. All members must attend the same school and be in grades 7-12. Schools may enter more than one team space permitting. Although Alabama allows middle school students to participate in the state event, winning teams will have to defer to national guidelines on age/grade restrictions and other contest regulations for NCF Envirothon (envirothon.org) and/or the National FFA Environmental and Natural Resources CDE (ffa.org).

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

The FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership Development Event is designed to develop the ability of all FFA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance, therefore causing FFA members to formulate their remarks for presentation in a very limited amount of time.

ADVANCEMENT:

An elimination event at the county level must be held to determine the county winner. Only the winner from each county is eligible to participate in the area and/or the district events. If only one chapter in a county has an entry, this participant is automatically the county winner, thus no need for a county event to be held.

The first and second place winners in the North, Central, and South Districts will compete in the state finals.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the chapter representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state winner be unable to participate in the national event, the second place winner may go instead. The chapter representing Alabama in the national event will be responsible for providing a judge for the national event.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

FLORICULTURE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

To stimulate the study of and the interest in production and retailing of flowers, plants, and foliage through the agricultural education curriculum. To give FFA members an opportunity to use the floriculture skills they have acquired in horticulture and make them career aware of horticultural enterprises in Alabama.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

District and state teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members.

Only district eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

FORESTRY CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

To stimulate interest and to promote forestry instruction in the Agriscience Education curriculum, as well as to provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of forestry instruction.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

District and state teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members.

County eliminations must be held to determine a county winner to participate in the district event (North District). The County Chairman is held responsible for planning the county event before district event is held.

District eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

HORSE EVALUATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

To stimulate the study of and interest in equine science selection, management, and production through the agricultural education curriculum as well as provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of instruction in equine science.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

District eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

LAND CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

This event is designed to help students learn more about land, difference in soil and their capabilities, methods of soil conservation and improvement, treatments to help in obtaining higher production, and selection of suitable home sites.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

District and state teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members.

County eliminations are no longer required, but are encouraged. Each chapter may field one team to participate in district competition.

District competitions will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held prior to the FFA convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the International Land Judging Event in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in the spring following the state event. The state champion team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead. Team members participating in the International Event must be in high school at the time of the event.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

LIVESTOCK CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

To develop a student's ability to understand and to interpret the value of performance data based on industry standards. To measure a students' knowledge and abilities to: make accurate observations of livestock; to determine desirable traits in animals; to make logical decisions based on these observations; to discuss and defend their decisions; and to instill an appreciation for desirable selection, management and marketing techniques.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

District and state teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members.

County eliminations must be held to determine a county winner to participate in the district event(North District). The County Chairman is held responsible for planning the county event before district event is held.

District eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

MEATS EVALUATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

The Meats Evaluation and Technology CDE is designed to provide a competitive event for agriculture education students, develop employment skills in the meat animal industry, expand their knowledge of meat animal marketing and merchandising, develop broader analytical skills and critical thinking strategies, and develop an understanding of appropriate meat terminology. The event also develops the ability to evaluate meat animal products in order to optimize economic returns to producers and industry as well as meet the needs of the consumer.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

Teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members. Only district eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

The Nursery/Landscape CDE includes all aspects of the industry in producing, marketing, utilizing, and maintaining landscape plants (woody and herbaceous plants and turf grasses), plus related products, equipment, and services including landscape design. To give FFA members an opportunity to use the nursery and landscape skills they have acquired in horticulture and to make them career aware of the horticulture enterprises in Alabama.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

District and state teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members.

Only district eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

To encourage students to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of their leadership skills.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

State teams will be composed of a maximum of six team members.

The state event will be held during the FFA Convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

STATE AWARDS

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

POULTRY CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

To stimulate learning activities related to production, processing, marketing, and consumption of poultry products. To give FFA members an opportunity to use the skills they have acquired in agriculture education and to make them career aware of the poultry enterprises in Alabama.

ELEGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

The team will be composed of a maximum of four members. The three highest scorers will make up the team.

