2027
State FFA Degree Handbook

Guidelines and Instructions for the Completion of the Missouri State FFA Degree Application

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Introduction

Following the 2025 selection of State FFA Degree candidates, the State Degree Committee conducted a comprehensive review of the **Instruction Booklet for Completion and Selection of State FFA Degree Applications** and the **State FFA Degree Application**. The review was undertaken to ensure both documents accurately reflect current agricultural practices, Missouri agricultural education programs, and changes to the State FFA Degree selection process. In addition, revisions approved by the Missouri FFA delegates during the April 2019 amendment of the Missouri FFA Constitution have been incorporated into this handbook.

During the spring and summer of 2025, the State Degree Committee continued its evaluation of the State FFA Degree application and supporting instructional materials. As a result of this review, the committee adopted a revised application, updated the accompanying instructional materials, and finalized this edition of the State FFA Degree Handbook. The committee also approved the use of the Missouri State FFA Degree Application generated through the Agricultural Experience Tracker (AET), beginning with the 2027 State FFA Degree application cycle.

The revised application and instructional materials were approved and distributed to Missouri agricultural education instructors during the 2026–2027 school year. These resources were also posted on the Missouri FFA Association website and made available for statewide use through the Missouri FFA State Degree webpage:

https://missouriffa.org/apps-awards/state-ffa-degree/

The State Degree Selection Committee believes the State FFA Degree selection process remains an important educational component of Missouri agricultural education programs. The process encourages the development of quality Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs, promotes accurate and meaningful student recordkeeping, and strengthens students' analytical and decision-making skills.

This handbook has been developed to assist agricultural education instructors in preparing, reviewing, and evaluating State FFA Degree applications while promoting consistency and uniformity throughout the statewide selection process.

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The Missouri State FFA Degree Application bases the State FFA Degree on 60% Supervised Agriculture Experience Program (SAEP) and 40% FFA Participation.

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Missouri FFA Constitution and By-Law Excerpts

ARTICLE VI. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP, DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

Section D. **State FFA Degree**. On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the State FFA Degree may be conferred by the State Association:

1. 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 State FFA Degree.

2. While in high school, have completed the equivalent of a least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level which includes a supervised agricultural experience program.

3 Have earned and productively invested at least $1000 or worked at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or combination thereof in a supervised agricultural experience program.

4. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
   a. Performing ten parliamentary procedures of parliamentary law.
   b. Giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA.
   c. Serving as an officer and/or committee chairperson or a participating member of a chapter committee.
   d. Making a satisfactory score on a written test on FFA.

5. Show outstanding leadership participation in chapter activities and school and community activities by:
   a. Participation in planning and conducting chapter program of activities.
   b. Serving as chapter officer or committee chairperson or a participating member of a chapter committee.
   c. Participation in at least 5 activities above the chapter level.
   d. Participation in leadership positions outside the FFA.
   e. Meet the minimum FFA Point Score as stated in the State Degree Handbook.

6. Have a satisfactory scholastic record, certified by the local superintendent or principal.

7. Have participated in at least 25 hours of community service, within at least 2 different community service activities. The hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid SAE hours.

ARTICLE VIII. PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR THE STATE FFA DEGREE

Section A. **A local chapter may submit annually one or more candidates for the State FFA Degree. The number submitted shall not exceed 10% (with fractions rounded to the nearest whole number) of the paid-up membership on record in the state office.

Section B. Election to the State FFA Degree shall be from the candidates at large.

Section C. The procedure for selection members to receive the State FFA Degree shall be according to the instructions in the latest edition of the "Instruction Booklet for Completion and Selection of State FFA Degree Applications."

Section D. All candidates for the State FFA Degree must be recommended by their advisors and by the major officers of their chapters.

Section E. The State Advisor shall recommend to the State Executive Committee all candidates who meet the minimum qualifying score as stated in the State Degree Handbook. The qualifying score should only be changed during State FFA Handbook revisions, every three years. Candidates must receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a State convention in order to receive the degree.

**** 10% of the FFA Membership will be determined from the number of students reported on the FFA roster that is submitted to National FFA. (not the affiliation number)**

MINIMUM QUALIFYING SCORE

The 2022 State Degree Committee has set the minimum qualifying score at **550 Total Points**, with a minimum of **150 FFA Leadership Points** on the State FFA Degree Application.

Applicable to Convention years 2027, 2028 and 2029.

Members may only apply for the Star Award the same year that a candidate is applying for a State FFA Degree.

Quick Guide to Hours = Points

Tractor Restoration	5 hrs = 1 pt
Paid Placement	15 hrs = 1 pt
Un-Paid Placement	20 hrs = 1 pt
Paid Agriscience	15 hrs = 1 pt
Un-Paid Agriscience	5 hrs = 1 pt
Exchange of Labor	20 hrs = 1 pt

Maximum Hours per year – 2,000

Local Advisor Responsibilities and Guidelines

1. **Information found in this handbook overrules information on the application or from other sources.**

2. The local advisor should check the application by following the guidelines in this handbook as well as checking the applicants:

   A. **SAE to confirm it meets the National FFA SAE Awards area descriptions and/or the AFNR Performance Standards for Agriculturally related**.
   B. Math
   C. Transfer of numbers, values, activities and awards etc. from the recordbook
   D. Transfer of numbers, values and activities within the application.
   E. All items should match exactly what is listed in this handbook without any deletions or additions. Points may be adjusted on the applications that do not meet these criteria.

3. The local advisor should complete the checklist verifying the applicant's eligibility and the application's accuracy.

4. In all sections of the application **except Entrepreneurship (Ownership)**, scoring is automatically figured. It is the advisor's responsibility to check all scores for accuracy.

5. In the **Agriscience**, **Placement** and **Entrepreneurship** sections there are spaces for descriptions for each of the different SAEs. The descriptions should be detailed enough for the screening committee (outside reviewer) to understand what the SAE is and how it is "agriculturally related."

   The National FFA SAE Award descriptions and the AFNR Performance Standards will be used to determine if the project is agriculturally related.

   AFNR Standards: https://www.theaet.com/intro/afnr.aspx
   SAE Award Descriptions: https://ffa.app.box.com/v/2027SAEDescriptions

   The agricultural pathways can include the Career Ready Practices, but if the SAE only has these standards, it does not meet the "agriculturally related' measure. *(If the project does not fit well into any pathway except Career Ready Practices or Cluster Skills it is very possible the project is not agriculturally related and will not be accepted.)*

   Foundational SAEs are most often completed in the classroom and therefore do not meet the requirements for a Missouri SAE.

6. The local advisor should submit in writing to the area screening committee any supervised agricultural experience (SAE) enterprise not listed on **Entrepreneurship/Ownership Pages** of the handbook guidelines along with the recommended point value of that enterprise.

7. On the Leadership Section of the Application if the wrong category is listed, they will be scored at the lowest point value for that section.

8. All Applicants'' pages must be computer printed with the exception of minor handwritten changes from the Area Screening and notes on the Check Sheet.

9. All application pages should be submitted with version number and date/time stamp matching. Please do not use binders or folders. Staple pages together in the upper left corner.

10.. **Community Service** - Candidates must have participated in at least **25 hours** of community service, within at least **two (2) different community service activities**. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid SAE hours.

Activities can only be used once in the application. Activities planned by the local chapter can be included provided they are only listed in the community service section of the application and not duplicated in the FFA activities section of the application.

Missouri FFA will follow the American Degree Community Service Guidelines for the State FFA Degree. Help documents can be found at:
https://ffa.app.box.com/s/wo71rluv9djbz4ctjxs3nqm1o4dvt6qj

More information about community service can be found on the **Community Service Section** of this handbook.

Area Responsibilities and Guidelines

1. Each area should select State Degree Selection Committee members for a four-year term. (This will provide the State Degree Selection Committee with a rotation of members that will only have 8 new members each year.) The following table should be used to know when your Area should select a member for the committee. (Once a teacher has served a four-year term, he/she will need to set out a four-year term before they are eligible to serve again. (**Terms run from January through December**)

State FFA Degree Committee - Term Rotation Chart - 4 Year Term							
Area Member	4 year term Jan thru Dec	Area Member	4 year term Jan thru Dec	Area Member	4 year term Jan thru Dec	Area Member	4 year term Jan thru Dec
1a	2025 - 2028	5a	2025 - 2028	9a	2025 - 2028	13a	2025 - 2028
1b	2027 - 2030	5b	2027 - 2030	9b	2027 - 2030	13b	2027 - 2030
2a	2026 - 2029	6a	2026 - 2029	10a	2026 - 2029	14a	2026 - 2029
2b	2024 - 2027	6b	2024 - 2027	10b	2024 - 2027	14b	2024 - 2027
3a	2025 - 2028	7a	2025 - 2028	11a	2025 - 2028	15a	2025 - 2028
3b	2027 - 2030	7b	2027 - 2030	11b	2027 - 2030	15b	2027 - 2030
4a	2026 - 2029	8a	2026 - 2029	12a	2026 - 2029	16a	2026 - 2029
4b	2024 - 2027	8b	2024 - 2027	12b	2024 - 2027	16b	2024 - 2027

2. Each area should select a committee to screen applications within the area. The area State Degree Committee member should serve on this committee.

3. All area committee should screen application in a uniform manner. Each area should follow the guidelines set by the state committee within this handbook.

4. The area committee's purpose is to:

    1. Verify the local application is a valid agriculture SAE as compared to the **National FFA SAE Awards** and/or **ANFR Standards**.
    2. Verify the validity of the local application.
    3. Check the realism of entries of the local applicants.
    4. **Check that all items match exactly what is listed in this handbook without any deletions or additions.**
    5. Verify that students showing Entrepreneurship (ownership) income must also show Entrepreneurship (ownership) expenses.
    6. Check any and all mathematical calculations.
    7. Submit the eligible applications to the state Selection committee.
    8. Identify Star Area Farmer, Area Star in Agribusiness, Area Star in Placement or Area Star in Agriscience. **(These are not automatic. They must score above the minimum qualifying score. The state committee also reserves the right to re-score the applications.)**
    9. **Members may only apply for the Star Award the same year that a candidate is applying for a State FFA Degree.**

5. The only application changes the area screening committee should allow at the time of selection are:
   Math errors
   Transposing errors on the application
   Typing errors (example: Decimals in the wrong place)

   All entries in the recordbook must match application. The applications submitted to the state selections will not be returned to the chapter until after the State FFA Convention.

6. The area selection committee should check the Leadership section to determine that each item is correctly listed. **On the SAE Leadership Page, points may be adjusted on applications that do not meet these criteria.**

7. The area screening committee will determine the acceptability of all SAE descriptions at the area screening meeting. SAEs should conform to the **National FFA SAE Award Areas descriptions** and/or the **AFNR Performance Indicators** to be eligible. All applications sent to the State Committee will be scored and checked for the acceptability of the SAE as to how it is agriculturally related based on the descriptions.

8. The area screening committee will submit in writing all supervised agricultural experience (SAE) enterprise not listed on the **Entrepreneurship/Ownership Pages** of the handbook guidelines along with the area screening committee's recommended point value for that enterprise.

9. The area screening committee should check the application in the following areas for agreement with the record book regardless of type of record book accompanying the application: (Computer or electronic records may be printed or looked at on a computer (area discretion) and will be accepted as records of student's SAEP.)

   Expenses and Receipts for **ALL** years.
   Cash Flow Summary for **ALL** years.
   Financial Statement for **ALL** years.
   Profit and Loss Statement for **ALL** years.
   Inventory Records and Depreciation Schedule for **ALL** years.
   Record of all FFA, School, and Community activities for **ALL** years.

10. The area screening committee will verify that applicants have participated in five (5) activities above the local level by those listed on the FFA Leadership pages.

11. The area screening committee will verify that applicants have participated in at least 25 hours of community service, within at least two (2) different community service activities. These hours should be documented in the recordbook.

    The community service activities cannot benefit the FFA Chapter; the service should benefit another organization even though the chapter may have organized the activity.

12. The Area Committee should verify all agriscience experience hours, as well as any other unpaid hours reported by the applicant, by using an Agriscience and Directed Laboratory and/or Exploratory Experience Log maintained in the member's record book.

