

SOUTH CAROLINA FFA ASSOCIATION

Description of Awards

All award applications must be submitted to your Regional Coordinator by the Spring Agriculture Teachers meeting.

National Chapter Award

The purpose of the National Chapter Award program is to encourage chapters to develop and use a POA. The key to a chapter's success is to plan its activities and then carry out that plan. The FFA rewards chapters for their accomplishments through the chapter award program. Chapters can apply for awards using the same committees and standards they use in their program of activities. These chapters develop and use a program of activities that emphasizes student, chapter and community development. All chapters are expected to submit Form I of the National Chapter application.

Awards of \$1,000 will be made to the top chapter in each of the three divisions. Additional monetary awards will be made to other Gold Chapters if funds are available. This award will be used for the advisor and a chapter member to attend the National Convention.

Award Categories

- **State Superior Chapter Award**
Earned by chapters that complete and document at least one activity related to each of the 15 quality standards.
- **State Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards**
Earned by chapters that supply additional information about three activities in each division. State judges score these activities to determine the exact award level.
- **Three-Star, Two-Star and One-Star: National Level Award**
Chapters that receive the State Gold Award advance for national judging.
- **Model of Innovation Awards**
Presented to the 10 top-scoring finalist Three-Star Gold chapters in each division. The top-rated middle grade chapter is also recognized.
- **National Winner**
A chapter for each division is selected through an interview and judging process.

Team Awards for CDE's

State winning teams in the following areas will compete at the national level. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams will receive plaques. If your team is unable to attend you should let the South Carolina FFA Executive Secretary know as soon as possible and return the cash award. Any change in members of a team must meet the rules listed by the National FFA. For State CDE's that have no National CDE's, the winner may use the cash award to attend the National Convention, an approved event such as WLC or a college scholarship. You need to let the South Carolina Executive Secretary know of your choice.

Ag Mechanics
Agronomy
Dairy Foods
Dairy Judging
Envirothon
Equine
Farm Business Management
Floriculture
Forestry
Greenhand Creed Speaking
Greenhand Knowledge Bowl
Livestock Judging
*Middle School Round Robin
Nursery/Landscape
Parliamentary Procedure
Poultry
*Soils
Tool ID
Tractor Operation & Safety
Wildlife

*Soils – State winner and 2nd place teams will compete at the national level. District winners will receive plaques. 1st place will receive a plaque. 2nd and 3rd place individuals will be awarded certificates. (Soils top individual will get a trip to the national convention, and the 2nd individual will win a watch.) Other CDE's may have sponsors that will provide special awards.

*Middle School Round Robin – Awards may vary each year.

Individual Events

Prepared Public Speaking
Creed Speaking
Upper Creed Speaking
Extemporaneous Public Speaking
Job Interview

State winning individuals, in the following areas will compete at the national level. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place individuals will receive plaques. Any individual CDE winner that cannot make the National CDE will be replaced by the second place individual in our state. If the second place person cannot attend the SC Association will continue down the placing of the state contest to find a representative.

Individual Awards

Agricultural Education Scholarships: The South Carolina Fertilizer and Agrichemicals Association and the South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association each provide scholarships to FFA members who are pursuing a course of study leading to a BS Degree in Agriculture at Clemson University.

Hilton V. Rogers Scholarship sponsored by the South Carolina Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association is available to Incoming Freshman at Clemson University.

South Carolina Young Farmers and Agribusiness Association Scholarships are available to Agricultural Students Enrolling or Enrolled at Clemson University.

Agricultural Proficiency Awards: The Agricultural Proficiency Awards program like the FFA motto helps you set goals and learn practical skills. The program rewards FFA members at the local, state and national levels for exceptional accomplishments and excellence in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. Each chapter should submit several applications. A monetary award and certificate are given to the winner in each area. The number of proficiency and the monetary award are determined by the National FFA. The areas can be found at the National FFA website.

Individual FFA Member Award: The purpose of this award is to offer an incentive to students that are well rounded in their SAE, FFA Leadership, School and Community Activities and Scholastic Ability. A Region winner will be declared in each Region and the State winner will be announced at the State Convention. The FFA member placing the highest in the State will receive \$500 to pay expenses to the National FFA Convention, an approved event such as WLC or a college scholarship. You need to let the South Carolina Executive Secretary know of your choice. Any student that has not been declared a State winner previously and is currently enrolled in an Agriculture Education class and is a dues paying member is eligibility to enter an application.

Star State Farmer, Star State Agribusiness and Star in Agriculture Placement Awards:

These awards are designed to recognize outstanding achievement in production agriculture, agribusiness and a placement SAE. Active participation in the FFA is also considered. A pin and at least \$500 are awarded to the state winners of each to be used to attend the National FFA Convention, an approved event such as WLC or a college scholarship. You need to let the South Carolina Executive Secretary know of your choice. A pin will be awarded to each of the regional winners. The Long Form of the State Degree Application must be completed.

State FFA Degree Award: This award is designed to recognize individual FFA members who have met the following minimum requirements as established by the National FFA Organization:

Each candidate will receive a pin and certificate.

Section E. State FFA Degree – To be eligible to receive the State FFA Degree from the State Association, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Have received the Chapter FFA Degree.
2. Have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) or have completed all the available agricultural education instruction available at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree.
3. While in school, have completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, which includes a supervised agricultural education experience program.
4. Have earned and productively invested at least \$1,000 or worked at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof, in a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
 - a. Performing ten procedures of parliamentary law.
 - b. Giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA.
 - c. Serving as an officer, committee chairperson or participating member of a chapter committee.
6. Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local agricultural education instructor and the principal or superintendent.
7. Have participated in the planning and completion of the chapter program of activities.
8. Have participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level.

National FFA Band or Chorus: Applications must be made through your regional coordinator. Please notify your coordinator no later than the Spring Agriculture Teachers meeting of your intentions if you have such a candidate.

National FFA Agriscience Fair: This award is designed to recognize FFA members in agriscience who are studying the application of scientific principles and emerging technologies in an agricultural enterprise. Please notify your regional coordinator by the Spring Agriculture Teachers meeting that you have a member participating.

Honorary State Degrees: Honorary degrees are awarded to recognize individuals who have rendered outstanding service to agricultural education. Degrees are awarded selectively, and chapters are encouraged to submit no more than one application a year. Detailed applications must be submitted. A separate form is available for Agricultural Education Teachers.