



Georgia FFA Association Proficiency Award

I. OVERVIEW

The Proficiency Award Program recognizes students for outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience programs.

II. PURPOSE

The Proficiency Award program is designed to encourage students to strengthen their Supervised Agricultural Experience program. It should also provide teachers a motivational tool and incentive program.

III. ELIGIBILITY

Any student who is a paid FFA member is eligible to participate in the Proficiency Award program. Members may apply for up to one year after high school graduation if they have completed at least three full years of agricultural education or have completed all the agricultural education offered in the school last attended. FFA members are eligible to submit a maximum of one proficiency application in a given year to be considered beyond the chapter level.

IV. SPECIAL NEEDS REQUEST

To report any special needs or request special services for a student to compete in a Career Development Event or FFA Award area (Area or State level), it is the responsibility of the FFA advisor to provide a detailed and specific request and explanation in writing. Requests should include written documentation from the school system verifying the IEP and need being requested. Written requests must be submitted to the CDE Superintendent prior to registering for the CDE/event (at least 3 weeks prior to the date of competition).

V. RULES

1. Applications should be the work of the student applying and should accurately reflect the student's SAE.
2. Students may enter one proficiency award application in a given school year.
3. A student who wins a state proficiency award in a particular area is not eligible to re-enter an application in that area.
4. Each local chapter may submit a maximum of one proficiency application per category for Regional consideration.
5. The FFA Executive Secretary is responsible for judging on the state level.

VI. EVENT FORMAT

1. There are variable numbers of proficiency awards offered by the National FFA Organization annually. The number and area of awards offered is provided by the National FFA Organization by June 1.
2. Awards are available in both placement and entrepreneurship.
3. Applications received in the Regional office by the designated due date will be considered for Regional awards and rankings.
4. Three State Finalists will be selected to compete for state rankings.
5. Regional winners in each proficiency award category will be named state proficiency finalists.
6. In the event that a region does not have an entry in any category, a regional runner up can be considered for state finalist status.
7. Once named, any of the three students named State Finalists are eligible to be named state winner.
8. State Finalist applications will be evaluated by a committee selected by the FFA Executive Secretary.
9. State Finalists will interview at the State FFA Convention.
10. State Finalists application and interview scores will be used to select the final state rankings.



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VII. SCORING

Application scoring will follow the appropriate scoring rubric for each national FFA proficiency application (entrepreneurship or placement). Interview scores will be based on candidates' ability to explain their application and SAE, ability to communicate and professionalism/appearance using state approved proficiency Interview Rubric.

Proficiency applications will be scored according to the National FFA Entrepreneurship, Placement or Agriscience/Research rubrics that are available on www.ffa.org. The written application rubric counts for 100 points and the interview rubric counts for 50 points. Each judge will be asked to score each application and student interview. Judges will be asked to score the applications prior to the interview. All applications and interviews will be scored independently using the rubrics. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to event officials to determine final rankings of participants. The application rank will be weighted twice; and the interview rank will be weighted once for the overall low rank.

VIII. TIE BREAKERS

Ties will be broken by Proficiency Interview rank.

IX. AWARDS

Awards shall be determined each year by the Board of Trustees of the Georgia FFA Foundation. The event is made possible through the Georgia FFA Foundation as a special project of an industry sponsor or from the Foundation General Fund. There are also awards provided to by the national sponsor of the awards.

X. REFERENCES

Consult the National FFA Proficiency Award Handbook and the FFA Student Handbook for more information.