13. The area committee must complete the check sheet page and leave clarification notes if necessary for the state screening committee to review.

14 The area screening committee should submit a list of the successful area applicants along with their respective applications to the State FFA Advisor. This list should indicate the area star farmer, area star in agribusiness, area star in placement, and area star in agriscience. (Note: The area stars must score above the minimum qualifying score to receive the degree.)

15. **The worksheet should be removed by the area committee for all applications EXCEPT stars.**

16. State Star Applicants will need to complete the supplemental pages. Information can be found at the back of this handbook.

17. **Each Area should complete a list of approved area activities and submit them with the Area Applications in mid-February for use at State Degree Screening.**

18. **Numbering Applications**

    Please use the following procedure for numbering applications

    When all applications are submitted, stack applications alphabetically by **Chapter** and then by **Last Name**

    On the **TOP RIGHT CORNER** of the **FRONT PAGE** number the applications in the following format:

Area 1	01 000 thru 01 999	Area 9	09 000 thru 09 999
Area 2	02 000 thru 02 999	Area 10	10 000 thru 10 999
Area 3	03 000 thru 03 999	Area 11	11 000 thru 11 999
Area 4	04 000 thru 04 999	Area 12	12 000 thru 12 999
Area 5	05 000 thru 05 999	Area 13	13 000 thru 13 999
Area 6	06 000 thru 06 999	Area 14	14 000 thru 14 999
Area 7	07 000 thru 07 999	Area 15	15 000 thru 15 999
Area 8	08 000 thru 08 999	Area 16	16 000 thru 16 999

District Responsibilities and Guidelines

A district review of State Degree application is not required, therefore each district should determine if it is beneficial for them.

1. The district committee should consist of the two members from each Area State Degree Committee. It **MAY** also include, the **area MVATA officers (president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer) and the immediate past president of each area.**

2. All district committees should screen applications in a uniform manner. Each district should follow the guidelines set by the state committee within this handbook.

3. Verify that students showing ownership income must also show ownership expenses.

4. Check all mathematical calculations especially but not exclusively the Entrepreneurship (ownership) section.

5. The committee should review the FFA LEADERSIP & PARTICPATION pages for accuracy and appropriateness of location within the pages. The committee should also review all points earned from these pages.

6. The committee should **closely review** the **COMMUNITY SERVICE LOG**. The committee should be particularly concerned with the appropriateness of groups or individuals the service was performed for and the ACTUAL service that was performed. **It cannot be over emphasized the importance to follow the American Degree Community Service Guidelines**.

7. The District Committee will determine SAE eligibility based on the **National FFA Proficiency Award Areas descriptions** and **AFNR Performance Indicators**.

8. Area president will make sure any changes to applications at the district level will be reprinted with the same time stamp. **All time stamps must match except the cover page**.

9. Committee will review placement hours to determine that are appropriate.

State Committee Responsibilities and Guidelines

1 The state committee's purpose is to:

1. Score applications
   (The area's screening committee's score will be used as the applicants score at the state screening. However, the state screening committee reserves the right to re-score any application.) **Scoring will be done with the caps on for each section**.

2. Determine SAE eligibility based on the **National FFA SAE Award** description and **AFNR Performance Indicators**. Career Ready Practices can be included in the agricultural pathways but cannot be the only standard of the SAE. Foundational SAE are not accepted.

3. Eliminate applications not meeting the minimum qualifications.

2. The state committee will select a committee **chairperson** and **secretary** from the committee members present at the state screening. The chair will advise and oversee the scoring process. The secretary will record the minutes and decisions of the committee and submit a copy of the minutes to each committee member.

3. The state committee will review all supervised agricultural experience (SAE) enterprise not listed in the handbook that have been submitted by the area committee and local advisor to approve the recommended point values prior to screening any applications.

4. The state committee should select one current committee member to serve on the Star Selection Committee. (Star Farmer, Star Placement, Star Agribusiness and Star Agriscience) These committee members are to serve in an advisory capacity to the star selection committee and are nonvoting members.

5. The state committee will break ties on applications by using total Leadership points Caps on then Caps off. If a tie still exists, the tables in the Leadership section will be used in the following order (Awards, Activities, Offices, Committees, CDE, Outside FFA) (Caps on then Caps off in each Section) until the tie is broken.

6. The number of applications which will be scored at the state screening process will be determined as follows:

   The State Degree Committee will review all Star Applications.

   All submitted applications could be reviewed for agricultural relevance of the SAE, Leadership pages, and community service hours.

   If any issues are found, an application could fall below the **550 points minimum** and/or FFA **Leadership 150 point minimum** would become ineligible for the state degree.

If an application is declared ineligible; it will be reviewed by the **State Advisor**, **State Executive Secretary**, and the **State Degree Chairman** for a final decision.

Note: The state screening committee reserves the right to re-score any application that is submitted.

7. Appeals of the State FFA Degree selection committee decisions. Submit an email to the State FFA Advisor stating your reason for the appeal of the decisions.

8. Revision of the State FFA Degree Handbook and application process.
This handbook will be reviewed and edited every three years. The committee will be the current members of the State Degree Selection Committee. **This handbook will be reviewed and updated in 2027 because of issues that may arise with the new AET application.**

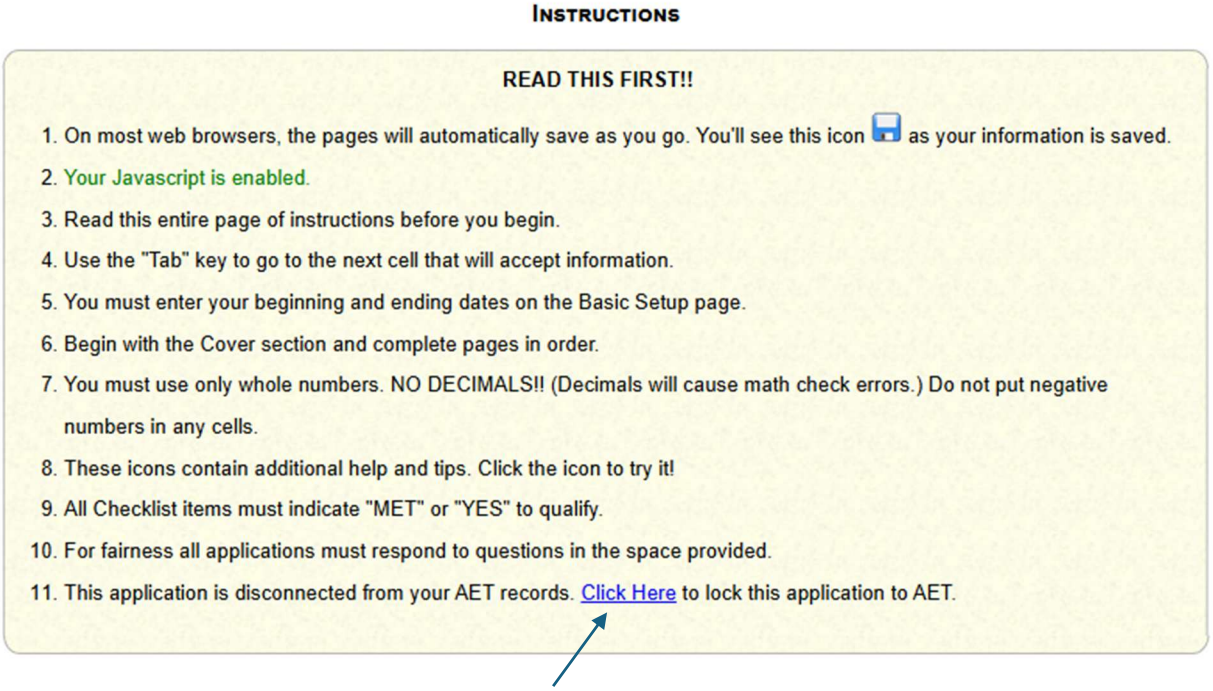
AET Application Set-up

Applicants' 1st year of records can start as early as August 1 and must be summarized in December of that year. (NO 16 month Recordbooks).

Students MUST create the application from the Degree/Application Manager at AET.

Instructions

This application is designed to work with or without AET Recordbooks**. Please read all instructions carefully!**


INSTRUCTIONS

READ THIS FIRST!!

1. On most web browsers, the pages will automatically save as you go. You'll see this icon as your information is saved.
2. Your Javascript is enabled.
3. Read this entire page of instructions before you begin.
4. Use the "Tab" key to go to the next cell that will accept information.
5. You must enter your beginning and ending dates on the Basic Setup page.
6. Begin with the Cover section and complete pages in order.
7. You must use only whole numbers. NO DECIMALS!! (Decimals will cause math check errors.) Do not put negative numbers in any cells.
8. These icons contain additional help and tips. Click the icon to try it!
9. All Checklist items must indicate "MET" or "YES" to qualify.
10. For fairness all applications must respond to questions in the space provided.
11. This application is disconnected from your AET records. Click Here to lock this application to AET.

The application, by default, is set to AET records. To use with Missouri Recordbook System, use the "**CLICK HERE"** link to unlock application.

Cover Page

Information such as Name, Address, Membership Numbers may load automatically if it is entered correctly in AET and FFA)

Basic Set-up

In the first year of records, a student may start their recordbook as early as Aug 1st and it must be summarized in December. A student MAY choose to start their SAE Records on Jan 1st of their 1st year. To cover FFA Activities, they will need to set a beginning date prior to Jan 1st. If doing so, on the worksheet Beginning and Ending New worth on the State Degree Worksheet will need to be corrected. **SEE STATE DEGREE WORKSHEET SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION**

I. Dates for this Application	Beginning Date	Ending Date
The Beginning Date is the start of your first eligible Agricultural Education course. The Ending Date is 12/31 of the year prior to submitting your application.	8/1/2023 *(Enter as mm/dd/yyyy)*	12/31/2025

II. SAE Types	Checkmark all that apply
Checkmark all types of SAEs from your time in Ag	☑ Research ☑ Placement ☑ Entrepreneurship

On this page, you will need to select the dates that this application covers. The Beginning Date is the start of your first eligible Agricultural Education course. The Ending Date is 12/31 of the year prior to submitting your application.

Select the boxes for the types of SAEs that are covered by this application.

Membership Check

FFA Chapter ID from the Cover Page	FFA Member Number from the Cover Page	Certificate and Roster Name from the Cover Page
MO0000		Example Blank Record
Membership months required for this Award/Degree: 24	Membership months shown below, up to 12/31/2025: 0 - NOT MET	Is a member for the ending date of this application (12/31/2025): NOT MET

Refresh Membership Data

School Year	FFAID	Chapter	Type	Name
No records to display.				

If you have additional membership history to add to this table, please specify the ChapterID and FFAID here:

ChapterID of other membership record	FFA Member Number of other membership record	Lookup
_____	____-___-_____	Lookup could not be completed. Please ensure your ChapterID and FFAID are not missing on the coverpage.

Most students can validate their membership history eligibility with a single FFA Member Number using this screen.

If your membership history involves transfers to other Chapters and additional FFA Member Numbers, you can look up additional membership records below by referencing your prior Chapter ID and FFAID.

If you need membership assistance call DESE at **573-751-3544** to clarify membership and fix problems.

SAE Pages – Research – Placement - Entrepreneurship

Enter information in each of the boxes. Use the add button to enter. Use the edit button to change information. NOTE: if this application is locked to AET (AET Records) changes will need to be made in the recordbook. Unlocking the application will only allow the application to be changed. When the application is locked again any changes that are made will be deleted.

On the ENTREPRENURSHIP PAGE – DO NOT ENTER EXCHANGE OF LABOR. (Use the Exchange of Labor page to report that information).

SAE – Exchange of Labor

All applicants will need to complete this page if they have used Exchange of Labor.

State Degree Worksheet

Complete this information from Missouri Recordbook Form 11 for each year. AET Recordbooks will pull this information from AET Records.

Note: **Current** Inventory is are liquid assets and can be turned into cash within a year.
Non-Current Inventory are less liquid, taking more than a year to convert to cash.

