

FFA MANUAL

FFA Mission

- FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for
- **Premier Leadership**
- **Personal Growth**, and
- **Career Success** through agricultural education.

FFA Organizational Structure

- Chapter (Local)
 - District
 - Area
 - State
 - National
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- Members compete at each level to advance and each level has its own set of officers.

What do the letters stand for?

- Originally formed as Future Farmers of America
- In 1988, the name was officially changed to The National FFA Organization

Program of Activities

- Three divisions
 - Student Development
 - Chapter Development
 - Community Development

Supervised Agricultural Experience

- SAE's are of two main types
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Placement
- SAE's of secondary importance
 - Exploratory
 - Research

HISTORY

History

- **1917**

- The National Vocational Education Act (better known as the Smith-Hughes Act) provides funding to states for vocational education courses. (Sen. Hoke Smith and Rep. Dudley Hughes – both representing Georgia in the U.S. Congress – are the sponsors. President Woodrow Wilson signs the act into law on Feb. 23, 1917.)

- **1925**

- Virginia Tech agricultural education teacher educators **Henry Groseclose**, **Harry Sanders** and Edmund C. Magill and Virginia state supervisor of agricultural education Walter S. Newman meet to discuss an organization for boys in agriculture classes. The Future Farmers of Virginia would serve as the model for the Future Farmers of America.

History

- **1926**

- The American Royal Livestock Show invites vocational agriculture students to participate in national livestock judging contests in Kansas City, Mo.

- **1927**

- G.W. Owens, teacher-trainer at Virginia State College, and Dr. H.O. Sargent, federal agent for agricultural education for African-Americans, U.S. Office of Education, write the first constitution and bylaws of the New Farmers of Virginia, an organization for African-American agriculture students.

History

- **1928**

- **Future Farmers of America (FFA) is established at a meeting in Kansas City, Mo. • The national FFA convention – the first – is attended by 33 delegates from 18 states.**
- Leslie Applegate of New Jersey is selected as the first national FFA president.
- State associations of the New Farmers of America form regional sections and hold sectional meetings.

- **1929**

- At the 2nd National FFA Convention in November 1929, 33 states are represented by 64 delegates.
- Thirty-five state associations with approximately 1,500 chapters and 30,000 members are now affiliated with the national organization.
- National blue and corn gold are adopted as official FFA colors.
- The Star Farmer of America award – one of the first awards created by FFA – is presented to Carlton Patton of Arkansas.

History

- **1930**

- Official FFA Creed written by E.M. Tiffany is adopted.
- **First national public speaking event is held. Winner: Edward Drace, Missouri.**
- First Official Dress uniform is adopted: dark blue shirt, blue or white pants, blue cap and yellow tie.
- Delegates restrict membership to boys only.
- First official FFA manual is printed.

- **1933**

- **Blue corduroy jacket is adopted as official dress.**
- A group of FFA officers and members travel to Washington, D.C., where they are greeted on the White House lawn by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

History

- **1935**

- New Farmers of America is founded in Tuskegee, Ala.
- Active FFA membership exceeds 100,000 members.

- **1937**

- During the national FFA convention, action is taken to establish a national FFA camp and leadership training school in the Washington, D.C., area.

- **1939**

- 28.5 acres of land are purchased near Alexandria, Va., for development as a national FFA camp. The land had once been owned by George Washington.
- Identical twins Albert and Arthur Lacy of Hondo, Texas, become the only members ever to share the title of Star Farmer of America.

History

- **1942**

- During World War II, when tens of thousands of FFA members are serving in the armed services, national FFA conventions are streamlined events where only delegates and award winners attend. In 1942, just 217 people attend the convention.

- **1944**

- Future Farmers of America Foundation is formed to raise money from business, industry, government, individuals and sponsors for FFA programs and activities.
- 138,548 FFA members are serving in the armed services in World War II.
- First National FFA Agriculture Proficiency Award is presented for Agricultural Mechanics.

- **1947**

- First National FFA Band performs at the national FFA convention.

History

- **1948**

- First FFA Chorus and National FFA Talent program is held at the national FFA convention.
- National FFA Supply Service begins operation.
- Delegates approve the first international exchange program between FFA members and Young Farmers of Great Britain.
- Record jump in membership from 238,269 in 1947 to 260,300 in 1948; so many members (approx. 10,000) attend the 21st National FFA Convention in Kansas City that a folding-cot hotel is set up in the basement of the Municipal Auditorium.
- First National FFA Week is celebrated during the week of George Washington's birthday.