Only district eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners in each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

STATE AWARDS

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

This event is designed to develop agricultural leadership through providing for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities and stimulating interest in leadership and citizenship.

ADVANCEMENT:

Chapter event should be held before county events. Method of elimination in chapter is to be determined by local advisor(s). It is not necessary to report name of chapter winner to District Specialist. Three copies of the winner's manuscript must be submitted to the County Chairman one week in advance of the county event.

County event should be held before manuscript deadlines. County Chairman will contact other local advisors in the county to determine date, time, place, selection of judges, and make any other arrangements for holding event. If only one chapter in a county has an entry, this participant is automatically the county winner. County Chairman should email an electronic copy of the winner's manuscript to the District Specialist no later than **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**.

It will be determined by the District Specialist if an area event should be held. Date, time, and place will be arranged by District Specialist. A local advisor at the designated place will be in charge of the event. Results of the event should be mailed at once by supervising advisor to the District Specialist. Area winner(s) will compete in district event.

The district speaking contest will be held at regular district eliminations. Advisor of winning speaker should mail three copies or email an electronic copy of the manuscript to the Executive Secretary immediately following the district event.

District eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First and second place winners in each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the chapter representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state winner be unable to participate in the national event, the second place winner may go instead. The chapter representing Alabama in the national event will be responsible for providing a judge for the national event.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

QUIZ BOWL

PURPOSE:

The Quiz Bowl Career Development Event is designed to develop agricultural leadership by providing for 7th and 8th grade member participation in an agricultural competition based on knowledge of agriscience topics.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

Team Eligibility: All 7th and 8th grade Alabama FFA Members are invited/eligible to participate in the *Alabama FFA Quiz Bowl Tournament*. **Teams shall consist of from four to six players.** No chapter may enter more than one team.

Player Eligibility: Players must be FFA Members at the represented school (not just the same system or in feeder schools) and must be in grades 7 or 8. Teams that play ineligible players will be disqualified from the competition.

*****Remember: Teams shall consist of up to four players and two substitutes. All six team members compete in the written test, and all team members compete in certain parts of the head to head competition (Buzzer round). All team members must be registered for the competition before the beginning of the written exam. Exceptions to the registration deadline may be made by contest officials to ensure the safety of members traveling to the competition.*

The top four place winners in the North, Central, and South Districts will compete in the state finals.

There is no advancement to national competition in this event.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	Chapter banner
Second Place	Chapter banner
Third Place	Chapter banner
Fourth Place	Chapter banner

SAFE TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST

PURPOSE:

The general purposes of this contest are: (1) to provide competitive activities which reflect certain abilities and areas of emphasis needed in the education of the successful future farmer; (2) to advance safety, skill and efficiency in the use of farm tractors and equipment; and (3) to give FFA members who are participating in the FFA Tractor Driving Contest an opportunity to demonstrate their skill in operating a tractor and their knowledge of tractors **(SAFETY WILL BE STRESSED THROUGHOUT THE CONTEST.)**

ELIGIBILITY AND ADVANCEMENT:

Any bona-fide active FFA member currently in high school who is enrolled in an Agriscience Education course or has completed all the Agriscience courses offered.

Only one (1) FFA member from each county will be allowed to participate in the District Contest.

District eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

Contestants must have RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM with appropriate signatures.

There is no advancement to national competition in this event.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

SMALL ENGINES CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

This event is designed to provide students of Agriscience Education and members of the FFA an opportunity to compete and demonstrate their skills, abilities, and competencies in Small Engines.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

District and state teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members.

