The purpose of the Star Interview is to verify the candidate’s knowledge of the project and involvement in the project.

The Star Interview is NOT an interview contest. Candidates should be scored on how well they demonstrate knowledge and involvement in the project—not how well they speak, stand, etc.

The candidate who is selected the State Star should show exceptional knowledge, planning, management, and business skills and should be familiar with all aspects of his or her project.

Knowledge of the Project (40 Points)

- Candidate shows knowledge of the technical aspects of his or her placement (chemicals, varieties, terminology, etc.)
- Candidate demonstrates that he/she has developed knowledge and skills through the project that will be helpful to them throughout life
- It is clear that the candidate has been given more responsibilities throughout the placement based on his or her knowledge and skills

Involvement in the Project (20 Points)

- It is clear that the candidate is actively involved in the business that he or she is placed in
- Questions about candidate placement, skills, and responsibilities are clearly answered by the candidate

Vision/Future Plans for Using Skills Developed Through the Project (10 Points)

- Candidate has clear vision for the future of his/her placement
- Candidate understands and can name skills that he/she has learned through the project and understands how these skills will be used in future jobs and employment

Involvement in FFA and School/Community Activities (20 Points)

- Candidate has participated in activities that are related to his/her SAE Project
- Candidate demonstrates leadership skills and abilities through involvement in organizations
- Candidate is involved in the community and will be a productive citizen

Inconsistencies (10 Points)

- Any inconsistencies in the application are cleared up through the interview
- If there are no inconsistencies, give the candidate full 10 points
- Candidate appropriately answers all questions related to filing income taxes