FFA Activities 1 and 2

If Using AET:

Choose "Load from AET" for each section and be sure details are complete. Make small edits on this page or edit your FFA-related journals in AET. If you make edits in your AET, you will need to "Load from AET" to update. Be sure not to have duplicates.

If Using MO Record Book:

Add activities by choosing "edit" and “update” to add them on this page. If you make edits on this page, be sure they match your MO Record Book. Be sure not to have duplicates.

Community Service

See Community Service Section for more information.

MO Points Summary

The below tables are a summary of your points from each area. The bottom table is a summary of all areas and shows your total (Category Caps off) & max points. SAE Earnings and Equity Growth points are based on a table of set-point values.

Checklist

Missing, Error, or Not Met indicates a condition causing the candidate not to qualify for the degree. Regardless of the qualifications shown here, FFA staff and reviewers may contact the advisor or applicant for additional information and evidence, including, but not limited to, SAE agreements and record books.

Electronic Signatures

When all **Missing**, **Error** or **Not Mets** are completed on the checklist page, signatures will be available to be collected. Students should complete all other pages of this application before obtaining electronic signatures. If this application undergoes significant changes after signing, the signatures should be re-obtained using this form by clicking "Revoke Signature". Please review this entire application and electronically sign the appropriate section below.

Supervised Agricultural Experience Guidelines

600 points maximum

Scoring Guidelines

Scope

200 points maximum

1. Scope is the number of SAE points for all years. Do not include items listed in "Start of Ag" (Inventory Entering Agriculture Education).

   Refer to list of enterprises by description and enter scope scorable units as listed in the handbook. See individual sections on the following pages.

2. **The students' 1st year of records could start as soon at the 1st of August of their 1st year and should be summarized in December of that year. No recordbook year should be longer than 12 months.**

3. The description and scope scorable unit should be listed for each year using Form 12 of the Missouri Agricultural Recordbook or on AET as part of the Descriptions in the journal pages.

4. All SAE enterprises should be listed by Description and Scope, as they are listed in this guide. Scorable Units Point values are listed on the following pages.. Any enterprise not on the list should be submitted in writing to the Area Screening Committee with a recommended point value based comparable enterprise receipts, expense and labor required.

5. Record all dollar values to the nearest whole dollar.

6. **Waitressing, Lifeguarding and Baby Sitting/Childcare are not acceptable Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs and should NOT be included in scope, income, placement or directed lab experience. Waitressing, Lifeguarding and Baby Sitting/Childcare are non-agricultural income and can be recorded in personal income and expenses. See National FFA SAE Award Area or Agriculture Food and Natural Resources Standards for more information.**

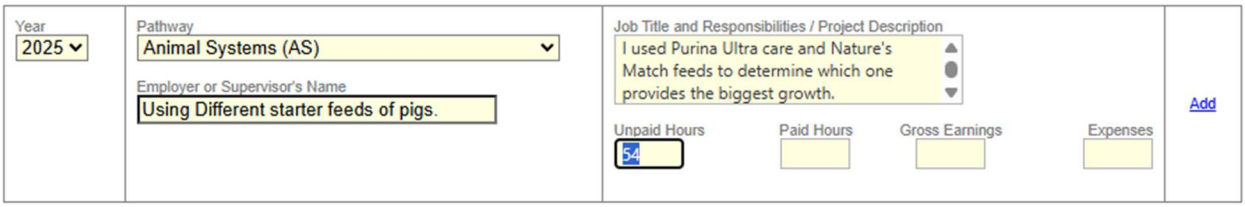
7. List enterprises by description and scope in scorable units EXACTLY as listed in this book. AET users may need to edit journal entries to accommodate this requirement.

Agriscience SAE

Example of a Paid Placement Entry



Example of an Un-Paid Agriscience Entry



Make sure that the <u>PATHWAY</u> is correctly marked.

Each enterprise should be listed separately. One single entry cannot contain both Paid and Un-Paid Agriscience.

1. Record hours to the nearest whole hour. Do not include decimals or fractions.

2. Student must provide the Year for the enterprise, Pathway, Employer or Supervisor's name, Job title and Responsibilities/Project Description and unpaid hours or Paid hours and Gross Earnings and Expenses for each entry. After filling in each required box click "Add" to enter the information into the application for each individual project.

3. Paid agriscience is defined as being employed by someone who is paying you to preform research. Receiving money to off set the cost of research supplies and equipment is considered un-paid agriscience research. Those should be accounted for in the Recordbook.

4. When providing Job title and Responsibilities/Project Description, remember that this is how the selections committee is determining "agriculture related" or the ANFR Performance Indicator the SAE is addressing.

5. All entries should be documented in the student's recordbook.

6. Points are figured automatically in the application.
   15 Hours of Paid Agriscience Hours = 1 Point
   5 Hours of Un-Paid Agriscience Hours = 1 Point

7. **<u>A MAXIMUM TOTAL</u> OF 2,000 HOURS PER YEAR WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
   (Exchange Labor Hours + Paid Placement + Unpaid Placement Hours + Paid Agriscience Hours + Unpaid Agriscience Hours = Total)

Agribusiness Income

(Custom Work and Agribusiness income is combined under Agribusiness Income)

Agribusiness Income is defined as an entrepreneurship type SAE, which does NOT meet the specific definition for production agriculture, and which easily fits the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource pathways accepted by the National Council for Agricultural Education.

Agribusiness is nonproduction agribusiness. (This aligns with the American FFA Degree)

Example of a Single Entry (Each enterprise will be scored separately)



All fields in each box must be completed on this page. Make sure that the PATHWAY is correctly marked.

When scoring Agribusiness Income – Figure the points on EACH ENTERPRISE individually

Example:	Leon's Mowing Service	$2,300 Gross Sales	20 pts
	Leon's Landscaping	$1,190 Gross Sales	11 pts
	TOTAL AGRIBISINESS SALES POINTS		**31 pts**

The guidelines below will be used to score entrepreneurship (ownership) agribusiness (i.e., auctioneer, landscaping business) under the ownership SAE section of the State Degree Application. The applicant must include the gross agribusiness income. Care should be taken to only include ownership agribusiness income.

1. Scope points will be awarded for agribusiness income.

2. Students whose total gross agribusiness income per enterprise that falls within a specific range on the table **Entrepreneurship/Ownership Agribusiness** will be awarded the amount of points found to the right of the range. (**Hours spent in ownership agribusiness and/or custom work should not be included in any other section of the application**.)

3. Any SAE listed on the **Scope Pages** should be entered and scored on the application as specified on those pages and not as agribusiness income, unless the agribusiness meets the criteria below

   The definition of agribusiness for the purpose of this degree is as follows:

   Agribusiness – Applicants must have an entrepreneurship-type Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) that does **not** meet the definition of the production category and that aligns with one or more Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources career pathways

recognized by the National Council for Agricultural Education. This recognizes the FFA member's nonproduction agribusiness SAE.

4. Student must provide the year for the enterprise, Pathway, Project Name, Size and Scope and Description and using the chart **Entrepreneurship/Ownership Agribusiness** provide the points for each entry.

5. **Directed Experience Un-Paid** should be listed on Placement Page as Un Paid Labor.

Entrepreneurship/Ownership Entry Examples

PLEASE NOTE: Depending on how AET accounts are set up Information may have additional wording in the boxes " PROJECT NAME" or "SIZE/SCOPE" or "DESCRIPTION" These boxes need to point toward our State Degree Handbook and should not be in conflict with each other.

Start of Ag	**Pathway**	**Project Name**	**Scope/Size**	**Description**	**Points**		
	CRP	Beef	2 Breeding	Breeding heifers	6.00	Delete	Edit

2023	**Pathway**	**Project Name**	**Scope/Size**	**Description**	**Points**		
	AS	Beef	2 Breeding	Those heifers are getting bigger.	6.00	Delete	Edit

2024	**Pathway**	**Project Name**	**Scope/Size**	**Description**	**Points**		
	CRP	Beef	4 Breeding	some got bigger other are getting there	12.00	Delete	Edit
	PST	Tractor Restoration	150 hours	I have restored and 1947 Farmall A that was donated to me by a neighbor.	30.00	Delete	Edit

2025	**Pathway**	**Project Name**	**Scope/Size**	**Description**	**Points**		
	ABS	Agribusiness Income - Feed Sales	$15,000 Gross Income	I am a dealer for Total Feeds Inc. I sale feeds designed for show animals.	75.00	Delete	Edit
	AS	Beef	6 Breeding	Some bigger others not so much	36.00	Delete	Edit

Note: If the student are using the Missouri Recordbook or AET. **It is necessary that in the description or in the Scope or Size that the descriptions from this handbook are at the beginning of any descriptions. Selection Committees do not have the time to have to search for it. This may mean having to edit the Journals on an AET recordbook.**

All fields in each box must be completed on this page. Make sure that the PATHWAY is correctly marked.

POINTS HAVE TO BE CALCULATED and ENTERED for each line.

8. **SCOPE** is calculated by adding the following points

   Entrepreneurship (all years)
   Paid Placement (all years)
   Un-Paid Placement (all years)
   Paid Research (all years)
   Un-Paid Placement (all years)
   Exchange of Labor (all years)

SCOPE	Year 1 Points	Year 2 Points	Year 3 Points	Year 4 Points	Total Points
Entrepreneurship					
Paid Placement					
Un-Paid Placement					
Paid Research					
Un-Paid Research					
Exchange of Labor					
Total Points					

9. **GROWTH** is calculated by adding the following points:
   100 points maximum
   Entrepreneurship (last year)
   Paid Placement (last year)
   Un-Paid Placement (last year)
   Paid Research (last year)
   Un-Paid Placement (last year)
   (subtract) Start of Ag Points

Growth	Last Year Points
Entrepreneurship	
Paid Placement	
Un-Paid Placement	
Paid Research	
Un-Paid Research	
SUBTRACT	
Start of Ag	
Total Points	

10. **Total SAEP Earning** (See **Total Earning Table**)
    100 points maximum

11. **Gain in Net Worth** (See Gain in Net Worth Table)
    200 points maximum

Entrepreneurship/Ownership Scope Points

Crops and Plants

Description	Scope (Scorable Unit)	Points
Corn	1 acre	2
Popcorn	1 acre	2
Soybeans	1 acre	2
Sunflowers	1 acre	2
Milo	1 acre	2
Wheat	1 acre	1.5
Rye	1 acre	1.5
Oats	1 acre	1
Barley	1 acre	1
Tobacco	1 acre	32
Peanuts	1 acre	5
Cotton	1 acre	5
Rice	1 acre	5
Grass seed	1 acre	1
Legume seed	1 acre	1.5
Cover Crop	1 acre	0.5
Pasture	1 acre	0.25
(Pasture - Owned or Rented must show expenses in record book of ownership &/or rent to be counted.)		
Hay	1 acre	1
Alfalfa	1 acre	3
Straw	1 acre	0.5
Pecans	500 pounds	1
Walnuts	500 pounds	1
Christmas Trees	25 trees	1
Wood	1 cord	0.25
Logs	600 board feet	1
Strawberries	1000 square ft	0.5
Bramble Berries	100 ft. of run	1
Grapes	100 ft. of run	1

Garden (Vegetable or Ornamental)	1000 square ft. (Sweet Corn that is Hand Harvested)	0.5
Vegetable Crop	1 Acre (Mechanically Harvested)	0.5
House Plants &/or Tobacco Plants	1 plant	0.02
Bedding Plants	1 plant	0.005
Ornamental Trees, Shrubs & Plants	1 tree, shrub or plant	0.04
Specialty Crop	1 Pound Ginseng (dry)	4
	100 Luffa Sponges (dry)	1
	3 Pounds Golden Seal Root (dry)	1
	15 Pounds Golden Seal Herb (dry)	1
	15 Pounds Skullcap	1
	300 Pounds Wet Mullein Leaf	1
	300 Pounds Sassafras Leaves (dry)	1
	500 Pounds Milk Thistle (dry)	1
	350 Pounds Sumac Leaves (dry)	1
Fruit Trees	1 Tree	0.1
Wildlife Food Plots	1 acre (Non-production use – not income producing)	0.5

NOTES:

CRP land was considered but determined to have “0” points awarded.