Only district eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

There is no advancement to national competition in this event.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

VETERINARY SCIENCE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the veterinary science career development event is to promote college and career readiness by providing opportunities to develop technical knowledge and demonstrate skills in the field of veterinary science.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND ADVANCEMENT:

Teams will be composed of a maximum of four team members. Only district eliminations will be held prior to the state event. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

A travel stipend will be awarded to the team representing Alabama in the national event. The state champion team will be selected to represent Alabama in the national event. Should the first place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place chapter banner
Second Place chapter banner
Third Place chapter banner
Fourth Place chapter banner

SAFE ZERO-TURN COMPACT TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST (CENTRAL DISTRICT CONTEST ONLY)

PURPOSE:

The FFA Safe Zero-turn Compact Tractor Driving Contest provides a competitive activity for Central District FFA members to demonstrate their knowledge about the care and operation of compact or garden tractors and riding mowers less than 20 horsepower. The contest also gives members a chance to improve their knowledge of lawn care and safety.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

Any active Central District FFA member currently enrolled in grades 7-9 is eligible. The contest is conducted on the chapter, county and district levels. One county winner can compete in the district contest. If there is only one participant from each county, they may proceed directly to district.

DISTRICT AWARDS

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

SCRAPBOOK CONTEST (SOUTH DISTRICT CONTEST ONLY)

PURPOSE:

The FFA Scrapbook is designed to tell the story of the activities that have occurred in the chapter from District Eliminations of the previous year through March of the current year. The scrapbook will serve as historical evidence of the accomplishments of the chapter for future generations. The FFA Scrapbook promotes the FFA by displaying their achievements and making others aware of the opportunities provided by the FFA. This competition also helps to prepare students for careers in agricultural communications and journalism.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

This contest is open to all South District FFA Chapters that are currently in good standing. Each chapter may only submit one scrapbook. Chapters do not need a county contest and may proceed directly to district.

DISTRICT AWARDS

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

Talent Development Events

QUARTET CONTEST

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this contest is to develop musical ability and leadership characteristics through member participation in musical activity.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

This contest is open to all junior high and senior high school students who are presently enrolled in Agriscience Education and also to those who have already completed at least one year of Agriscience Education and continues to follow a planned course of study, which includes a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program under the supervision of the Agriscience teacher. All participants must be in school and be bona-fide FFA members.

Area and/or district eliminations will be held prior to the state finals. Area eliminations may be held in conjunction with the respective FFA Public Speaking Contest. The first through fourth place quartets from each district will compete in state preliminaries. The top four quartets at the state preliminaries, regardless of district, will compete at the state finals. Winning quartets that are unable to compete in the next highest contest should notify the District Specialist in time for the runner-up to compete.

There is no advancement to national competition in this event. All quartets are, however, encouraged to apply for the National Talent program during the National FFA Convention.

If your chapter plans to compete in the quartet contest, please notify your district specialist by no later than March 1st.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

STRING BAND CONTEST

PURPOSE:

To stimulate interest in appreciation of country and western music, provide wholesome recreation, promote leadership, assist in radio and television broadcasting, promote group participation, and develop musical talent.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

This contest is open to all junior high and senior high school students who are presently enrolled in Agriscience Education and also to those who have already completed at least one year of Agriscience Education and continues to follow a planned course of study, which includes a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program under the supervision of the Agriscience teacher. All participants must be in school, and be bona fide FFA members.

Area and/or district eliminations will be held prior to the state finals. Area eliminations may be held in conjunction with the respective FFA Public Speaking Contest. The first through fourth place bands from each district will compete in state preliminaries. The top four bands at the state preliminaries, regardless of district, will compete at the state finals. Winning string bands that are unable to compete in the next highest contest should notify the District Specialist in time for the runner-up to compete.

If your chapter plans to compete in the quartet contest, please notify your district specialist by no later than March 1st.

There is no advancement to national competition in this event. All state-winning string bands are, however, encouraged to apply for the National Talent program during the National FFA Convention.

STATE AWARDS

First Place	chapter banner
Second Place	chapter banner
Third Place	chapter banner
Fourth Place	chapter banner

STATE TALENT REVIEW

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this showcase is to highlight the unique and diverse talents of FFA members across the state and to provide entertainment throughout the State FFA Convention.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

This activity is open to all FFA members who continue to follow a planned course of study, which includes a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program under the supervision of the Agriscience teacher. All participants must be in school and be an FFA member in good standing at the state level or higher. All participants must also provide a signed waiver prior to convention.

Please see the State Talent Review booklet which can be found on the Resources page at www.alabamaffa.org. This program will serve as a pre-requisite for applying for the National FFA Talent Program.

