



Awards and Recognition Program Notification

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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 the programs that we will offer for the 2022 year. We will continue to evaluate recent delivery method changes as well as monitor COVID-19 impacts, and we will adjust the programming as needed to ensure the safety of all of those involved. We will announce the delivery methods and/or changes in a timely manner.

CAREER AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

CDEs and LDEs are open to all grade levels of active membership (grades 7-12 at the time of qualifying) 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 2022.

Career Development Events

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

Leadership Development Events

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

Activity

- Dairy Handlers Activity

CDE/LDE Program Adjustments for 2022

- An updated handbook will be published in January of 2022 with details of specific updates by event will be posted separately in the Resources tab.

For more information, visit <https://www.ffa.org/participate/cde-lde/>

Agricultural PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Application Updates

The following updates will be made to the application:

- All application signatures will be reset on Jan 1 of each year requiring applicants to have current year signatures for submitted applications.
- Applications must include SAE records from at least two calendar years to qualify for national submission.
- Resume section of the application will be removed and points reapportioned to other application sections.

Rubric Updates

- A new National Finalist Interview Scoring Rubric will be made available and used for the 2022 finalist interviews.

Available Proficiency Award Areas

The following 45 proficiency award areas will be offered in 2022. Updated proficiency award area descriptions with minor clarifications will be released the fall of 2021.

- 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

Reminders

- The handbook is updated annually. An updated handbook will be published in January of 2022.

For more information, visit <https://www.ffa.org/participate/awards/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.
- All application signatures will be reset on Jan 1 of each year requiring applicants to have current year signatures for submitted applications.

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. An updated handbook will be published in January of 2022.

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

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM

Application Updates

The following updates will be made to the application:

- All application signatures will be reset on Jan 1 of each year requiring applicants to have current year signatures for submitted applications.
- All applicants will be asked to provide the number of Agriculture Education Teachers/FFA Advisors under chapter demographics
- Form 1 will be updated. For each activity, chapters will provide the name, quality standard and activity description in form 1 and can “check” to use the activity in Form 2. The Activity name, quality standard, and description will be copied into form 2. The Quality Standard and Activity Name cannot be edited in form 2. The activity description can be edited in form 2. Any edits to the name or quality standard should be made in form 1 and will be reflected in form 2.
- “Advancing” component of the application has been updated to: “This section should clearly explain the purpose of the activity and the benefit of this activity at or above the local level. Use qualitative data to help explain how the activity advanced students, community, or agriculture.
- “Impact” component of the application has been updated to: “This section should clearly explain the impact on the chapter, its members, and the intended audience. Use quantitative data to help explain how the activity impacted the intended audience.

Rubric Updates

Deductions:

- Remove the following deductions:
 - Quality Standard not marked
 - Duplicate Quality standard
- Add the following deduction:
 - Activity not related to quality standard (25 – point deduction)

Reminders

- The handbook is updated annually. An updated handbook will be published in January of 2022.

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

AMERICAN FFA DEGREE

Application Updates

The American FFA Degree application automated eligibility checks are being updated to automatically check for some formerly manual eligibility checks. The Manual Review Sheet will be updated to remove these items. Please review the following resources to help determine appropriate SAE and community service activities:

- [Community Service Guidelines for FFA Degrees](#)
- [American FFA Degree Manual Review Sheet](#)

Reminders

- The handbook is updated annually. An updated handbook will be published in January of 2022.

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

AMERICAN STAR AWARDS

Application Update

No application updates are planned for the 2021-2022 year.

Rubric Update

A new National Finalist Interview Scoring Rubric will be made available and used for the 2022 finalist interviews.

Reminders

- The handbook is updated annually. An updated handbook will be published in January of 2022.

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