TSI was reviewed and removed from the points list

Animals

Description	Scope (Scorable Unit)	Points
Beef	1 Breeding	3
	1 Non-breeding	2
Dairy	1 Cow	8
	1 Bull	3
	1 Non-Breeding	2
Swine (Includes Potbellies)	1 Breeding	3
	5 Feeder Pigs	1
	1 Market Swine	1
Sheep	1 Breeding	2
	1 Non-breeding	1
Poultry	1 Laying Hens	0.1
	1 Exotic Poultry- Quail, Pheasant, Chucker	0.1
	1 Peacocks, Guineas, Ducks	0.1
	1 Rooster, Geese, Chicks, Broilers, Poults	0.1
	1 Ducklings and Gooseling	0.04
	1 Turkey, broilers or poults	0.1
	1 Tom Turkeys or Hen Turkeys	0.1
	1, Parakeet, Cockatiel or Pigeons	0.05
Equine (Includes Miniatures)	1 Breeding	3
	1 Non-breeding	2
Goats	1 Breeding	2
	1 Non-breeding	1
	1 Milking Doe Goat	3
Rabbits	1 Breeding Rabbits (Buck or Doe)	0.2
	1 Rabbit Fryers or Non-breeding Rabbits	0.05

Specialty Animal	1 Buffalo	3
	1 Yak	3
	1 Elk **	3
	1 Llamas or Alpacas	3
	1 Ostrich, Emu, or Rhea	3
	1 Bear **	3
	1 Camel	3
	1 African Lion, Bengal Tiger, Siberian Tiger, North American Cougar, Leopard, or Cougar **	3
	1 Cub of any lion, tiger or cougar	2
	1 Breeding Dog (Male or Female) **	2
	1 Non-Breeding Dog	1
	1 Dog pup	0.2
	1 Breeding Cats (Male or Female) **	0.2
	1 Deer or Ibex **	1
	1 Breeding Monkey, Fox, Raccoon, or Prairie Dog **	1
	1 Mice/Gerbil/Hamster/Cavia	0.01
	1 Chinchillas, Degus, Squirrels**, Sugar Gliders, Ferrets or Hedge Hogs	0.1
	1 Lemur **	1
	1 Wolf **	1
	1 Wolf pups **	0.2
	1 Waterdogs or Newts	0.01
	1 Reptiles and Amphibians	0.05
	1 Kangaroo **	3
Bees	1 Hive	3
Fish	1 Head	0.01
Worms	1 Head	0.0001
Ham or Bacon	1 Cured Ham or Cured Bacon	0.2

Tractor Restoration Ownership SAE

Tractor Restoration Ownership SAE involves a student restoring a tractor or piece of equipment with historical significance (this is not intended for general equipment repair).

Students should provide documentation of their project in their record book. Those using this SAE may report their hours on the Entrepreneurship section of the State FFA Degree application **and** should describe their restoration project. See example below. **(5 hours = 1 point)**



All fields in each box must be completed on this page. Make sure that the PATHWAY is correctly marked.

Entrepreneurship/Ownership Agribusiness

The table below will be used to determine the point value awarded for gross agribusiness income. (Agribusiness and Custom Work have been combined)

$0	-	$99	=	0	Points	$7,000	-	$7,499	=	43 Points
$100	-	$199	=	1	Points	$7,500	-	$7,999	=	45 Points
$200	-	$299	=	2	Points	$8,000	-	$8,499	=	47 Points
$300	-	$399	=	3	Points	$8,500	-	$8,999	=	49 Points
$400	-	$499	=	4	Points	$9,000	-	$9,499	=	51 Points
$500	-	$599	=	5	Points	$9,500	-	$9,999	=	53 Points
$600	-	$699	=	6	Points	$10,000	-	$10,499	=	55 Points
$700	-	$799	=	7	Points	$10,500	-	$10,999	=	57 Points
$800	-	$899	=	8	Points	$11,000	-	$11,499	=	59 Points
$900	-	$999	=	9	Points	$11,500	-	$11,999	=	61 Points
$1,000	-	$1,099	=	10	Points	$12,000	-	$12,499	=	63 Points
$1,100	-	$1,199	=	11	Points	$12,500	-	$12,999	=	65 Points
$1,200	-	$1,299	=	12	Points	$13,000	-	$13,499	=	67 Points
$1,300	-	$1,399	=	13	Points	$13,500	-	$13,999	=	59 Points
$1,400	-	$1,499	=	14	Points	$14,000	-	$14,499	=	71 Points
$1,500	-	$1,599	=	15	Points	$14,500	-	$14,999	=	73 Points
$1,600	-	$1,699	=	16	Points	$15,000	-	$15,499	=	75 Points
$1,700	-	$1,799	=	17	Points	$15,500	-	$15,999	=	77 Points
$1,800	-	$1,899	=	18	Points	$16,000	-	$16,499	=	79 Points
$1,900	-	$1,999	=	19	Points	$16,500	-	$16,999	=	81 Points
$2,000	-	$2,499	=	20	Points	$17,000	-	$17,499	=	83 Points
$2,500	-	$2,999	=	25	Points	$17,500	-	$17,999	=	85 Points
$3,000	-	$3,499	=	27	Points	$18,000	-	$18,499	=	87 Points
$3,500	-	$3,999	=	29	Points	$18,500	-	$18,999	=	89 Points
$4,000	-	$4,499	=	31	Points	$19,000	-	$19,999	=	91 Points
$4,500	-	$4,999	=	33	Points	$20,000	-	$20,999	=	93 Points
$5,000	-	$5,499	=	35	Points	$21,000	-	$21,999	=	95 Points
$5,500	-	$5,999	=	37	Points	$22,000	-	$22,999	=	97 Points
$6,000	-	$6,499	=	39	Points	$23,000	-	$23,999	=	99 Points
$6,500	-	$6,999	=	41	Points	$24,000	-	& UP	=	100 Points

Total SAEP Earnings

This chart will be used to score this section of the State Degree Application. Students whose total profit or loss falls within a specific range will be awarded the amount of points found to the right of the range.

$1,000	-	$2,000	=	5	Points
$2,001	-	$3,000	=	10	Points
$3,001	-	$4,000	=	15	Points
$4,001	-	$5,000	=	20	Points
$5,001	-	$6,000	=	25	Points
$6,001	-	$7,000	=	30	Points
$7,001	-	$8,000	=	35	Points
$8,001	-	$9,000	=	40	Points
$9,001	-	$10,000	=	45	Points
$10,001	-	$11,000	=	50	Points
$11,001	-	$12,000	=	52	Points
$12,001	-	$13,000	=	54	Points
$13,001	-	$14,000	=	56	Points
$14,001	-	$15,000	=	58	Points
$15,001	-	$16,000	=	60	Points
$16,001	-	$17,000	=	62	Points
$17,001	-	$18,000	=	64	Points
$18,001	-	$19,000	=	66	Points
$19,001	-	$20,000	=	68	Points
$20,001	-	$22,000	=	70	Points
$22,001	-	$24,000	=	72	Points
$24,001	-	$26,000	=	74	Points
$26,001	-	$28,000	=	76	Points
$28,001	-	$30,000	=	78	Points
$30,001	-	$32,000	=	80	Points
$32,001	-	$34,000	=	82	Points
$34,001	-	$36,000	=	84	Points
$36,001	-	$38,000	=	86	Points
$38,001	-	$40,000	=	88	Points
$40,001	-	$42,000	=	90	Points
$42,001	-	$44,000	=	92	Points
$44,001	-	$46,000	=	94	Points
$46,001	-	$48,000	=	96	Points
$48,001	-	$50,000	=	98	Points
$50,001	-	& UP	=	100	Points

Gain in Net Worth

The following is a scoring system for the State Degree Application. This system is set up to give students an increasing amount of points as their gain in Net worth gets greater. **This will be done by obtaining the difference between the applicant's last year's Net Worth and the starting year's Net Worth and comparing it to the combined total Net Profit or Loss of the student's SAEP earnings. The smaller value of the two values will be used to determine the applicant's score.**

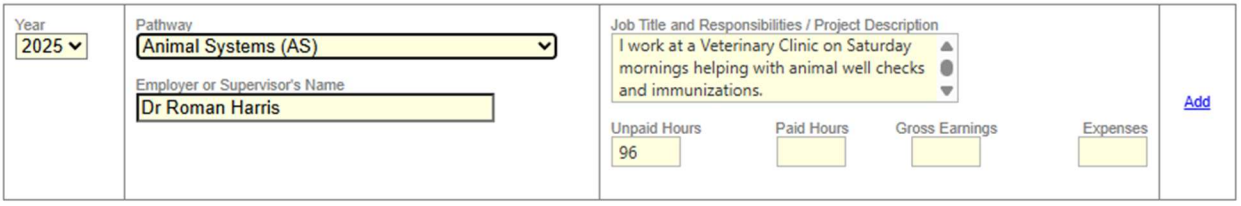
$0	-	$100	=	5	Points	$11,001	-	$12,000	=	105	Points
$101	-	$200	=	10	Points	$12,001	-	$13,000	=	110	Points
$201	-	$300	=	15	Points	$13,001	-	$14,000	=	115	Points
$301	-	$400	=	20	Points	$14,001	-	$15,000	=	120	Points
$401	-	$500	=	25	Points	$15,001	-	$16,000	=	125	Points
$501	-	$600	=	30	Points	$16,001	-	$17,000	=	130	Points
$601	-	$700	=	35	Points	$17,001	-	$18,000	=	135	Points
$701	-	$800	=	40	Points	$18,001	-	$19,000	=	140	Points
$801	-	$900	=	45	Points	$19,001	-	$20,000	=	145	Points
$901	-	$1,000	=	50	Points	$20,001	-	$22,000	=	150	Points
$1,001	-	$2,000	=	55	Points	$22,001	-	$24,000	=	155	Points
$2,001	-	$3,000	=	60	Points	$24,001	-	$26,000	=	160	Points
$3,001	-	$4,000	=	65	Points	$26,001	-	$28,000	=	165	Points
$4,001	-	$5,000	=	70	Points	$28,001	-	$30,000	=	170	Points
$5,001	-	$6,000	=	75	Points	$30,001	-	$32,000	=	175	Points
$6,001	-	$7,000	=	80	Points	$32,001	-	$34,000	=	180	Points
$7,001	-	$8,000	=	85	Points	$34,001	-	$36,000	=	185	Points
$8,001	-	$9,000	=	90	Points	$36,001	-	$38,000	=	190	Points
$9,001	-	$10,000	=	95	Points	$38,001	-	$40,000	=	195	Points
$10,001	-	$11,000	=	100	Points	$40,001	-	& UP	=	200	Points

Placement (Paid or Unpaid)

Example of a Paid Placement Entry



Example of an Un-Paid Placement Entry



Make sure that the <u>PATHWAY</u> is correctly marked.

Each enterprise should be listed separately. One single entry cannot contain both Paid and Un-Paid Placement. Directed Laboratory Experience should be listed as Un-Paid Placement.

1. Record hours to the nearest whole hour. Do not include decimals or fractions.

2. Student must provide the Year for the enterprise, Pathway, Employer or Supervisor's name, Job title and Responsibilities/Project Description and unpaid hours or Paid hours and Gross Earnings and Expenses for each entry. After filling in each required box click "Add" to enter the information into the application for each individual project.

3. When providing Job title and Responsibilities/Project Description, remember that this is how the selections committee is determining "agriculture related" or the ANFR Performance Indicator the SAE is addressing.

4. All entries should be documented in the student's recordbook.

   If directed lab experience, unpaid placement, and agriscience has been completed, a Log Sheet listing the hours worked and a description of the experience MUST be included in the record book and checked by the Area screening committees. An approved log sheet can be found on the Missouri FFA website at https://curriculum.missouriffa.org/main/record-books

5. Points are figured automatically in the application.
   15 Hours of Paid Placement = 1 Point
   20 Hours of Un-Paid Placement = 1 Point

6. **A <u>MAXIMUM TOTAL</u> OF 2,000 HOURS PER YEAR WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
   (Exchange Labor Hours + Paid Placement + Unpaid Placement Hours + Paid Agriscience Hours + Unpaid Agriscience Hours = Total)

Exchange of Labor

PLEASE NOTE: Missouri Recordbook users <u>WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE EXCHANGE OF LABOR PAGE</u>. AET Recordbooks users will not see or have access to the SAE-Exchange of Labor page. This page will print in the final product.