- **1950**

- A bill is passed by the 81st Congress of the United States that grants FFA a federal charter and specifies that a U.S. Department of Education staff member be the national FFA advisor. On Aug. 30, President Harry S. Truman signs the bill, and it becomes Public Law 81-740.

History

- **1952**

- First issue of *The National Future Farmer* magazine is published.

- **1953**

- The U.S. Post Office Department issues a special postage stamp to celebrate the 25th anniversary of FFA.
- **President Dwight D. Eisenhower is the first U.S. president to speak at a national FFA convention.**

- **1957**

- Former President Harry S. Truman speaks during the national FFA convention

- **1959**

- National FFA Center is dedicated in Alexandria, Va., on land that had originally been used as the national FFA camp.

History

- **1965**
 - **New Farmers of America merges with the Future Farmers of America.**
- **1966**
 - First FFA National Agricultural Career Show® is held at the national FFA convention to highlight educational and career opportunities in agriculture.
- **1968**
 - Presidential candidate Richard Nixon attends the national FFA convention in Kansas City.
- **1969**
 - FFA opens membership to girls, making it possible for them to hold office and participate in competitive events at regional and national levels.
 - First National Star in Agribusiness, Ken Dunagan from Arizona, is named.
 - FFA Washington Conference (now called Washington Leadership Conference, or WLC) begins.

History

- **1972**

- National FFA Alumni Association is chartered as an affiliate of the National FFA Organization.

- **1973**

- FFA Official Dress standards are created.

- **1974**

- **Fred McClure from Texas is the first African-American elected to a national FFA office.**
- President Gerald Ford is the guest speaker at the national FFA convention; his speech is carried live on network television.

- **1975**

- Food For America program is launched.
- Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter – a former FFA member – speaks at the national FFA convention.

History

- **1976**

- Julie Smiley of Washington is the first female elected to a national FFA office.
- Alaska becomes the last of the 50 states to obtain a national charter.

- **1978**

- President Jimmy Carter addresses the 51st National FFA Convention.

- **1979**

- First Extemporaneous Public Speaking Event is held. Winner: Christe Peterson, Wisconsin.

- **1980**

- National FFA Foundation raises \$1 million in one year for the first time.

History

- **1982**

- **Jan Eberly, California, becomes the first female national FFA president.**

- **1987**

- Vice President George H.W. Bush speaks at the national FFA convention; Bush is elected president in 1988.

- **1988**

- Future Farmers of America changes its name to National FFA Organization to better reflect the expanded agricultural opportunities encompassing science, business and technology, in addition to production farming.
- FFA opens membership to seventh- and eighth-grade students.
- Agriscience Student Recognition Program is introduced.

History

- **1989**

- *The National Future Farmer magazine changes its name to FFA New Horizons®.*

- **1990**

- Partners in Active Learning Support (PALS) program is launched.

- **1991**

- FFA chapters in the Virgin Islands and Guam, along with five chapters in Micronesia, are chartered.

- **1994**

- Corey Flournoy of Illinois is the first African-American to be elected national FFA president; he is also the first urban student leader.

History

- **1996**

- FFA announces its decision to move the National FFA Center from Alexandria, Va., to Indianapolis, Ind.
- FFA announces its decision to move the national FFA convention from Kansas City, Mo., to Louisville, Ky.
- The official website for FFA, www.ffa.org, debuts.

- **1997**

- First Agri-Entrepreneurship Awards are presented.

- **1998**

- National FFA Center is moved from Alexandria, Va., to Indianapolis, Ind. The new National FFA Center building – which houses the National FFA Organization, the National FFA Foundation and the National FFA Alumni Association – is dedicated on July 20.

History

- National FFA convention is held in Kansas City, Mo., for the last time.
- Jose Santiago is elected to national office; he is the first member from Puerto Rico to serve as a national FFA officer.
- The 105th Congress of the United States reviews and passes technical amendments to Public Law 81-740 (Aug. 30, 1950). Public Law 105-225 passes on Aug. 12.
- **1999**
 - The national FFA convention is held in Louisville, Ky., for the first time.
 - First National Creed Speaking event is held. Winner: Michael Von Winkle, Arkansas.
- **2000**
 - FFA Discovery Degree is available for middle school FFA members.
 - The National FFA Archives at Indiana University Purdue University in Indianapolis opens.

History

- **2001**

- First National Star in Agriscience is named: Steven Offer, Wisconsin.
- First National Star in Agricultural Placement is named: Nicholas Streff, South Dakota.