Talent applications will be due to the FFA Executive Secretary by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**. These may be submitted electronically.

CHAPTER AWARDS

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM

OVERVIEW:

The National Chapter Award program is designed to award those FFA chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using a program of activities that emphasizes student development, chapter development and community development. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership. This application process assists chapters in assessing their accomplishments.

ELIGIBILITY:

All chapters that are chartered by the state FFA association are eligible for and encouraged to participate in the National Chapter Award program. Chapters are eligible for recognition in the program each year.

Reports must be submitted through www.theaet.com and www.ffa.org platforms by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org** annually. These applications should be submitted electronically through the National FFA application center. Alabama is allowed to send roughly a ten percent representation of the active chapters on to the national level for judging. Applications will be scored and ranked. Award level will be communicated to the advisors prior to the state convention.

The quality standards established for each division represent minimum requirements for the National Chapter Award program.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

No supporting materials other than the specific information requested in the application form will be accepted.

RECOGNITION AND SELECTION

STATE GOLD, SILVER, OR BRONZE CHAPTERS:

These state awards are for those chapters that have been rated National Chapter on the state level.

ELIGIBILITY:

All chapters are eligible to compete by filling out Form II in addition to Form I.

SELECTION:

Major activities described in Form II will be judged on the following: the goals/objectives set, the plan of action taken and the results/evaluation of the activities.

RECOGNITION:

Chapters that complete Form II will receive a plaque for use over a multi-year period. Each year a Gold, Silver or Bronze designation is awarded, the chapter will receive a plaque insert specifying the award level and year.

Each of the top five Alabama chapters will receive a chapter banner at the annual State Convention.

NATIONAL GOLD--THREE-STAR, TWO-STAR AND ONE-STAR CHAPTERS:

These national awards are for those chapters that have been rated Gold on the state level.

ELIGIBILITY:

A state may submit the number of Gold applications equal to the top three chapters or ten percent of the number of chapters in the state, whichever is higher.

SELECTION:

Quality standards completed on Form II will be judged on the following: the goals/objectives set, the plan of action taken and the results/evaluation of the activities.

RECOGNITION:

State Gold chapter award winners will be recognized as Three-Star Gold, Two-Star Gold or One-Star gold on the national level. The National Star plaque is designed for use over a multi-year period. An engraved plate with the inscription "Three-Star," "Two-Star" or "One-Star" may be affixed to the plaque and will be provided each year a chapter attains this level of recognition.

"Model of Excellence" Ten high school chapters will be chosen as models of excellence chapters. These National FFA Models of Excellence chapters exhibit exemplary qualities in all categories of growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. An overall national winner will be chosen out of the models of excellence chapters. Only 3-star high school chapters are eligible for the models of excellence awards.

"Middle School Model of Excellence" Five middle school chapters will be selected as middle school model of excellence chapters. The National FFA Middle School Models of Excellence chapters exhibit exemplary qualities in all categories of growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. An overall national winner will be chosen out of the middle school models of excellence chapters. Only 3-star middle school chapters are eligible for the middle school models of excellence awards.

A national award winner from the Three-Star gold Chapters will be announced for each of the three divisions.

M. K. HEATH ANIMAL HEALTH AWARD

PURPOSE:

To recognize the FFA member who carries out the best health and sanitation program in the state each year.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

The program consists of a minimum of two type-written pages concerning the health and sanitation practices the member carries out on the applicant's farm. You may also submit any number of pictures substantiating these practices.

The application should include how often a member vaccinates, worms, castrates, etc., and the amount of dosage he/she gives. The name of the medicine used is very important.

The applications are due to the FFA Executive Secretary via email by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**.