Example of an Exchange of Labor Entry



All fields in each box must be completed on this page. Make sure that the <u>PATHWAY</u> is correctly marked.

1. **Exchange of Labor** is used to cover expenses in and entrepreneurship/ownership SAE that are provided to the student in exchange for labor provided by the student.

2. Record hours to the nearest whole hour. Do not include decimals or fractions.

3. Student must provide the Year for the enterprise, Pathway, SAE Project name and Responsibilities/Project Description and hours or each entry. After filling in each required box click "Add" to enter the information into the application for each individual project.

4. When providing Job title and Responsibilities/Project Description, remember that this is how the selections committee is determining "agriculture related" or the ANFR Performance Indicator the SAE is addressing.

5. All entries should be documented in the student's recordbook.

6. Exchange of Labor expense is entered on the State Degree Worksheet on line 24. Hours from Line 26 should match each year of the Exchange of Labor Page total hours.

7. Points are figured automatically in the application.
   20 hours of Exchange of Labor = 1 point
   Exchange of Labor is valued at $10 per hour.

6. **<u>A MAXIMUM TOTAL</u> OF 2,000 HOURS PER YEAR WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
   (Exchange Labor Hours + Paid Placement + Unpaid Placement Hours + Paid Agriscience Hours + Unpaid Agriscience Hours = Total)

7. **Exchange of Labor is not counted toward Total Growth**

State Degree Worksheet

Line 15 and 16 – do not automatically transfer dollars from End of the Year to Start of the Year.

Line 20 (Total SAE Earnings) must be equal to or larger than (Gain/Loss in Net Worth) Line 17 for each year of the application. (A Person cannot gain more net worth that what they earn).

For AET Recordbook users this page should automatically populate based off information in the AET Recordbook.

For Missouri Recordbook users this information will need to be filled in based on **Form 11 BOOK VALUE** for each year. All line numbers line up between the recordbook pages and the line numbers on the application.

To figure Current Inventory Change use FORM 9 Lines AA and GG
To figure Non-Current Inventory Change use FORM 9 Lines BB, CC, DD, EE, & FF

FORM	LINE		Beginning of SAE	End of Year 1	End of Year 2	End of Year 3	End of Year 4	End of Year 5
9	AA	Crops, Feed & Supplies						
9	GG	Non-Breeding Livestock/Animals						
		Total Current Inventory AA + GG						
Application	Line 4a	**Total Current Inventory Change** End of Year Inventory - Start of Year Inventory						
9	BB	Machinery & Equipment						
9	CC	Perm Buildings/Improvements						
9	DD	Land						
9	EE	Capital Livestock/Animals Purchased						
9	FF	Capital Raised Livestock/Animals						
		Total Non-Current Inventory BB + CC + DD + EE + FF						
Application	Line 4b	**Total Non-Current Inventory Change** End of Year Inventory - Start of Year Inventory						
		Total Inventory Current + Non Current						
		Total Inventory Change Current Change + Non-Current Change						

If a student started their records on Jan1st of their 1st year Make sure that I number is listed in the Ending and Beginning Net Worth.

If SAE starts in January 2024, for the gain in net worth to figure correctly, on the State Degree Worksheet use the Beginning Networth for 2024 for both Beginning and Ending Net Worth for 2023.

Financial Balance Sheet Change				
15. Ending Net Worth	$1,420	$1,820	$2,458	$2,989
16. Beginning Net Worth	$1,420	$1,420	$1,820	$2,458
17. Gain or Loss in Net Worth	**$0**	**$400**	**$638**	**$531**

Leadership and Participation Guidelines

400 Points Maximum

General Guidelines

APPLICANTS MUST SCORE A MINIMUM OF 150 POINTS IN THIS SECTION TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEGREE.

Activities must be completed before January 1 of the year applying for the State Degree. It is strongly recommend using the wording in the handbook or risk activity being redlined.

List activities, offices, committees, proficiency awards, Career Development Events and awards only once (i.e., 2025 State FFA Convention) unless an exception is noted on the following pages of this handbook.

Participation in a single activity, CDE, office, committee or award more than once will count as only one activity unless an exception is specifically noted on the following pages of this handbook.

In all sections of the Leadership pages list the date of the year the activity started. NO RANGES of years need to be listed.

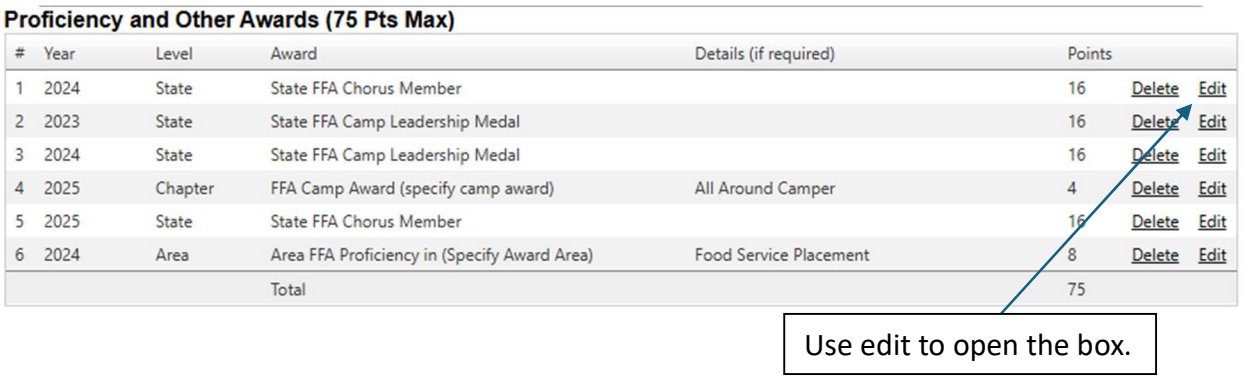
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- Choose "Load from AET" for each section and be sure details are complete.
- Make small edits on this page, or edit your FFA-related journals in AET
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If Using MO Record Book:

- Add activities by choosing "edit" and add them on this page.
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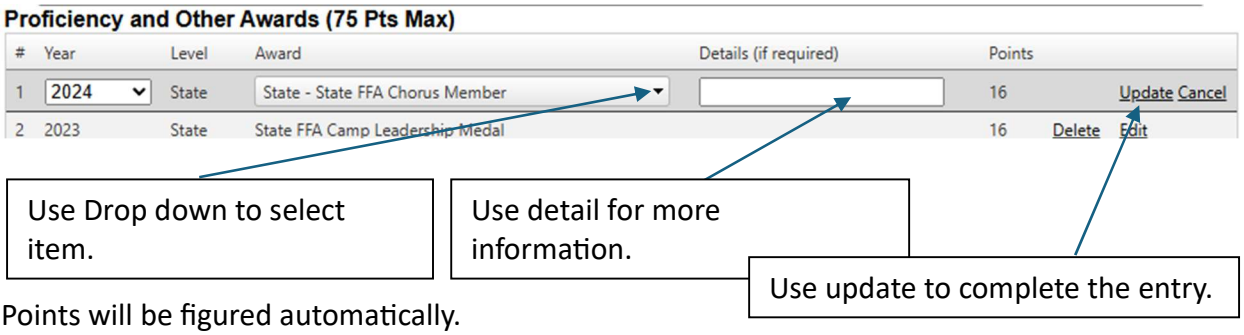
When more information is needed use the Details Box to specify



Proficiency and Other Awards (75 Pts Max)

#	Year	Level	Award	Details (if required)	Points		
1	2024	State	State FFA Chorus Member		16	Delete	Edit
2	2023	State	State FFA Camp Leadership Medal		16	Delete	Edit
3	2024	State	State FFA Camp Leadership Medal		16	Delete	Edit
4	2025	Chapter	FFA Camp Award (specify camp award)	All Around Camper	4	Delete	Edit
5	2025	State	State FFA Chorus Member		16	Delete	Edit
6	2024	Area	Area FFA Proficiency in (Specify Award Area)	Food Service Placement	8	Delete	Edit
			Total		75		

Use edit to open the box.



Points will be figured automatically.

This same method will work with all entries in the Leadership 1 and Leadership 2 sections.

Proficiency and Other Awards

75 Points Maximum

1. Only the awards listed below will be counted.

2. **Greenhand, Chapter & Area FFA Degrees can not to be used as Awards.**

3. **Chapter** = 4 points, **Area** = 8 points, **District** = 12 points, **State** = 16 points, **National** = 20 points

4. Points will only be awarded for the highest level attained.

5. Allow the top 3 teams at District in LDEs (Conduct of Meetings, Parliamentary Procedure, Greenhand Knowledge or Ag. Issues.

6. Only group I individual ratings in the following CDE will be scored as stated above. (Ag. Mechanics, Agronomy, Ag. Sales, Dairy, Dairy Foods, Entomology, Farm Management, Floriculture, Forestry, Horse, Livestock, Meats, Nursery/Landscape, Poultry, Ag Communications, Food Science, Veterinary Science and/or Soils) (Group I MUS BE SPECIFIED TO RECEIVE POINTS)

7. Proficiency Awards should be listed under the highest level participated. (The current list can be found on FFA.org) **A maximum of 3 proficiency awards per year may be listed**. The same proficiency award may be counted more than once at the area level if not an area winner and different years are listed. If they are an area winner, then they can count the award at State level once.

8. **List activities, offices, committees, Career Development Events and awards only once, (i.e., 23-24 State FFA Convention) unless a specified exception is noted on the following pages of this handbook.**

9. No current school year proficiency awards will be counted.

National Awards

20 points each

1st Place State Winner - National FFA Proficiency (specify award area)

Student Showcase - National FFA Convention

National FFA Model of Excellence Interviews

National FFA SAE Grant

* National FFA Band
* National FFA Chorus
* National FFA Talent

** Band, Choir and Talent may be counted for each year they were selected.*

National FFA Scholarship Winner

National FFA Dairy Handler

Gold Rating Individual on a Gold Rated National LDE Team (specify LDE Team)

Specify LDE in details box

Gold Rating - Individual -- National FFA (specify CDE) CDE

Specify CDE in details box

National FFA Agriscience Finalist (specify division & category)

Specify division & category in details box

EXCEPTION: May count more than one year if different years are listed.

National Finalist Chevron Tractor Restoration

*** Grand Champion FFA Division at National Livestock Show (specify breed, sex, or class)

*** Reserve Champion FFA Division at National Livestock Show (specify breed, sex, or class)

*** Grand Champion FFA Division Showmanship at National Livestock Show (specify species)

*** Reserve Champion FFA Division Showmanship at National Livestock Show (specify)

**** (EXCEPTION: May be counted more than once if different years are indicated.) Specify species and show in the details box. Must be in FFA Division or be a FFA member. See list of approved shows under National Activities.*

State Awards

16 points each

State FFA Proficiency in *(specify award area in details box)*

***Example**: Sheep Production Proficiency*

***Note**: This would be the Area winning application submitted to the state who receives a plaque on stage at the state FFA convention.)*

State FFA Alumni Association WLC Scholarship Winner

State Winner Missouri Ruralist Essay Contest

State Winner Growmark Essay Contest

State FFA Chorus Member

May be counted for each year they were selected

State FFA Talent Member

Must have performed at the State FFA Convention
May be counted for each year they were selected

Group I Individual State CDE (specify CDE)

Specify CDE in details box (Example: Agricultural Mechanics CDE)

(Listed on the CDE section)

May count District High Individual in same CDE same year if applicable.

