



CONTEST AND AWARDS BOOKLET

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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.

To remain a chapter in good standing, chapters should meet the following deadlines. Each teacher should complete their personal profile within their chapter's AET account by September 1st annually. Updates should be made as needed. 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. This would be for members competing in fall events. Annual chapter fee invoices are posted in September and payment is due **November 15th** annually. All chapter membership should be submitted by **February 1st** annually and when applicable 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. 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 unless otherwise stated. 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 the allowable number of 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 the required number of 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 and will result in the disqualification of the entire team.

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.

*Partners listed are for the 2021-2022 contest season and are subject to change for 2022-2023

2022 PROFICIENCY AWARD SPONSORS

Agricultural Communications

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Agricultural Mechanics – Design and Fabrication

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Agricultural Mechanics- Repair and Maintenance

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Grain Production

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Nursery Operations Proficiency

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Environmental Science and Natural Resource Management.

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Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production

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Forest Management & Products Proficiency

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Goat Production Proficiency Awards

Alabama Farmers Federation - Meat Goat & Sheep Division
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Service Learning Proficiency Awards

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Sheep Production Proficiency Awards

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Specialty Animal Production

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Swine Production

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Vegetable Production Proficiency

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Specialty Crop Production

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2022 CDE/LDE/TDE AWARD SPONSORS**Agricultural Construction and Maintenance CDE**

Home Builders Association of Alabama
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Ag Mechanics CDE

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Conduct of Chapter Meeting LDE

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Agriscience Education CDE

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Aquaculture CDE

ALFA - Catfish Division
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Creed Speaking LDE

Florida Farm Bureau
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Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE

Southeast United Dairy Industry Association, Inc.
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Employment Skills LDE

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Extemporaneous Speaking LDE

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Forestry CDE

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Land Evaluation CDE

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Livestock Evaluation CDE

AL Cattlemen, SLE, AL Beef Checkoff
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Parliamentary Procedure LDE

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Prepared Public Speaking LDE

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Quiz Bowl CDE

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Small Engines CDE

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Discussion Meet LDE

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Envirothon CDE

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Horse Evaluation CDE

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Meats Evaluation CDE

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Safe Tractor Driving CDE

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Veterinary Science CDE
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String Band TDE
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Compact Tractor Driving
Alabama FFA Central District
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LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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Chesterfield, MO 63017

CHAPTER AWARDS

Building Our Alabama Communities (BOAC)
Alabama FFA Foundation
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Montgomery, AL 36124

National and Superior Chapter Awards
Alabama Rural Electric Association
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Montgomery, AL 36117

Crime Prevention Award
AL Sheriffs Association
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Montgomery, AL 36104-4385

M.K. Heath Animal Health Award
Alabama Veterinary Association
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Agriscience Fair
Alabama FFA Foundation
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Crime Prevention Award
Alabama Farmers Federation Young Farmers
Division
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Decatur, AL 35601

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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. If in question of the correct area, please email state or national staff.

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 22-23 school year, records included in the application will be from the start of the member's participation to December 31, 2022.)*

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. A committee will review any applications flagged for being in the wrong area or for plagiarism and advisors will be notified of their eligibility.

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 sponsorship and 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.

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.

All state proficiencies will be awarded as follows:

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

The following proficiency award areas will be awarded annually. For award descriptions, please click [HERE](#).

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS- Entrepreneurship/Placement

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS: DESIGN AND FABRICATION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS: REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE- Entrepreneurship

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS: REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE- Placement

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING- Entrepreneurship/Placement

AGRICULTURAL SALES- Entrepreneurship/Placement

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES- Entrepreneurship/Placement

AGRISCIENCE RESEARCH- Research

BEEF PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship

BEEF PRODUCTION- Placement

DAIRY PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

DIVERSIFIED HORTICULTURE- Entrepreneurship/Placement

DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT- Entrepreneurship/Placement

EQUINE SCIENCE- Entrepreneurship/Placement

FIBER AND/OR OIL CROP PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

FORAGE PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

FOREST MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTS- Entrepreneurship/Placement

FRUIT PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

GOAT PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

GRAIN PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT- Entrepreneurship/Placement

NURSERY OPERATIONS- Entrepreneurship/Placement

OUTDOOR RECREATION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

POULTRY PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

SERVICE LEARNING- Entrepreneurship/Placement

SHEEP PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

SMALL ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND CARE- Entrepreneurship/Placement

SPECIALTY ANIMAL PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

SWINE PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT- Entrepreneurship/Placement

VEGETABLE PRODUCTION- Entrepreneurship/Placement

VETERINARY SCIENCE- Entrepreneurship/Placement

WILDLIFE PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT- Entrepreneurship/Placement

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. Members may apply for the State FFA Degree as a junior, senior, or one year after graduation from high school. (Those members who wish to become a State FFA Officer Candidate should apply for their State FFA Degree during or before the year they intend to run.)