STATE AWARD: \$100.00 and plaque

CRIME PREVENTION AWARD

PURPOSE:

To assist FFA chapters in taking an active role in crime prevention in the home and community. Yearly FBI statistics show that crime is increasing in both urban and rural areas; the most prevalent being crimes against property (vandalism, theft, and burglary). Through the FFA Chapter Crime Prevention Award Program, FFA chapters have an opportunity to help law enforcement fight crime by becoming involved and participating in local community crime prevention projects and activities.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

All active chapters are eligible and encouraged to compete. Records submitted should be for the current year. Forms I and II must be submitted for district and state judging. All competing chapters are eligible for state consideration. Email applications to FFA Executive Secretary by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	\$300.00 and chapter banner
Second Place	200.00 and chapter banner
Third Place	150.00 and chapter banner
Fourth Place	100.00 and chapter banner

Building Our Alabama Communities (BOAC)

Purpose

The Alabama FFA Building Our Alabama Communities award is an exciting opportunity for chapters to showcase community service. Achievements of the Building Our Alabama Communities, initiated in 1971 to provide a vehicle for Future Farmers of America members to make direct contributions to their communities and to practice good citizenship and develop leadership skills.

Projects may include, but are not limited to, improvements to existing facilities, grounds, or buildings used by local organizations in the applicant's community. Past BOAC projects have included improvements for local fairgrounds, community vegetable gardens, rural intersections and parks, as well as renovations for damaged and aged public use structures in rural communities, including those used by local FFA groups.

Eligibility

All chapters that are chartered by the state FFA association are eligible for and encouraged to participate in the Building Our Alabama Communities award program.

Applications may be found on the Resources page of www.alabamaffa.org and are due to the Executive Secretary by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**. Applications may be submitted electronically by email.

Recognition and Selection

All applications will be scored according to the scoring rubric found in the BOAC award booklet. The top 4 applications will be awarded at the state level.

STATE AWARDS:

First Place	Chapter banner
Second Place	Chapter banner
Third Place	Chapter banner
Fourth Place	Chapter banner

100% Membership Recognition

Purpose

The Alabama FFA 100% Membership award is an exciting opportunity for chapters to be recognized at the Alabama FFA State Convention annually.

Eligibility

All chapters that are chartered by the state FFA association are eligible for and encouraged to participate in the 100% Membership award program. Chapters that submit the 100% Membership Application or are currently on the state membership affiliation list are eligible. Membership for chapters who submit or are affiliate are subject to enrollment verses membership verification.

Applications may be found on the Resources page of www.alabamaffa.org and are due to the Executive Secretary via email by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**.

Recognition and Selection

Chapters who complete and qualify for the 100% Membership award will receive a banner recognition of accomplishment at the annual state convention.

Agriscience Fair

Purpose

The Alabama FFA Agriscience Fair is an exciting opportunity for students interested in scientific principles and emerging technologies in the agricultural industry. The Alabama FFA Agriscience Fair provides middle and high school students the opportunity to achieve local, state and national recognition for their accomplishments in agriscience. This program also gives students a chance to demonstrate and display agriscience projects that are extensions of their agriscience courses.

The Alabama FFA Agriscience Fair recognizes students studying the application of scientific principles and emerging technologies in agricultural enterprises. The Alabama FFA Agriscience Fair is for middle and high school students (grades 7-12). Participation begins at the local chapter level and progresses to state and national levels. Areas of participation closely mirror the National Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Career Cluster Content Standards. Grade is determined by the grade level of the member at the time of qualification at the state level.

When selecting a topic for your agriscience fair project, consider your ongoing SAE program as a good place in which to begin. Quality experimental SAE projects/activities are well suited for all students and can be easily incorporated into any SAE program. Experimental SAE activities can provide valuable learning experiences for students with agriscience-related career goals (as well as those with other career interests).

For National FFA Agriscience Fair Rules or References to the National Agriscience Fair Document visit https://www.ffa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/asf_2017_2021_agriscience_fair_handbook.pdf#search=Agriscience%20Fair

Eligibility

Each participant must be a current, bona fide, dues paying FFA member in good standing with the local chapter, state FFA association and National FFA Organization at the time of his/her selection and at the time of the event in which he/she participates of a chapter in good standing with the Alabama FFA Association. Each chapter may submit one entry per category, per division. Therefore, a chapter may have up to a total of twenty four entries.