Group I Individual State FFA Knowledge LDE

1st Place State Dairy Handler

1st, 2nd, 3rd place individual in State Grassland CDE

1st, 2nd, 3rd High Individual at State Trap Shoot -- Linn Creek Trap Range

* 1st Place Area FFA Treasurer's Book LDE	** All books may be counted for each year they were selected.* ** All books must have been on display at the State FFA Convention.*
* 1st Place Area FFA Secretary's Book LDE	
* 1st Place Area FFA Chapter Scrapbook LDE	
* 1st Place Area FFA Virtual Chapter Scrapbook CDE	
* 1st Place Area Incomplete Record Book Entrepreneurship LDE	
* 1st Place Area Incomplete Record Book Placement LDE	
* 1st Place Area Complete Record Book Entrepreneurship LDE	
* 1st Place Area Complete Record Book Placement LDE	

Top 3 Winners of MO Association of Fairs & Festivals Public Speaking Contest

State Winner in Agriscience Fair, (specify 1st or 2nd Place and specify division and category)

Example: 2nd Place State Winner in Agriscience Fair, Division II-Animal Systems

***EXCEPTION**: May be counted more than once if different years are indicated*

State HYMAX Academy

State HYPE Academy

Missouri FFA SAE Grant

Missouri State Fair Scholarship Recipient

Lincoln Arc Welding Award

Conservation Honors Program

Fall Speaking Participant TOP 6 (Specify area in details box)

Missouri Agribusiness Academy Participant

State FFA Camp Leadership Medal

EXCEPTION: May be counted more than once if different years are indicated

This should not include All Around Camper or other camp awards

Public Speaking Academy Leadership Medal

EXCEPTION: This may be in the same year and in addition to a State FFA Camp Leadership Medal. May be counted more than once if different years are indicated.

Final 6 in State LDE *(Specify event in details box)*

Fantasy Feedout Profitability Challenge Top 5

Swine Facilities Management Top 5

Missouri Soybean Innovation Top 5

Western Farm Show Farm Equipment Dealers Contest

*** Grand Champion FFA Division at State Fair (specify breed, sex, or class)

*** Reserve Champion FFA division at State Fair (specify breed, sex, or class)

*** Grand Champion FFA Showmanship at State Fair (specify species)

*** Reserve Champion FFA Showmanship at State Fair (specify species)

****** Members may receive points for the Grand/Reserve Champion for each breed, sex, or class in FFA building projects per year. (i.e. Beef, Sheep, Swine, Mechanics, Poultry, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Rabbits, Equine, Field Crop, Horticulture, Vegetable, etc.) (please indicate breed, sex, or class in description)***

Use details box for descriptions

EXCEPTION: May be counted more than once if different years are indicated

Must be in FFA Division or be a FFA member. Dairy and Equine will count if they are FFA Member

District Awards

12 points each

High Individual in District CDE or LDE (specify CDE or LDE)

(Specify 1st, 2nd or 3rd and CDE in details box)

High Individual in District FFA Knowledge LDE

(Specify 1st, 2nd or 3rd in details box)

1st, 2nd, 3rd place individual in District Grassland CDE

Top 2 District Participant - Fall Speaking

(specify Fall Speaking LDE in details box)

1st, 2nd, 3rd High Individual in District Trap Shoot

NW - Smithville

C - Linn Creek

SC - SC Postal Shoot

NE - Prairie Grove/Macon/Katonka

SW - None

SE - Popular Bluff

*** Grand Champion FFA Division at District Fair (specify breed, sex, or class)

*** Reserve Champion FFA division at District Fair (specify breed, sex, or class) .

*** Grand Champion FFA Showmanship at District Fair (specify species)

*** Reserve Champion FFA Showmanship at District Fair (specify species)

(Must indicate species or project area in details box)

(Ex. - Grand or Reserve Champion (Showmanship, Boar, etc.) at District Fair

(EXCEPTION: May be counted more than once if different years are indicated.)

Description must include species. Must be in FFA Division or be a FFA member.

District Fairs

NW - Trenton or Bethany

NE - Kirksville or Mexico

C - Marshall or Johnson County

SW - Springfield

SC - Owensville or West Plains

SE - Cape Girardeau

Area Awards

8 points each

Area FFA Proficiency (Specify Award Area)

Must specify in the details box

Top 2 Area Participant - Fall Speaking - (specify Fall Speaking LDE)

Top 2 Area Participants in the following: (MUST HAVE COMPETED AT AREA.) MIC Public Speaking (ends 2025), MO Farm Bureau Public Speaking, MO Pork Association Public Speaking, MO Sheep Producers Public Speaking, Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Public Speaking, Missouri YF/YFW Public Speaking, MO Cattle Industry Public Speaking, MO Pet Breeders Association Public Speaking, Teach Ag Speaking Contest, MO Quarter Horse Association or Midwest Dairy (Starting 2026). (Remember only count highest level achieved per year) (Use details box to specify speaking area.)

** 1st, 2nd, 3rd High Individual in Area Trap Shoot (Areas named theirs below)

Area Trapshoots:

Area 1 - Smithville	*Area 9 - Did not provide one*
Area 2 - Trenton	*Area 10 - None*
Area 3 - Lancaster or Macon	*Area 11 - Did not provide one*
Area 4 - Prairie Grove	*Area 12 - None*
Area 5 - Katonka	*Area 13 - Rover/Rolla/Houston*
Area 6 - Sedalia	*Area 14 - Herman*
Area 7 - Adrian/Warrensburg	*Area 15 - Did not provide one*
Area 8 - Did not provide one	*Area 16 - Poplar Bluff*

*** Grand Champion FFA Division at Area Fair (Specify breed, sex, or class)

*** Reserve Champion FFA Division at Area Fair (Specify breed, sex, or class)

*** Grand Champion FFA Showmanship at Area Fair (specify species)

*** Reserve Champion FFA Showmanship at Area Fair (specify species)

**** Members may receive points for the Grand/Reserve Champion for each breed, sex, or class in FFA building projects per year. (i.e. Beef, Sheep, Swine, Mechanics, Poultry, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Rabbits, Equine, Field Crop, Horticulture, Vegetable, etc.) (please indicate breed, sex, or class in details box)*

Chapter Awards

4 points each

Any two local Chapter Awards in addition to:

Chapter FFA Alumni Legion of Merit Award

Star Chapter Agribusiness

Star Chapter Agriscience

Star Chapter Farmer

Star Chapter Placement

Star Greenhand

All Around Camper

FFA Camp Award (specify camp award) *Specify camp award in details box*

Chapter FFA Proficiency in (Specify Award Area) *Must specify in the details box*

Local Chapter Award other than in handbook (specify award) - only 2 allowed

Specify award in details box

* Chapter FFA Community Service Medal

* Chapter FFA Leadership Medal

* Chapter FFA Scholarship Medal

**** EXCEPTION: Chapter Leadership Medal, Chapter Scholarship Medal and Chapter Community Service Medal may be counted more than once if different years are indicated.)***

** Grand Champion FFA Showmanship at Local Fair (specify species)

** Grand Champion FFA Division at Local Fair (Specify breed, sex, or class)

** Reserve Champion FFA Division at Local Fair (Specify breed, sex, or class)

** Reserve Champion FFA Showmanship at Local Fair (specify species)

***** Specify species in details box***

*****Members may receive points for the Grand/Reserve Champion for each breed, sex, or class in FFA building projects per year. (i.e. Beef, Sheep, Swine, Mechanics, Poultry, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Rabbits, Equine, Field Crop, Horticulture, Vegetable, etc.) (please indicate breed, sex, or class in description)***

*** Chapter FFA Prepared Public Speaker

*** Chapter FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaker

*** Chapter FFA Creed Speaker

****** (EXCEPTION: If above chapter level put in Section E. This item may not be listed in both sections A and E.***

Other FFA Activities

90 points Maximum

All activities will be counted only once and at the highest level of participation (unless otherwise specified)

1. **Chapter** = 2 points, **Area** = 4 points, **District** = 6 points, **State** = 8 points, **National** = 10 points.

2. Applicants who are exhibitors in the FFA division at the District Fair, State Fair, American Royal or other national shows may list one area, one district, one state, and/or one national activity of this type for activity points above the local level. All additional FFA exhibitor activities are local activities regardless of the number of shows or types of exhibits. Other county fairs and shows are local activities.

3. List Proficiency Awards in the Awards Section, CDE and LDE Teams on the Career Development Section and Committee on the Committee in FFA Section – These are located in FFA Activities 1 & 2 on the application.

4. **List an activity only once.** Local FFA chapter meetings will only be counted once regardless of the number of meetings listed unless otherwise specified.

National Activities

10 points each

National FFA Convention

Washington Leadership Conference

National Agriscience Fair

FFA International Programs

National FFA Convention Courtesy Corp.

National Day of Service at National FFA Convention

FFA Chapter Exhibit Booth at the National Convention

National FFA Rally for Hunger

National Envirothon

National Entomology Invitational Contest - Texas

Next Generation Conference

National BBQ Contest

Speak Ag

National Western Livestock & Meats Contest - Denver

2nd place winning Livestock & Meats Team Members

American Royal Livestock Contest - Kansas City

3rd Place State Winning Livestock Team Members

National Dairy Expo & Contest - Louisville &/or Wisconsin

2nd Place State Winning Dairy Team Members

National FFA Knowledge LDE (Invitational)

1st Place State FFA Knowledge Team Members

National Land & Home-Site Evaluation Contest

Top 5 State Soils Teams

Mid-America Grasslands Evaluation Contest

Top 5 State Grassland Teams

National Show Exhibitor (specify national show)

Specify National Show in details box

Accepted National Shows

Louisville - North American International Livestock Exhibition

Cow Palace - San Francisco

Houston - Houston Livestock Show

Ft. Worth - Fort Worth Fat Stock Show

Madison, Wisconsin - World Dairy Expo

Phoenix

Denver - Western National

Kansas City - American Royal

Nebraska - Aksarben Stock Show

Illinois - Freedom Fest

Oklahoma - Cattleman's Congress

Exhibitor in any National Junior Breed Association Show

State Activities

8 points each

State Envirothon
State FFA Trapshoot at Linn Creek
State FFA Convention
State FFA Convention Delegate
State FFA Convention Courtesy Corp.
State FFA Convention Media Room Worker
State Agriscience Fair
State FFA Leadership Camp
State FFA Public Speaking Academy
State Public Speaking Institute
Missouri Farm Bureau Statewide Leadership Day
Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture
Missouri ACTE Legislative Day
Missouri Pork Institute
Missouri Soybean Innovation Challenge
Fantasy Feedout Profitability Challenge
Swine Facilities Management
Missouri High School BBQ Contest
Mizzou Tiger Floral Cup
American Royal Youth Leadership Day at the Western Farm Show
TeachAg Academy
Drive Your Tractor to Work Day - with the Governor in Jefferson City
Missouri Youth Institute -- World Food Prize
LEAD Conference for Chapter Officers
Area Officer Institute
Missouri Farm Bureau Ambassador Contest
Missouri Pork Producers Ambassador Contest
Missouri State Fair Exhibitor *Only 1 allowed (Dairy, Equine, FFA Building will count)*
Missouri State Fair Livestock Judging *Only 1 allowed*

State Fair Booth/Demonstration - Chapter Exhibit

Chapter Exhibit in FFA Building - Only 1 allowed

NWMSU Precision Ag Academy

Northwest Missouri State University - Maryville

MU Career Exploration Days (Specify in Details)

MU CAFNR Summer Academy (Specify Academy)

Must Specify Academy to count more than once

Animal Science Leadership	*Life Science Quest*
Trapshooting	*Teach Ag and Communications*
Natural Resources	*Livestock Judging*
Meat Judging	

Statewide Activity or Event (Specify)

Must be listed in the DESE Ag Ed Calendar

Four are allowed - 1 per year

Each year must be a different activity not otherwise listed in the Leadership Section

State Participant in MIC Public Speaking (Last year 2025)	*Must have competed at State event*
State Participant in MO Farm Bureau Public Speaking	
State Participant in MO Pork Association Public Speaking	
State Participant in MO Sheep Producers Public Speaking	
State Participant in MO Association of Soil and Water Conservation Public Speaking	
State Participant in MO Young Farmers Public Speaking	
State Participant in MO Cattle Industry Public Speaking	
State Participant in MO Pet Breeders Association Public Speaking	
State Participant in MO Teach Ag Public Speaking	
State Participant in MO Quarter Horse Public Speaking	
State Participant in MO Forest Products Association Public Speaking	
State Participant in Midwest Dairy Public Speaking (*Started in 2026*)	

