**Eligibility Requirements**

1. Must have the Chapter FFA Degree, have been an active member of the FFA for at least (2) years, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.
2. Must have satisfactory completed at least (2) years of instruction in agricultural education, have in operation an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program, and be regularly enrolled in an agricultural education class; or, if out of high school, have satisfactorily completed at least three (3) years, of instruction in agricultural education or all of the agricultural education offered in the school last attended.
3. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the State Association and National Organization
4. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
	1. Performing ten (10) parliamentary procedure activities.
	2. Give a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA.
	3. Serving as an officer and/or committee member of a Standing FFA Committee.

5. Must have earned and productively invested or deposited in a bank at least one thousand dollars ($1500) by his/her own efforts from supervised agricultural experience program and/or other agricultural occupation, or have worked (other than class scheduled time) at least three hundred (300) hours in the case of directed laboratory experience program, or a combination thereof.

6. Show outstanding ability as evidence by his/her leadership and cooperation in student, chapter, and community activities.

7. Has demonstrated competency in an agricultural occupation and has a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the agricultural instructor and principal or superintendent.

8. Participate in the planning and completion of the chapter program of activities.

9. Must have participated in an outstanding way in activities for community improvement and the development of agricultural.

10. Must have participated in a minimum of three (3) regional and two (2) state and/or national activities.

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

**Deadlines**

1. State FFA Degree applications must be submitted to the regional degree evaluation. Most regional evaluations are held in March. The Regional KAAE Chair can provide detailed information.
2. Final copies of Star Degree applications (and Kentucky Star Batteries) must be submitted to the Executive Secretary by May 10.

**Completion of the Degree Application**

1. FFA member completes the State FFA Degree application online at [www.theaet.com](http://www.theaet.com)
2. FFA member reviews the application using the requirements listed above.
3. Degree application is signed by the student, advisor, parents, and school administrator.

**Regional Degree Review and Star Selection**

1. Each region will review the degree applications that are submitted at the regional evaluation.
2. Applications that meet all requirements will be forwarded to the Executive Secretary. Applications that do not meet the requirements may be sent back to the chapter to be corrected. All applications must be submitted to the Executive Secretary by April 15.
3. Regions will select regional star finalists based on the applications that are submitted. It is strongly recommended that regions conduct a visit (virtual or in person) with the finalists prior to selecting the regional stars.
4. Regions will select regional stars in each of three areas- Farmer, Agribusiness, and Placement and submit these names to the Executive Secretary by April 20.

**State Star Selection**

1. Each regional star will submit their application and a copy of the Kentucky FFA Star Battery to the Executive Secretary by May 10.
2. Applications and batteries will be scored by a panel of teachers prior to the State FFA Convention. The score will count 60% of the total score.
3. Star candidates will be interviewed by a panel of judges during the State FFA Convention. The interview score will count 40% of the total score.