Divisions

- Division 1 – individual member in grades 7 and 8
- Division 2 – team of two members in grades 7 and 8
- Division 3 – individual member in grades 9 and 10
- Division 4 – team of two members in grades 9 and 10
- Division 5 – individual member in grades 11 and 12
- Division 6 – team of two members in grades 11 and 12

Categories

- Animal Systems
- Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems
- Food Products and Processing Systems
- Plant Systems
- Power, Structural and Technical Systems
- Social Systems

Recognition

Chapter Level – Winners may be selected annually in each FFA chapter for each division and category. The winner can represent any of the agriscience category areas. All winners will be recognized and awarded a banner at the State Convention.

State Level – Each state winner for each category and division shall be eligible to enter the National FFA Agriscience Fair pre-screening. This is required before moving on to compete at the national level agriscience fair.

National Level – Selected participants from each state may be forwarded for national competition. A national winner will be selected in each category. National winners will be presented with pins and plaques at the awards reception during the national convention. Additional awards may become available as funded by special project sponsors above and beyond the core sponsorship for the National FFA Agriscience Fair. They may include, but are not limited to, scholarships and cash awards to category/division winners. These awards will be appropriate for each category/division, but not necessarily equal or identical.

STATE AWARDS: (For each division and category area)

First Place: Chapter banner

NOTE: For detailed rules information, please refer to the Agriscience Fair Event booklet found on the "Resources" page of www.alabamaffa.org.

All applications for the Agriscience Fair must be submitted electronically in the National FFA Application Center by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org** annually.

Recognitions and Scholarships

Advisor of the Year

Purpose

The Alabama FFA Foundation awards the Advisor of the Year to one advisor from each district annually as a way to recognize the impact of that advisor on their students and program.

Eligibility

All active FFA advisors whose chapters are in good standing with the Alabama FFA Association are eligible to be nominated for this award.

Applications may be found on the Resources page of www.alabamaffa.org and are due to the address below by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**.

Alabama FFA Foundation
c/o Alabama Farmers Federation
ATTN: Jennifer Christenberry
P.O. Box 11000
Montgomery, Alabama 36191-0001

Recognition and Selection

Advisors selected for this honor will receive an Advisor of the Year jacket and will be recognized during the state FFA convention.

New Teacher of the Year

Purpose

The Alabama FFA Foundation awards the New Teacher of the Year award to one advisor annually as a way to recognize their efforts and encourage new teachers to strive for excellence within their agriscience program.

Eligibility

All active FFA advisors within their first five years of teaching whose chapters are in good standing with the Alabama FFA Association are eligible to be nominated for this award.

Applications may be found on the Resources page of www.alabamaffa.org and are due to the address below by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org.**

Alabama FFA Foundation
c/o Alabama Farmers Federation
ATTN: Jennifer Christenberry
P.O. Box 11000
Montgomery, Alabama 36191-0001

Recognition and Selection

Advisors selected for this honor will receive a plaque and \$1,000 for their chapter. They will also be recognized during the state FFA convention.

Wall of Honor

Purpose

The FFA Wall of Honor is maintained by the Alabama FFA Foundation to recognize those individuals who have provided support and outstanding service to agriculture and the FFA within Alabama.

Eligibility

Anyone who has provided support and/or outstanding service to FFA or agriscience education on a local, state or national level is eligible to be nominated for this prestigious honor.

A minimum contribution of \$1000 must be made to the Alabama FFA Foundation in honor or memory of the person being recognized. A brief narrative highlighting the honoree's service to agriculture and Alabama should also be provided.

Applications may be found on the Resources page of www.alabamaffa.org and are due to the address below by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org.**

Alabama FFA Foundation
c/o Alabama Farmers Federation
ATTN: Jennifer Christenberry
P.O. Box 11000
Montgomery, Alabama 36191-0001

Recognition and Selection

Inductees selected for this honor will be invited to attend an awards luncheon where their name will be added to the Wall of Honor award plaque. Recipients will also receive an awards plaque and be recognized during state convention.