- **2002**

- First female Star Farmer is named: Karlene Lindow, Wisconsin
- Official Dress standards are revised.

- **2003**

- Javier Moreno, Puerto Rico, is elected national FFA president; he becomes the first Puerto Rican and the first person with a native language other than English elected as national FFA president.

History

- **2005**

- National FFA launches Seeds of Hope, a fundraising campaign to help rebuild Gulf Coast states' agricultural education and FFA programs following Hurricane Katrina; \$835,699 in donations is distributed to affected programs.
- FFA Foundation breaks the \$10 million mark in raising money for FFA programs and services.
- National FFA convention is held in Louisville, Ky., for the last time.

- **2006**

- National FFA Foundation receives its first \$1 million contribution, from the Ford Motor Company.
- 79th FFA National Convention is held in Indianapolis, Ind. – the first time the national convention is held here; 54,489 are in attendance.
- Endorsement of agricultural education's long-range goal of 10,000 quality agricultural education programs by 2015, where every student is a member of FFA and has a relevant SAE.

History

- **2007**

- FFA Merchandise Center opens its doors in Indianapolis, Ind.
- Membership breaks the half-million mark with 500,823 members in 7,358 chapters.
- *FFA New Horizons adds on-line feature—
<http://www.ffanewhorizons.org>.*

- **2009**

- FFA celebrates the 40th anniversary of women being admitted into FFA.

History

- First National President – Leslie Applegate from NJ
- First Nat'l President from Texas – Bobby Tucker, 75-76
- There have been 6 National Presidents from Texas
- First NFA President – David Simmons from AL
- There were 6 NFA Presidents from Texas
- Texas was the 34th State granted a state charter, 1929

FFA TRADITIONS

FFA Emblem

- Cross section of the ear of corn
 - Provides the foundation of the emblem, just as corn has historically served as the foundation crop of American agriculture. It is also a symbol of unity, as corn is grown in every state of the nation.
- Rising Sun
 - Signifies progress and holds a promise that tomorrow will bring a new day, glowing with opportunity
- Plow
 - Signifies labor and tillage of the soil, the backbone of agriculture and the historic foundation of our country's strength
- Eagle
 - National symbol which serves as a reminder of our freedom and ability to explore new horizons for the future of agriculture



FFA Emblem

- Owl
 - Long recognized for its wisdom, symbolizes the knowledge required to be successful in the industry of agriculture
- Agricultural Education and FFA
 - Emblazoned in the center to signify the combination of learning and leadership necessary for progressive agriculture



FFA Motto

- Learning to Do,
- Doing to Learn,
- Earning to Live,
- Living to Serve.

FFA Creed

- Written by E. M. Tiffany
- Adopted at the 3rd National FFA Convention
- Revised at the 38th and 63rd conventions

FFA Colors

- NATIONAL Blue
- CORN Gold
- Exact specifications for reproducing these colors as paint or digitally are available from National FFA

FFA Salute

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Repeat as punctuated. There is no comma in “one nation under God”

FFA Official Dress (OD)

- For Females:
 - Black skirt (follow school dress code, but knee length preferred)
 - OR black dress slacks
 - White collared shirt/blouse (short or long sleeve)
 - Official FFA blue scarf (purchased from FFA)
 - Black dress shoes WITH CLOSED HEEL AND TOE
 - Black hose (even with slacks)
 - Official FFA Jacket zipped to the top (purchased from FFA)

FFA Official Dress (OD)

- For Males
 - Black slacks (not jeans)
 - White collared shirt (long sleeve preferred)
 - Official FFA tie (purchased from FFA)
 - Black dress shoes or boots
 - Black socks
 - Official FFA Jacket zipped to the top

FFA Official Dress (OD)

- General comments
 - Skirt length should be modest and business-like
 - Heels for girls should be business-like. Flats acceptable and good for walking around in OD
 - Girls shoes shouldn't have anything special on them, like buckles
 - Boots for guys should not have white stitching on the toe
 - Jeans are not acceptable
 - Belts should be black and buckles small. Big stock show belt buckles should be avoided, as they are distracting if you are a speaker.

