

I. OVERVIEW

The State FFA Degree is the highest level of membership the Georgia Association may bestow upon a member.

II. PURPOSE

The State FFA Degree is designed to recognize students who have developed an outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program throughout their FFA career.

III. ELIGIBILITY

A. Qualifications

1. Must have the Chapter Degree and have been an active member for a minimum of the past 24 months at the time the application is submitted.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours) of agricultural education or completed the agricultural education program at or above the ninth-grade level which includes a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
3. Have earned and productively invested at least \$1,000 or worked 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof, in a supervised agricultural experience program.
4. Have participated in at least 25 hours of community service, comprised of at least two separate activities.
5. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
 - A. Performing 10 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 school scholastic record of "C" or better as certified by the advisor or 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.

B. Membership

1. To retain membership in high school, a student must be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study; either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program, with the objectives of an agricultural career.
2. Members may retain active FFA membership after high school until November 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention since their graduation.
3. Example:

A student who graduated from high school on June 1, 2023; that student can retain active membership through November 30, 2026.

2023- 1 st National Convention	2024- 2 nd National Convention
2025- 3 rd National Convention	2026 - 4 th National Convention

Membership would terminate on November 30, 2026.
4. A student applying for the State Degree after high school graduation is not eligible for a Star award.

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. REFERENCES

Consult the Official FFA Manual for all degree information. The State Degree application is available on the Georgia FFA website (www.gaaged.org), in the “Applications” link.