District Activities

6 points each

UMC Field Day (Specify in Details Box)	
SEMO Field Day	
District Envirothon	
Greenhand Motivational Conference - January with State Officers	
State Young Farmer Tour *(This is a District Level Activity)*	
District FFA Trap Shoot *(only 1 allowed)*	
District Fair Exhibitor *(only 1 allowed)* *North Central Missouri Fair (Trenton) or NW Missouri State Fair (Bethany)* *Northeast District Fair - Kirksville or Mexico* *Southwest - Ozark Empire Fair - Springfield* *Central District Fair - Marshall or Johnson County* *Southeast District Fair - Cape Girardeau* *South Central District Fair - West Plains or Owensville*	
Chapter Exhibit Booth at District Fair *(only 1 allowed)*	
MO Agribusiness Academy Interviews *(Only if not selected to attend)*	
District Participant in MIC Public Speaking (Last year 2025)	*On all District Fall Speaking - MUST NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED AT STATE*
District Participant in MO Farm Bureau Public Speaking	
District Participant in MO Pork Association Public Speaking	
District Participant in MO Sheep Producers Public Speaking	
District Participant in MO Assn of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Public Speaking	
District Participant in MO Young Farmers Public Speaking	
District Participant in MO Cattle Industry Public Speaking	
District Participant in MO Pet Breeders Association Public Speaking	
District Participant in MO Teach Ag Public Speaking	
District Participant in MO Quarter Horse Public Speaking	
District Participant in MO Forest Products Association Public Speaking	
District Participant in Midwest Dairy Public Speaking (*Started in 2026*)	

Area Activities

4 points each

Each Area should complete a list of approved area activities and submit them with the Area Applications in mid-February for use at State Degree Screening.

Area FFA Banquet	
Area FFA Barnwarming	
Area FFA Leadership Conference - Officer Training	
Area FFA Greenhand Conference	
Area FFA Greenhand Initiation	
Area FFA Rituals CDE	
Area FFA Farm/Agribusiness Tour	
Area FFA Delegate	
Area FFA Chapter Degree Ceremony or Chapter FFA Degree Motivational Conference	
Area FFA Fundraiser	
Area FFA Meeting - *Limited to 1 (Excludes Area Officer Meetings during an Area Officer Term)*	
Area FFA Officer Interview - *(Interviewed for and did not get selected)*	
Area Fair Exhibitor ***Only 1 Allowed*** *(Note: An area Fair is any fair in which two or more schools are invited)*	
Area FFA Trap Shoot - *Limited to 1 Area Trapshoot*	
Area Participant in MIC Public Speaking (Last year 2025)	***On all Area Fall Speaking - MUST NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED AT DISTRICT***
Area Participant in MO Farm Bureau Public Speaking	
Area Participant in MO Pork Association Public Speaking	
Area Participant in MO Sheep Producers Public Speaking	
Area Participant in MO Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Public Speaking	
Area Participant in MO Young Farmers Public Speaking	
Area Participant in MO Cattle Industry Public Speaking	
Area Participant in MO Pet Breeders Association Public Speaking	
Area Participant in MO Teach Ag Public Speaking	
Area Participant in MO Quarter Horse Public Speaking	
Area Participant in MO Forest Products Association Public Speaking	
Area Participant in Midwest Dairy Public Speaking *(Started in 2026)*	

FFA Offices

100 points Maximum

The current year's office must be listed.

1. The following chapter offices: president, vice president or 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel, parliamentarian, chaplain, and/or historian – 30 points/each.

2. Co or Assistant officer to the president, vice president or 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel, parliamentarian, chaplain, and/or historian – 15 points/each.

3. Area Officer - 40 points/each.

4. Offices can be duplicated at the same level but must be listed on separate lines and noted with different school years to be scored.

5. Two offices cannot be held the same year at the same level. Students can only hold and receive points for one chapter and area office per school year.

Committees in FFA

40 points Maximum

1. Applicant must specify whether it was a chapter or area committee and whether they were a member or chairman to receive points.

2. **To receive the State FFA Degree a student must serve as an officer and/or committee chairperson or a participating member of a chapter committee.**

3. **The following are the Program of Activities Committees:** (See the National FFA Program of Activities Section).

3 Chapter Divisions Committees:

(**Based upon the Divisions of the National Chapter Award Program**)

Growing Leaders
Building Communities
Strengthening Agriculture

OR

15 Chapter Standing Committees:

(Based upon the 15 Quality Standards)

Leadership Committee
Scholarship Committee
Career Success Committee
Human Resources Committee
Stakeholder Engagement Committee
Support Group Committee
Safety Committee
Agricultural Literacy Committee
Healthy Lifestyles Committee
Personal Growth Committee
Environmental Committee
Citizenship Committee
Economic Development Committee
Chapter Recruitment Committee
Agricultural Advocacy Committee

4. All Program of Activity plus BOAC committee chairman - 10 points

5. Member of one of the Program of Activities committee plus BOAC - 8 points.

6. All other committees – 5 points

7. Executive Committee member counts as (5) points only when a student is not an officer.

8. Program of Activities and BOAC committees may be listed more than once at the same level but must be listed on separate lines and noted with different school years.

Career Development Events (CDE) and Leadership Development Events (LDE)

75 points Maximum

1. Only the team & individual CDE & LDE events listed in the state &/or national career development events handbook are counted as listed below: (except for Grassland Management CDE, it will be scored in this section and not in Section B)

   Area 5 points for FFA (LDE)

   District 10 points for Agriculture (CDE)
   15 points for FFA (LDE)

   State 20 points for Agriculture (CDE)
   20 points for FFA(LDE)

   National 25 points for Agriculture (CDE)
   25 points for FFA(LDE)

2. Candidates receive points only for highest level attained.

3. No current school year CDE teams will be counted.

4. The highest level for all record books, secretary's book, treasurer's book, and scrapbook is Area, which is worth 5 points

5. EXCEPTION: A CDE team may count a maximum of twice if two different years are indicated.

Note: FFA Ritual LDE is not considered as an LDE team but as an activity under section B.

CDE List

Agricultural Communications
Agricultural Mechanics
Agricultural Sales
Agronomy
Dairy Cattle
Dairy Foods
Entomology
Environmental & Natural Resources (only for a state winning Grassland team)
Farm Management
Floriculture
Food Science
Forestry
Grassland (district or state only)
Horse Evaluation
Livestock
Meats Evaluation

Nursery Landscape
Poultry
Soils (district or state only)
Veterinary Science

LDE List

Advanced Prepared Public Speaking
Agricultural Issues Forum
Conduct of Chapter Meetings
Creed Speaking
Division I Prepared Public Speaking
Division II Prepared Public Speaking
Employment Skills
Extemporaneous Public Speaking
FFA Knowledge (area, district, or state only)
Parliamentary Procedure
Incomplete Record Book Entrepreneurship (area only)
Incomplete Record Book Placement (area only)
Complete Record Book Entrepreneurship (area only)
Complete Record Book Placement (area only)
**Secretary's Book (area only)
**Treasurer's Book (area only)
**Chapter Scrapbook (area only)
**Chapter Virtual Scrapbook (area only)

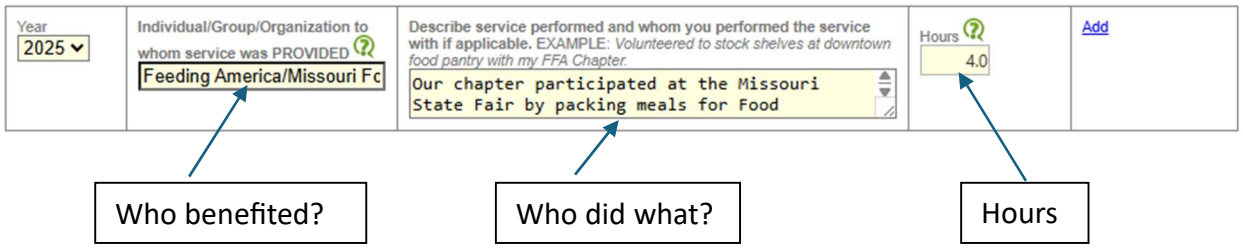
** Can be counted more than once if different years are indicated

Major Activities Outside the FFA
20 points Maximum

Note: All activities scored by the area screening committee along with the area screening committee's score (Maximum of 20 points) will be accepted without question by the state degree screening committee unless it does not meet the guidelines below.

Community Service

Example of a Community Service Entry



Student must have participated in at least 25 hours of community service, within at least 2 different community service activities.

1. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid SAE hours.

2. Activities can only be used once in the application. Activities planned by the local chapter can be included provided they are only listed in the community service section of the application and not duplicated in the FFA activities section of the application.

3. Carefully review the "Community Service Guideline for FFA Degrees" to learn what activities are eligible to be counted as community service for FFA degrees.
   https://ffa.app.box.com/s/wo71rluv9djbz4ctjxs3nqm1o4dvt6qj

   Just because you worked for free does not mean it was eligible Community Service.

   "**Who did what** for **Whom**."

Checklist

The application includes an automated checklist to help find errors or information missing from the application. It is intended to assist in finding errors. It will not find every error. A clean checklist does not guarantee the application is acceptable.

1. **Missing, Error, or Not Met** indicates a condition causing the candidate not to qualify for the degree.

2. Regardless of the qualifications shown here, FFA staff and reviewers may contact the advisor or applicant for additional information and evidence, including, but not limited to, SAE agreements and recordbooks.

3. Check and verify all items in the section Verify in SAE Records.

Method of Determining Earnings and Investments

1. Methods of determining earnings and investment minimum qualifications are: (Must meet A and B) or (C or D).

   A. **Total Earning**s is the total figure on **line 20** of the State Degree Worksheet is equal to or greater than $1,000.
   B. **Total productively invested, line 15** of the State Degree Worksheet for the last completed year must be equal to or greater than $1,000.

   C. **Placement, Agriscience and Directed Work Experience Hours** 300 hours minimum and must be in excess of scheduled Ag Ed Classroom (As part of the Supervised Agriculture Experience Program) under the direction of the Agricultural Instructor.

   D. A percentage combination of 1) Earnings and Productively Invested; and 2) Placement, Agriscience and Directed Work Experience Hours with the combined percentage totaling 100%. See Example Below

A – Total Earnings / $1,000 = _____ % B – Total Investments / $1,000 = _____% C – Total SAE Hours / 300 = _____% D – Total of all percentages and must be => 100%

Electronic Signatures

Carefully read the signature statements before electronically signing the application. Commitments are being made for all signatories, know what you are signing.

1. **Student Approval** – this is the signature of the applicant. Only when correctly signed into the applicant's electronic account can information be entered.

2. **Advisor Approval** – this is the signature of the supervising agricultural education teacher / FFA advisor. The advisor's signature is required to verify and certify the application. The advisor must be signed in to their electronic account to enter information here.

3. **Request for Parent/Guardian Approval** – this area is for the parent/guardian to certify the information in the application and give permission for information to be used. Enter the email address of the parent/guardian who's signature is being requested and click the "Request Signature" button. The application will send an email to that address. **The parent/guardian must open the email message, click the link and following the simple instructions to electronically sign the application.**

4. **Principal or Superintendent Approval** – This signature is for the school official to verify the scholastic information in the application is true and that the official is willing to recommend the candidate.

Save a New Version

It is important to understand that reviewers do not access the live, online application. The live application can be constantly accessed by applicants and is ever changing. The document reviewed is the specific, **time stamped PDF version of the application** which is generated.

1. When the application is ready with all information and signatures, it needs to be printed. If changes are made, a new complete application will need to be printed.

2. All printed copies will be submitted to the Area, District and State Level for review. Click on the **Get PDF** - To view the generated application. This is the page that will need to be printed.

   NOTE: make sure to print the latest update as there could be multi-application versions.

