AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Updated: July 15, 2022

The National FFA Organization provides information on an annual basis regarding awards and recognition areas for the upcoming calendar year. We are pleased to announce that the National FFA Organization will provide the following programs will be offered for the 2023 year.

Career and Leadership Development Events

CDEs and LDEs are open to all grade levels of active membership (grades 7-12 at the <u>time of qualifying</u>) except for the Conduct of Chapter Meetings and Creed Speaking LDEs. Please review the program handbooks located on FFA.org. The following events will be offered in 2023.

Career Development Events

- Agricultural Communications
- Agricultural Sales
- Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems
- Agronomy
- Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management
    - Dairy Handlers Activity
- Environmental and Natural Resources
- Farm & Agribusiness Management
- Floriculture
- Food Science and Technology
- Forestry
- Horse Evaluation
- Livestock Evaluation
- Marketing Plan
- Meats Evaluation and Technology
- Milk Quality and Products
- Nursery/Landscape
- Poultry
- Veterinary Science

Leadership Development Events

- Agricultural Issues Forum
- Conduct of Chapter Meetings
- Creed Speaking
- Employment Skills
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Prepared Public Speaking

CDE/LDE Program Adjustments for 2023

Agricultural Issues Forum

The rule governing forum presentations will return to a minimum of five high-quality public forum presentations before their state qualifying event to receive the maximum 15 points. A team may have up to two virtual forums, and the virtual forums must include a live interactive audience where live participation is included. Changes will be posted following the convention.

Nursery/Landscape

Plant Identification List Changes Effective for 2023

Remove the following plants from the list.

Botanical Name	Common Name
Abies concolor	White Fir
Acer platanoides cv.	Norway Maple
Antirrhinum majus cv.	Snapdragon
Cotoneaster divaricatus	Spreading Cotoneaster
Fraxinus americana cv.	White Ash
Iris x germanica florentina cv.	Bearded Iris
Narcissus pseudonarcissus cv.	Daffodil
Pinus sylvestris	Scotch Pine
Solenostemon scutellarioides	Coleus
Sorbus aucuparia	European Mountain Ash
Tagetes spp. cv.	Marigold
Tulipa spp. cv.	Tulip

Plant Identification List Changes Effective for 2023, continued.
Numbers have changed to an alphabetical by botanical name.
Add the following plants to the list:

Botanical Name	Common Name	Spanish Translation
Aglaonema commutatum	'Chinese Evergreen'	Evergreen chino'
Buddleia davidii cv.	Butterfly Bush	Arbusto de mariposas
Hellaborus orientalis cv.	Lenten Rose	rosa de cuaresma
Heuchera cv.	Coral Bells, Alumroot	campanas de coral, raíz de alumbre
Hibiscus syriacus cv	Rose of Sharon	Rosa de sharon
Itea virginica	Sweetspire	Espira dulce
Lavendula angustifolia cv.	English lavender	lavanda inglesa
Miscanthus sinensis cv.	Miscanthus grass	Hierba miscanto
Phlox paniculate	Garden Phlox	Phlox de jardín
Phlox sublata cv.	Moss Pink	rosa musgo
Rudbeckia fulgida	Black-eyed Susan	susan de ojos negros
Weigela florida	Weigelia	Weigelia

For more information, visit

AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Application

No major application updates are planned for the 2022-2023 year. The current applications and handbook will be used.

Available Proficiency Award Areas

The following 45 proficiency award areas will be offered for the 2022-2023 year. Updated proficiency award area descriptions will be released in the fall of 2022.

- Agricultural Communication
- Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication
- Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship
- Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - Placement
- Agricultural Processing
- Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship
- Agricultural Sales - Placement
- Agricultural Services
- Agriscience Research – Animals Systems
- Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems
- Agriscience Research – Plant Systems
- Beef Production - Entrepreneurship
- Beef Production - Placement
- Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship
- Dairy Production - Placement
- Diversified Agricultural Production
- Diversified Crop - Entrepreneurship
- Diversified Crop - Placement
- Diversified Horticulture
- Diversified Livestock Production
- Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management
- Equine Science – Entrepreneurship
- Equine Science - Placement
- Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production
- Forage Production
- Forest Management
- Fruit Production
- Goat Production

- Grain Production
- Landscape Management
- Nursery Operations
- Outdoor Recreation
- Poultry Production
- Service-Learning
- Sheep Production
- Small Animal Production and Care
- Specialty Crop Production
- Specialty Animal Production
- Swine Production - Entrepreneurship
- Swine Production - Placement
- Turf Grass Management
- Vegetable Production
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife Management

For more information, visit https://www.ffa.org/participate/award/proficiencies/

AGRISCIENCE FAIR
Application Update
Minor application updates will take place to accommodate any needed changes to the online/electronic submission of agriscience fair applications for national competition.

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

Division Structure
- Division 1 – Individuals in grades 7 and 8
- Division 2 – Teams of two in grades 7 and 8
- Division 3 – Individuals in grades 9 and 10
- Division 4 – Teams of two in grades 9 and 10
- Division 5 – Individuals in grades 11 and 12
- Division 6 – Teams of two in grades 11 and 12

Reminders:

- The handbook is updated annually. Updated handbook will be published in January of 2023.

For more information, visit https://www.ffa.org/participate/awards/agriscience-fair/

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM
Application Update
Minor application updates will take place to accommodate any needed changes to the online/electronic submission of agriscience fair applications for national competition.

Reminders:

- The handbook is updated annually. Updated handbook will be published in January of 2023.

For more information, visit https://www.ffa.org/participate/awards/national-chapter/

AMERICAN FFA DEGREE

No significant changes are planned to the American FFA Degree application for the 2022-23 year.

Detailed State approval and national submission deadlines are as follows:

- **March 15** – Applications submitted by this date are guaranteed a two week revision opportunity if required.
- **April 15** – Applications submitted by this date should have a two week revision opportunity if required, not guaranteed.
- **May 15** – Applications submitted by this day may have a one week or less revision opportunity, not guaranteed.
- **June 15** – Final Submission Deadline – Applications submitted in June will have no revision opportunity and will be rejected should national review find an issue of any kind.

Please continue to use the following resources to help determine appropriate community service activities:

- Community Service Guidelines for FFA Degrees

For more information, visit https://www.ffa.org/participate/awards/american-ffa-degree/.

AMERICAN STAR AWARDS

No application updates are planned for the 2022-2023 year.

For more information, visit https://www.ffa.org/participate/awards/american-star-awards/

State approval/submission deadline remains June 15. No revision opportunity is offered for this competitive application

REVISIONS

SAE Revisions

The SAE development committee has begun work on revisions to the SAE based award application (current proficiency awards). This development committee is made up of representatives from the following stakeholder groups: agricultural education teachers, teacher educators and state staff. The goal of this committee is to develop a program that aligns more with SAE for All and recognize student skill development in SAE's. As progress is made in the development, we will share out for stakeholders to review. No revisions will be instituted for the 2022-2023 year. A revision timeline for release sometime after the 2022-23 year is being determined.