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 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. Members may apply for the State FFA Degree as a junior, senior, or one year after graduation from high school.

State Star Farmer/ State 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 10, but no more than 15 high quality photographs (preferably from multiple years) and a script of the candidate's SAE. The story should be no more than one typed page, 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.

AMERICAN STAR AWARDS

PURPOSE:

An American Star Award is the highest award given in the FFA. Only for members are able to receive this award each year. There are four American Star categories at the national level: American Star Farmer; American Star in Agribusiness; American Star in Agricultural Placement and American Star in Agriscience.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS:

Each year Star candidates are selected only from the current year American FFA Degree Candidates. Each state FFA association is entitled to recommend one candidate in each star category for competition. A single applicant may apply in only one category.

Star applicants must complete the current year American FFA Degree Application with the Star pages and attachments included. a) Applicants must answer "Yes" to the question on the application cover page which states, "I would like to complete additional pages in this application to be considered for an American Star." The additional screens/pages and instructions will be added to the electronic application.

Applicants for the American Star 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. The committee will select one member in each of the four categories to represent Alabama.

American Star Degree applications must be submitted electronically to the State Executive Secretary by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org.**

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 or 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.

All state CDE/LDE will be awarded as follows:

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

Travel stipends for teams competing nationally will be awarded based on sponsorship availability. Should the first-place state team be unable to participate in the national event, the second place team may go instead.

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.

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.

There is no advancement to national competition in this event.

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.

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.

There is no advancement to national competition in this event.

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. The first and second place winners in the North, Central, and South Districts will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA Convention.

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.

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.

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.

There is no advancement to national competition in this event.

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, cover letter, and job description) 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 Executive Secretary.

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 member. 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).

There is no advancement to national FFA competition in this event, but the winning team may compete in the National Envirothon contest.

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.

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.

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 Only). 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.

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.

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 to use either in the International Land Judging Event in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in the spring following the state event or for the NFFA Agronomy event in October. Only one stipend will be awarded.

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.

If a Fall or other at large district event is not held, county eliminations must be held to determine a county winner to participate in the district event. 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. This will either be in the form of SLE or another at large competition when possible. First through fourth place winners from each district will compete in the state finals. The state event will be held during the FFA convention.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

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 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

ADDITIONAL NATIONAL FFA CDE/LDE NOT OFFERED AT THE STATE LEVEL

There are several National Career and Leadership Development Events not currently offered in Alabama. If a chapter would like to participate in one of these events at the national level, they can submit an application by email to the State Executive Secretary by the date stated on the FFA calendar. The application and calendar can be found at www.alabamaffa.org.

A committee will evaluate applications to select which chapter will represent Alabama and the chapter advisor will be notified. The selected chapter will be responsible for paying the National FFA certification fee of \$40.00 per event to the Alabama FFA Association. There will be no travel stipends offered to selected chapters for these events.

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.

Quartets will need to declare with their district specialist by no later than February 15th if they plan to compete. If no more than two quartets declare by the deadline, there will be no district level event and those two groups will advance to state. The top two district winners will advance to state competition during the State FFA Convention.

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 April 15th.

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. The first and second place string bands from each district will compete at the state finals. There will be no state preliminary contest. Winning bands that are unable to compete in the next highest contest should notify the District Specialist in time for the runner-up to compete. The state staff reserves the right to fill vacant spots if a district has no string band represented at the state contest with the next available group from participating districts.

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 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

TOP 5 CHAPTER

The five chapters with the highest composite score will be awarded as a Top Five Chapter with a banner and possible monetary prize if sponsorships are available.

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. The application is available virtually through the AET Degree/Application Manager. All competing chapters are eligible for state consideration. Applications should be submitted electronically to the proper submission list 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

*Monetary prizes are subject to continued sponsorship.

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.

All active chapters are eligible and encouraged to compete. Records submitted should be for the current year. The application is available virtually through the AET Degree/Application Manager. All competing chapters are eligible for state consideration. Applications should be submitted electronically to the proper submission list by **the date stated on the official calendar at www.alabamaffa.org**.

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

*Monetary prizes may be available based on sponsorship

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://ffa.app.box.com/s/x4rd2h4a6fvwkrf5yogk9jbwwxouehnr/file/289992625953>

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.

Alabama FFA Alumni Association Awards

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 Scholarship

Purpose

The Alabama FFA Alumni Association presents this scholarship to an outstanding FFA member of a local Alabama FFA chapter that has an affiliate FFA Alumni chapter as a one-time academic scholarship of \$1,000.00.

Eligibility

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

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 a one-time academic scholarship of \$1,000.00 to support the member in furthering their education 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 furthering their Supervised Agricultural Experience. A \$1,000.00 prize will be awarded to the winner.

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 prize to support the member in furthering their Supervised Agricultural Experience and will be recognized during the state FFA convention.