Depreciation Schedules – Forms 6 and 7 of the Missouri Recordbook

1. Depreciation is the decrease in value which occurs regardless of repair and maintenance. There are several methods of calculating depreciation. The "Farmers' Tax Guide" available from the Internal Revenue Service is a good reference on depreciation for income tax reporting. https://www.irs.gov/publications/p225

2. It is suggested that most students use the simple mid-year straight line method of depreciation. Basic information needed to complete this is shown below.

   EXAMPLE: A boar purchased in 2026 for $250.00 with a life of 3 years would have the following depreciation taken:
   2026 $41.67 ($250.00 - 41.67 [16.67%] = $208.33 Remaining Book Value
   2027 $83.33 ($208.33 - 83.33 [33.33%] = $125.00 Remaining Book Value
   2028 $83.33 ($125.00 - 83.33 [33.33%] = $41.67 Remaining Book Value
   2029 $41.67 ($41.67 - 41.67 [16.67%] = $0 Remaining Book Value
   Total $250.00 depreciation taken.

3. The "Total Cost Basis" is calculated from the information involved in the purchase of an item. Follow the equation listed in the "Farmers Tax Guide" reference to compute this number.

   EXAMPLE: Purchased a new law mower in June 2020. Traded in a used mower with $1050 remaining book value and paid $1750 cash.
   ($1050 + $1750 = $2800)

   Table 1 show entries needed for this example:
   Depreciation for the following years:
   2020 - $200 - "Depr. This Year" (7.14%); $2600 - Rem. Book Value"
   2021 - $400 - Depr. This Year" (14.29%); $2200 - "Rem. Book Value"
   2022 - $400 - Depr. This Year"; $1800 - "Rem. Book Value"
   Additional Forms will be required to show depreciation through the life of the equipment.
   2023 - $400 - Depr. This Year; $1400 - "Rem. Book Value"
   2024 - $400 - Depr. This Year; $1000 - "Rem. Book Value"
   2025 - $400 - Depr. This Year; $600 - "Rem. Book Value"
   2026 - $400 - Depr. This Year; $200 - "Rem. Book Value"
   2027 - $200 - Depr. This Year (7.14%); $0 - "Rem. Book Value"

   Expensing and/or adjustments need to be considered when figuring the cash basis on which depreciation is calculated. In most cases students would be advised not to use "Expensing". Use the "Farmers Tax Guide" as a reference to determine when and what to use on large farming operations with sizable taxable income. **You cannot depreciate raised breeding animals if the cost of producing them has been deducted in operating costs.**

4. FMV (Fair Market Value) is the value an item would bring (less cost of selling) if sold at the time of the evaluation.

Star State FFA Degree Supplement

The Star State FFA Degree is the highest award given in the Missouri FFA. Only four members are able to receive this award each year. There are four Star categories at the State level:

State Star Farmer
State Star in Agribusiness
State Star in Agricultural Placement
State Star in Agriscience.

State Star Farmer – candidates must have entrepreneurship type SAEs which produce only the following plants and animals intended primarily to feed and clothe humans or animals: All domesticated breeds of cattle, sheep, swine, goats and poultry (chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys), bees, llamas, alpacas, animals raised for fur and fish raised for meat or eggs. All plants raised to feed, clothe, or medicate humans or domestic animals including grains, forage, legumes, vegetables, fruits, nuts, oil crops, herbs, spices, cotton, hemp, and tobacco. Includes the production of seed and seedlings for such plants.

State Star in Agribusiness – candidates may have any entrepreneurship type SAE, which does NOT meet the specific definition for the State Star Farmer category, and which easily fits the
Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource pathways accepted by the National Council for Agricultural Education.

State Star in Agricultural Placement – candidates must have a paid or unpaid placement type SAE working for an agriculture or natural resource producer or agribusiness. To qualify the placement position must easily fit the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource pathways accepted by the National Council for Agricultural Education.

State Star in Agriscience – candidates must have a research type SAE program that involves planning and conducting a scientific experiment based on a hypothesis and the use of the scientific method of investigation on the hypothesis. This may include qualitative research, quantitative research, experimental research, descriptive research, or quasi experimental research. Members who work for agricultural laboratories but are not performing their own research should apply in the Star in Agricultural Placement category. To qualify the research must easily fit the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource pathways accepted by the National Council for Agricultural Education.

Who can apply?

1. Each year Star candidates are selected only from the current year State FFA Degree Candidates
2. Each Area FFA association is entitled to recommend one candidate in each star category for competition.
3. Star applicants must complete the current year's State FFA Degree Application and Missouri Star State Supplement.

Missouri Star State FFA Degree Supplement

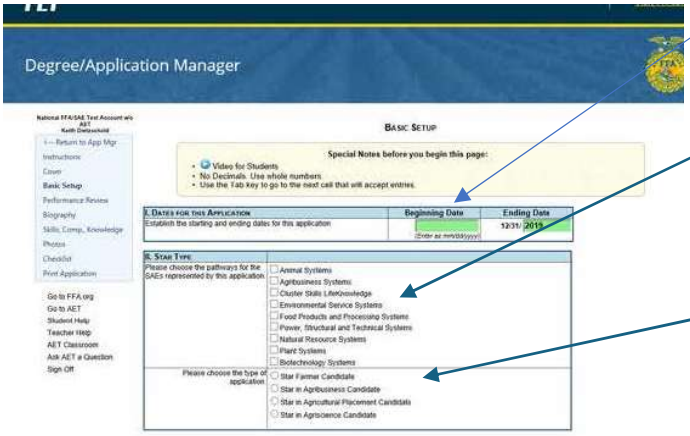
1. The Missouri FFA encourages the Area Association to use this process, but they may use their own process to select the Area Star in Farmer, Placement, Agribusiness, and Agriscience. Once an Area has selected their candidates the following information and supplement will need sent to the state FFA office.

2. Candidates who have SAE projects of multiple types must decide which their strongest type is and complete the Star Supplement with **ONLY** that information. Information from all SAE types may be included in the State FFA Degree application. Mixing SAE projects from other categories only confuses the judges and will hurt the application's score.

3. **Tax information will need to be provided for Star Applications. Please provide, on a separate page, any information about personal property tax and income tax filings.**

4. Missouri State Star Supplement application can be found in the application center on www.ffa.org.

5. To complete the supplement please follow this guide:
   Once loaded to the students' profile – Complete the Cover Page.
   Then you will need to complete the Basic Setup Page.
   Once this is completed, the appropriate pages will be available for the candidate to fill out based on the award area selected.



Enter Beginning Date – January 1 of first year of records.

Select the Pathway(s) for the Award represented in this application.

Then select the award (Star) area.

If you select Agriscience you will have other pages appear to fill out.

These will be.
1. A page to list your Research Projects
2. A page to add your research papers

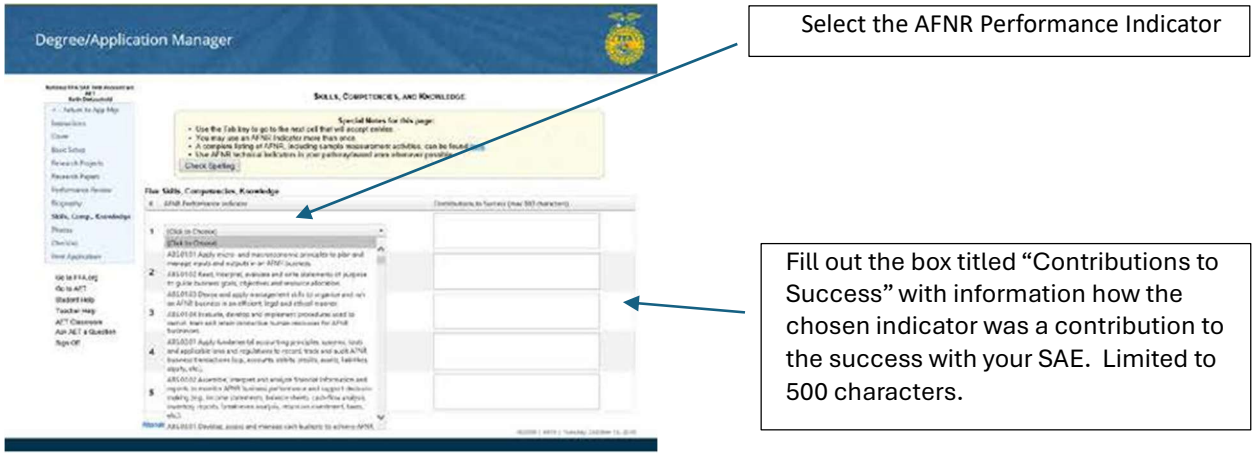
6. All applicants will have four (4) "Performance Review" questions to answer. These all have a limit of 1500 characters. They are:
   1. Briefly explain your SAE and how it relates to this award area.
   2. Briefly explain how your roles, responsibilities, and/or management decision related to this award area have changed.
   3. Briefly explain the challenges (advantages and/or disadvantages) you faced with the award area and how you overcame or utilized these challenges.
   4. Briefly explain the three (3) goals you have set for your SAE and what progress you have made in achieving these goals.

7. There is a place for you to add or fill out a Biography. This is limited to 6000 characters. Please see the example below.

8. All Star applicants complete the skill competencies and knowledge section. The candidate will identify 5 major skills, competencies and knowledge that best describe what was technically gained from the SAE using the AFNR Indicator dropdown menu.

    1. **Identify** a major skill, competency or knowledge that was gained as a result of this SAE program related to the award area you are applying for. Select from the dropdown menu provided.

    2. **Contribution to Success**: Using 500 characters or less, simply state how the skill, competency, or knowledge gained and its specific contribution that it made to your program's success.



9. You have the ability to provide six (6) photos with a caption to describe your skills and success with your chosen award area. The captions are limited to 500 characters.

10. Make sure the checklist has all "Met" values and then you are ready to generate the Missouri State Star Supplement PDF to save and attach to your State Degree Application.

11. The Agriscience candidates will need to attach a copy of the hour log for each research project(s) they counted hours on the SAE Research page of the State Degree Application.

12. All Star Applicants are to have the "WORKSHEET" attached to their State Degree Application.

13. All applicants' pages must be computer printed with the exception of minor handwritten changes from the Area Screening and notes on the Check Sheet.

14. Hardcopies of the State Degree Applications are submitted by Area Leadership to the Missouri FFA. Supplements need to be uploaded to AET. Signature pages will need to be signed and emailed to Missouri FFA.

SAMPLE STAR BIOGRAPHY

Rico Jones
Anytown FFA Chapter
Candidate for State Star in Placement

School & FFA Chapter

Rico Jones is a senior at Anytown High School. Rico is the son/daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Max Jones of Yourtown. His/her advisor(s) is/are Steven Smith and Larry James. Her/his high school principal or vocational director is Richard Leech.

Supervised Agriculture Experience Program

Rico's Supervised Agriculture Experience program began with employment at ABC Valley Farms as a freshman. ABC Valley Farms is a diversified crop and livestock farm, raising corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, swine, and cattle. After four years of employment, his responsibilities have grown each year. From just helping check the farm's livestock and haul seed to now being responsible for daily care of animals and operating farm equipment independently. Rico also has a swine finishing enterprise along with a show pig and Simmental cattle operation.

FFA Activities

Rico served as Chapter Vice-President and Area XVIII Secretary. Rico placed third at the Area Prepared Public Speaking LDE. She/he has competed on the Poultry, Meats, Livestock and Agricultural Sales CDE teams. Rico was the Area Swine Entrepreneurship Proficiency Winner. She/he has attended the Washington Leadership Conference, was selected for the HYMAX academy, and is a graduate of the Missouri Agribusiness Academy.

School Activities

Rico has been a member of the National Honor Society and the German Club. Rico has also been an officer in his/her local 4-H Club and a member of the California County 4-H National Livestock Judging Team. She/he was tri-captain of the Anytown Volleyball team and a class officer. Rico is a member of the local SADD chapter and a member of the Anytown Lutheran Church.

Future

After high school graduation, Rico plans to attend Our State University majoring in animal science and minoring in agriculture communications. Upon graduation, Rico plans to have a career in public relations in a rural community while continuing to grow his swine farm.