Proper use of the FFA Jacket

- Worn only by members
- Should be kept clean and neat (not a coat)
- Only the emblem, state and chapter name on back, emblem and member name on front
- Zipped to the top, collar down and cuffs buttoned
- Worn on all official FFA occasions
- No school letters, pins or insignias (not a letter jacket)
- When the jacket becomes worn, the emblems should be removed before discarding
- Remove emblems if giving to a non-member
- Act professionally when wearing the jacket

Proper use of the FFA Jacket

- Refrain from use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs
- ***No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket, which are 1) highest degree earned, 2) highest office held, and 3) highest award earned.***

Levels (kinds) of FFA membership

- Active
 - Open to high school students
- Collegiate (Eliminated at the 2018 Nation Convention)
 - Open to students in colleges where agriculture is taught
- Honorary
 - Granted to adults by the active chapter membership for service
- Alumni
 - Open to any adult who works to support FFA (booster clubs)

Degrees of FFA membership

- Discovery
 - Open for junior high students (mostly for schools which have separate junior and senior high schools)
- Greenhand
 - First year member
- Chapter
 - Second year member, must have received Greenhand degree
- State (Lonestar)
 - Must be at least a third year member, plus meet other criteria
- American
 - Typically granted to students who have graduated and apply

Getting your Greenhand Degree

- Enrolled in Agricultural Education and have plans for an SAE.
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- Learn the FFA Creed, motto, salute and mission statement.
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- Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
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- Demonstrate a knowledge of the FFA code of ethics and the proper use of the FFA Jacket.
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- Demonstrate a knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws, and the chapter Program of Activities.
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- Personally own or have access to the Official FFA Manual and the Official FFA Student Handbook.
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- Submit written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

FFA CEREMONIES

FFA Ceremonies

- Opening and Closing ceremonies performed at every meeting.
- Opening Ceremony
 - When the Presidents says “FFA members, why are we here?” and taps the gavel three times, all members stand and repeat..
 - “To practice brotherhood, honor agricultural opportunities and responsibilities, and develop those qualities of leadership which an FFA member should possess.”
 - Then the President taps the gavel one time and all are seated.

FFA Ceremonies

- Closing Ceremony
 - President has a part that ends “Fellow members and guests, join me in a salute to our flag.”
 - All members stand after three taps of the gavel and repeat the pledge of allegiance.

FFA Ceremonies

- Discovery FFA Degree – Chapter level
- Greenhand FFA Degree – Chapter level
- Chapter FFA Degree – Chapter level
- State FFA Degree – State level
- American FFA Degree – National level
- Honorary Member – Chapter level
- FFA Alumni Member Induction – Performed by Alumni
- Officer Installation – Chapter Level

FFA CHAPTER OPERATIONS

Essentials of a Successful Chapter

- 1. FFA Knowledge
- 2. Diversity of Membership
- 3. All Members Share Responsibility
- 4. Capable Officers
- 5. Challenging Program of Activities
- 6. Workable Constitution and Bylaws
- 7. Proper Equipment and Records
- 8. Well planned, Regularly held Chapter Meetings
- 9. Adequate Financing
- 10. School and Community Support

Program of Activities

- Essentially, work and other activities in which the chapter members participate
- Includes things like LDE's, CDE's, meetings, fundraising, Halloween Fest, Deuches Fest, banquet, and community service
- Three divisions
 - Student Development – Leadership, Healthy Lifestyles, SAE, Scholarship, and Agricultural Career Skills
 - Chapter Development – Recruitment, Financial, Public Relations, Leadership, and Support Group
 - Community Development – Economic Development, Environmental and Natural Resources, Human Resources, Citizenship, and Agricultural Awareness

FFA Officers

- President
 - Preside over meetings
 - Appoint committees
 - Coordinate activities of the chapter
 - Represent the chapter in public relations at official functions
- Vice President
 - Assume duties of the president if necessary
 - Develop the POA
 - Coordinate all committee work
 - Work with president and advisor in assessment

FFA Officers

- Secretary

- Prepare and post the meeting agenda
- Prepare and present the minutes
- Place all committee reports in secretary's file
- Chapter correspondence
- Maintain membership records
- Have certain items on hand for each meeting

- Treasurer

- Work with FFA Funds
- Prepare monthly treasurer reports
- Collect dues and other money
- Maintain financial records
- Submit roster together with secretary and advisor
- Chair of finance committee

FFA Officers

- Reporter
 - Chair of Public Relations committee
 - Plan all media programs
 - Release news and information
 - Publish chapter newsletter or other media
 - Chapter scrapbook
 - Chapter Photographer
- Sentinel
 - Maintain order in meetings
 - Set up meeting room
 - Take charge of candidates for degree ceremonies
 - Assist with special features and refreshments

