

Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, and Star in Agricultural Placement

Regional Selection: Regional Paperwork Day

State Selection: State FFA Convention

ELIGIBILITY

All members participating in the Star program must meet the eligibility requirements and adhere to the rules of the Kentucky FFA Association as outlined in the Rules Governing FFA Activities document.

Regional Star Farmers, Stars in Agribusiness, and Stars in Agricultural Placement must be enrolled in agricultural education at the time the State Degree is submitted. Out-of-school applicants will not be considered for Star awards.

For the State Star process, the regional Stars must complete and submit the Star Battery in addition to their State Degree. The submission of the Star Battery is also recommended at the regional level.

REGIONAL SELECTION

A regional committee made up of the State Officer from the region, the Regional Advisor, and at least three Regional FFA Officers will review all State Degrees from the region and choose two Star Finalists in each area.

Applications will be scored using a rubric provided by the Executive Secretary.

A committee made up of Teachers of Agriculture from the region will visit the Star finalists and select the Regional Star in each area.

All regional stars will be selected and reported to the Executive Secretary prior to State Rating.

STATE SELECTION – APPLICATION SCORING

All Star applications will be scored prior to the State Convention using an electronic process.

At least three teachers of agriculture shall score each set of applications using the appropriate star rubric. At least one member of the SAE committee shall serve on each scoring committee.

Teachers will abstain from scoring applications from their own chapter.

Each member will score each application and will submit their scores to the Executive Secretary.



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STATE SELECTION – PERSONAL INTERVIEW

The purpose of the interview is to determine the accuracy of information included in the degree application and the participant's involvement in and knowledge of the program.

Interviews will be conducted by a committee during the state FFA convention. For each Star area, six current and/or former teachers of agriculture will be invited to serve on each committee along with five representatives from the agriculture industry.

Members of the Interview Committee will score the participants using the official rubric. Interview scores will be turned in to the Executive Secretary.

If a student does not participate in interviews, he/she will not be recognized on stage and will not receive premium money.

TALLYING OF SCORES

The Executive Secretary will tally the scores from the applications and the interview and add these together. The application score will count for 60% of the total score and the interview will count for 40% of the total score.

Ties will be broken using the tied participants' interview scores. If a tie still exists, it will be broken based on the tied participants' overall scores on Section I of the application. If a tie still exists it will be broken based on the participants' score for the Knowledge section of the interview.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF STATE STARS

All Regional Stars will be recognized at the State FFA Convention.

During the final convention session, all Regional Stars will be introduced on stage.

The top five stars in each area will be named and will have their slide shows show before the State Stars are named.

STAR DISPLAYS AT STATE FAIR

The top five Regional Stars in each area and the three State Stars will be expected to prepare exhibits for the Kentucky State Fair. Premium money is awarded for Star Displays on the Danish system.