Mindy Stringer Memorial Scholarship

Purpose

The Mindy Stringer Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to one FFA member pursuing a degree in an agricultural related field. This scholarship is awarded by the Stringer Family in memory of Mindy who proudly served the Alabama FFA Association as a state FFA officer.

Eligibility

Each FFA chapter is eligible to submit one application to the FFA State Executive Secretary. Applicant must be pursuing an Agricultural-related degree to be eligible.

Applications may be found on the Resources page of www.alabamaffa.org and are due to the address below by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**. Applications may be scanned and emailed to the Executive Secretary.

Recognition and Selection

The recipient of this scholarship will receive an award along with a \$1,000 scholarship and will be recognized during the state FFA convention.

H.N. Lewis Scholarship

Purpose

The H.N. Lewis Scholarship is awarded annually to a Junior and/or senior in college pursuing a degree in Agriscience Education at an institution in the state of Alabama. The scholarship is awarded by the Alabama FFA Foundation in honor of the many contributions Mr. Homer Neal Lewis made to Agriscience Education in Alabama.

Eligibility

This scholarship is available to any junior and/or senior enrolled in college in the state of Alabama pursuing a degree in Agriscience Education.

Applications may be found on the Resources page of www.alabamaffa.org and are due to the address below by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**.

Alabama FFA Foundation
c/o Alabama Farmers Federation
ATTN: Jennifer Christenberry
P.O. Box 11000
Montgomery, Alabama 36191-0001

Recognition and Selection

The recipient of this scholarship will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and will be recognized during the state FFA convention.

Frances Mizell Scholarship

Purpose

The Frances Mizell Scholarship is awarded annually to a past state FFA officer who is a Junior and/or senior in college pursuing a degree in Agriscience Education. The scholarship is awarded in honor of Mrs. Mizell's years of service to Agriscience Education and her work with state FFA officers.

Eligibility

This scholarship is available to any past state FFA officer who is a junior and/or senior enrolled in college pursuing a degree in Agriscience Education.

Applications may be found on the Resources page of www.alabamaffa.org and are due to the address below by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**. Applications may be scanned and emailed to the Executive Secretary.

Recognition and Selection

The recipient of this scholarship will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and will be recognized during the state FFA convention.

Outstanding Alumni Member Award

Purpose

The Alabama FFA Alumni Association presents this award to an outstanding member of a local Alabama FFA alumni chapter to recognize this individual's commitment to outstanding service at the local, state, and national levels.

Eligibility

Any FFA alumni member in good standing is eligible to be nominated for this award.

Applications may be found on the Resources page of www.alabamaffa.org and are due to the address below by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**.

Alabama FFA Alumni
245 County Road 53
Cedar Bluff, AL 35959

Recognition and Selection

The recipient of this scholarship will receive an awards banner and will be recognized during the state FFA convention.

Outstanding Affiliate Alumni Chapter Award

Purpose

The Alabama FFA Alumni Association presents this award to an outstanding local Alabama FFA alumni chapter to recognize their achievements as a support group to a local FFA chapter.

Eligibility

Any FFA alumni chapter in good standing is eligible to apply for this award.

Applications may be found on the Resources page of www.alabamaffa.org and are due to the address below by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org.**

Alabama FFA Alumni
245 County Road 53
Cedar Bluff, AL 35959

Recognition and Selection

The recipient of this scholarship will receive an awards banner and will be recognized during the state FFA convention.

Alabama FFA Alumni Association Student Leader Award

Purpose

The Alabama FFA Alumni Association presents this award to an outstanding FFA member of a local Alabama FFA chapter that has an affiliate FFA Alumni chapter to assist the student in attending the Washington Leadership Conference.

Eligibility

Any FFA member in good standing whose chapter also has a local affiliate alumni chapter is eligible to apply for this award.

Applications may be found on the Resources page of www.alabamaffa.org and are due to the address below by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org.**

Alabama FFA Alumni
245 County Road 53
Cedar Bluff, AL 35959

Recognition and Selection

The recipient of this award will receive a one-time scholarship to support the member attending WLC and will be recognized during the state FFA convention.