FFA Officers

- Advisor (Ag Teacher)
 - Supervise chapter activities
 - Build community support
 - Assist with recruiting
 - DO EVERYTHING ELSE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE
- Student Advisor
 - Serve as an addition member of the officer team
 - Assist the Advisor in times of need
- Historian
 - Share responsibilities of Reporter, specifically scrapbook
- Parliamentarian
 - Assist Sentinel and rule on parliamentary law questions
- Chaplain
 - Lead prayers at meetings and banquets

Chapter Meetings

- Meetings should be well planned
- Meeting room set up per diagram in the manual
- Chapter should maintain a quality set of station markers
- Order of Business
 - Opening ceremony
 - Minutes
 - Officer reports
 - Special features
 - Unfinished business
 - Committee reports
 - New business
 - Ceremonies
 - Closing Ceremony
 - Entertainment and refreshments

Use of the Gavel

- One Tap
 - Adjournment
 - Completion of business
 - Message to be seated
- Two Taps
 - Calls meeting to order
- Three Taps
 - Calls members to stand at end of third tap
- Series of short Taps
 - Restore order

Parliamentary Procedure

- Refer to supplemental handouts

More Chapter Operations

- Chapter Banquet
- Public Relations Activities
- Websites
- Social Networking
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - others

FFA PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Camps and Conventions

National Programs & Activities

- Agricultural Career Network
- Service Learning/Service Engagement
 - Living to Serve
 - Community Service
 - Service Learning
 - National Days of Service
 - Partners in Active Learning Support (PALS)
- FFA New Horizons
- Food For America
- National FFA Week
- Leadership Conferences (WLC)
- State FFA Officer Leadership Continuum
- National Convention

FFA AWARDS

FFA Awards

- Chapter Based Awards
 - National Chapter Award
 - Models of Innovation
 - Models of Excellence
 - Golden Horizon
- Member Based Awards
 - Proficiency Awards
 - Stars Program
 - John Justin “Standard of the West” Award
 - Ryan Mott Scholarship
 - Texas FFA Scholarship
 - National FFA Scholarship

Chapter Based Awards

- National Chapter Award
 - Three levels – One, Two, and Three Star (the best)
 - Three Star chapters are recognized on stage at National Convention.
 - Top 10% of submitted applications at the State level are advanced to National for evaluation and scoring. Recognized on stage at State Convention.
 - High scoring chapters may also be considered for the Models of Innovation or Model of Excellence awards, which are part of the NCA program
 - Award application is through the AET Recordbook (advisor's side)
 - Based on the 15 components of the Program of Activities
 - Friona has received a National Chapter Award in the past. The last time was in 1994.
 - (Award plaque is in the display case)

Chapter Based Awards

- Golden Horizon Award
 - Texas only award, not given by National FFA
 - Award is a point system, based on the number of participations in various Texas FFA events
 - Points are awarded at each level of participation, but the number of points awarded is not based on placings.
 - Participation is key. While it is great to win, and you will get more points for participating at the next level, it is just as important to commit to and follow through with a contest.
 - Three levels are given, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Gold Level Recipients are recognized on stage during the State Convention.

Student Based Awards

- Stars Program

- Star Awards are given in four categories: Production, Placement, Agri-Science, and Agri-Business.
- Star Awards are given at four levels: Greenhand, Chapter, Lonestar, and American
- Add it up! That is 16 potential Star applications from each chapter.
- Stars interview and are judged at the district, area, and state level, with the winner at each level advancing to the next. Only Star American winners advance to Nationals.
- Area winners must be onstage at state convention. The state winner is a closely guarded secret!
- State winners receive a \$1000 scholarship and a plaque.
- The award selection is based on your SAE, as well as your participation in other FFA activities, making you a well rounded member.

Student Based Awards

- Proficiency Awards

- Award based on you specific SAE
- Some are split between Entrepreneurship and Placement, others are judged together as one category.
- Must have 12 months of record book to apply (no Greenhands)
- Judged at district, area, and state level, with the winner at each level advancing.
- State winners receive a plaque and \$1000 scholarship. There is also a cash award for National finalists and winners.
- There is a potential for 10 applications at state in each proficiency award area, but not all have that many. Several will have very few applications (for example Fruit Production).
- Proficiency Awards are more competitive than they were 10 years ago, and you must show growth over several years in the same SAE. Show animal SAE's rarely win state.



**NATIONAL
FFA ORGANIZATION**

Agricultural Proficiency Awards

2017 Proficiency Award Areas

Created: 11/2016

1. Agricultural Communications – Entrepreneurship/Placement
2. Agricultural Education – Entrepreneurship/Placement
3. Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication – Entrepreneurship/Placement
4. Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship
5. Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement
6. Agricultural Processing – Entrepreneurship/Placement
7. Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship
8. Agricultural Sales – Placement
9. Agricultural Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement
10. Agriscience Research – Animal Systems
11. Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems
12. Agriscience Research – Plant Systems
13. Beef Production – Entrepreneurship
14. Beef Production – Placement
15. Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship
16. Dairy Production – Placement
17. Diversified Agricultural Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
18. Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship
19. Diversified Crop Production – Placement
20. Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship/Placement
21. Diversified Livestock Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
22. Environmental Science and Natural Resources – Entrepreneurship/Placement
23. Equine Science – Entrepreneurship
24. Equine Science – Placement
25. Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
26. Food Science and Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement
27. Forage Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
28. Forest Management and Products – Entrepreneurship/Placement
29. Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
30. Goat Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
31. Grain Production – Entrepreneurship
32. Grain Production – Placement
33. Home and/or Community Development
34. Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement

35. Nursery Operations – Entrepreneurship/Placement
36. Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement
37. Poultry Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
38. Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
39. Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement
40. Specialty Animal Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
41. Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
42. Swine Production – Entrepreneurship
43. Swine Production – Placement
44. Turf Grass Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement
45. Vegetable Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
46. Veterinary Science – Entrepreneurship/Placement
47. Wildlife Production and Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement

Student Based Awards

- John Justin “Standard of the West”
 - Texas only award, sponsored by Justin Boot Company
 - Area winners receive \$500 and a voucher for a pair of boots
 - State winners receive \$2500 and a voucher for a pair of boots
 - **The Ag teacher of the state winner gets a pair of full quill Ostrich boots (hint, hint)**
 - Recognized on stage at State Convention
 - Application found on the Texas FFA website (in the spring)
 - Best if filled out by seniors
 - More information at www.texasffa.org

Student Based Awards

- Ryan Mott Scholarship
 - Competitive scholarship through Texas FFA
 - Named for a past state officer who died of Leukemia while in office (he was on the same team as Mr. Klose, the AG teacher in Canyon)
 - One state winner receives \$1000 scholarship
 - Based on personal qualities, not ACT scores or grades
 - Senior applicants only
 - More information at www.texasffa.org

Student Based Awards

- Texas FFA Scholarship Program
 - Highly competitive. Expectations are high grades and heavy involvement in FFA. Other extracurricular activities are unimportant.
 - About 135 recipients. Apply and interview at the area level. Top 25 are submitted to state. There they undergo a “paper cut”, meaning written applications are scored and only a percentage of those will be asked to come to state for an interview. Not all that interview at state will receive a scholarship.
 - More information at www.texasffa.org

2016 TEXAS FFA SCHOLARSHIPS					
Donor Name	Number Available	Amount	Approved Major	Minimum Class Rank	Additional Notes
San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo (SALE)	13	\$20,000	NO	50%	
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR)	70	\$18,000	NO	25%	Can't have another HLSR Scholarship (\$18K Go Texan, Metropolitan, Etc.) Can't have more than \$75K in total outside scholarships. Can't be Terry Scholarship Recipient
Rodeo Austin	4	\$16,000	NO	25%	
Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation	35	\$10,000	NO	25%	
Fort Worth Stock Show Syndicate, Jim Bob Norman Scholarship	10	\$10,000	YES	50%	
C.J. "Red" Davidson	3	\$5,000	YES	50%	
Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo	4	\$4,000	YES	50%	
Texas Ag Ed	1	\$2,000	YES	50%	
Farm Credit	4	\$2,000	YES	50%	
Young Farmers	1	\$1,000	YES	50%	
Please note - There is ONE application for these scholarships. You CANNOT apply for a specific scholarship. The awarded scholarship is determined by final application ranking.					

Student Based Awards

- National FFA Scholarship
 - Opened November 15. Seniors only.
 - Varying amounts, ranging from \$500 to \$2500.
 - No interview, scholarships awarded based solely on the written application
 - Signature page is due February 1.
 - More information at www.ffa.org

Student Based Awards

- SAE Grants
 - Money awarded to students based on a “needs” application
 - Applicants must be 9-11th grades.
 - Money is used to assist in the development of an SAE project
 - Application is through the AET recordbook