

South Region Outstanding Chapter Award Program “Blue Sign”

I. Overview:

The South Region Agricultural Education Team will recognize outstanding chapters through participation in Agricultural Education and FFA activities on the region, state, and national levels. This recognition is the South Region Outstanding Chapter Award Program, or “Blue Sign”. Three “Blue Signs” will be awarded to both Area 5 and Area 6 Agricultural Education Programs. Awards categories are:

- 1.) **Middle School Program**
- 2.) **Single Teacher High School Program**
- 3.) **Multiple Teacher High School Program**

II. Purpose:

To provide recognition for Area 5 and Area 6 FFA programs participating in Agriculture Education / FFA events and reward those chapters that participate and excel in events conducted by the South Region Agricultural Education Team, Georgia FFA Association and the National FFA Organization.

III. Eligibility:

All South Region Agricultural Education Programs have opportunities to earn points and be recognized at the Area Awards Banquet for their outstanding achievements. However, to be eligible for these awards, chapters must be in good standing and have submitted, by the deadline, FFA membership roster & dues, Chapter Program of Activities & budgets, course enrollment information, and have two voting delegates at the State FFA Convention.

IV. Rules:

- 1.) All students participating in Area 5 and Area 6 CDE/LDE should be on the official FFA roster 10 days prior to the event. Teams or individuals not on the roster prior to the event are subject to disqualification. If one member of a team is disqualified, the entire team does not receive credit. Chapter points / teacher credit will not be awarded for individuals or teams disqualified.
 - A. Student participation will be determined by the South Region Agriculture Education Team based upon entry (sign-in) at each area, state, and national event.
- 2.) Any application or roster submitted after the deadline will not receive points.
- 3.) **Teams/Individuals participating in Career Development Events or Leadership Development Events must obtain at least 30 percent of the total maximum points available to earn participation points.**
- 4.) Awards will be determined by the South Region Agriculture Education Team based upon chapter participation.
- 5.) Only those events listed will be used to determine the award winners. (See Event Listing)

- 6.) All awards are given based upon chapter participation from State FFA Convention to State FFA Convention, not to exceed one year.
- 7.) **For events that do not have area eliminations (straight to state), the results at the state event will determine the area placing for foundation award recognition. Only state participation and placing points will be awarded. No Area Participation or placing points will be awarded.**
- 8.) All Area 5 and Area 6 chapters are eligible to compete for their respective award, provided they meet the eligibility requirements. (See page 1, section III)
 - A. Middle School Program:
 - Awarded to Middle School Agriculture Education Programs (grades 6-8)
 - Programs may be Single Teacher or Multiple Teacher
 - For programs that have multiple teachers, the total number of teacher points for CDE/LDEs and Record Books will be divided by the number of teachers and added to chapter and leadership points for a total score. Chapter and Leadership Activity points are not divided.
 - B. Single Teacher High School Program
 - Awarded to single teacher High School Agriculture Education Programs (grades 9-12)
 - Programs may or may not have a Young Farmer Teacher
 - Can compete in both Junior and Senior Divisions
 - Young Farmer Teacher points are included in the points, but the teacher is not used in the division.
 - C. Multiple Teacher High School Program
 - Awarded to High School Agriculture Education Programs with more than one in-school teacher (grades 9-12)
 - Programs may or may not have a Young Farmer Teacher
 - Can compete in both Junior and Senior Divisions
 - The total number of teacher points for CDE/LDEs and Proficiencies, will be divided by the number of teachers and added to the chapter and leadership points for a total score. Chapter and Leadership Activity points are not divided.
 - Young Farmer Teacher points are included in the points, but the teacher is not used in the division.
- 9.) Competition Divisions are:
 - A. Junior Division will be participants in grades 6 – 9.
 - B. Senior Division will be participants in grades 9 – 12.
 - C. High School Chapter participation will consist of both junior and senior division events.
 - D. Middle School Chapter participation will consist of only junior division events.
- 10.) Chapters advancing to state competitions but not participating in state events will lose all area quality points for that event. Quality points will be reassigned to area competitors based on rank.

V. Scoring:

Middle School Program of the Year Award:

1. Teacher Points
 - a. CDE/LDE Area/State participation per event 3 points
 - b. CDE/LDE Area/State Rank per event 9 points for 1st place
6 points for 2nd place
3 points for 3rd place
 - c. CDE/LDE National Rank per event 9 points for Gold Emblem
(includes Agri Science per area) 6 points for Silver Emblem
3 points for Bronze Emblem
 - d. Agri Science Fair State Projects (entry) 3 points (one-time credit)
 - e. Agri Science Fair State Project (placing) 9 points for 1st place
6 points for 2nd place
3 points for 3rd place
 - f. Middle School Record Books Rankings 9 points for Gold (per division)
6 points for Silver
3 points for Bronze
 - g. Middle School Record Book State Winner 9 points (per division)
 - h. National Winner (CDE,Agriscience,etc)..... 9 points (per win)
2. Chapter/ Leadership Points
 - a. Area Banquet 3 points
 - b. Area Officer Application 3 points
 - c. Discovery Conference 3 points
 - d. FFA Day at the Fair Contests..... 6 points (one-time credit)
 - e. FFA Leadership Camp 3 points
 - f. FFA Hall of Georgia Participation 6 points
 - g. FFA Hall of Georgia Winner..... 9 points
 - h. FFA Talent Application (State/National) 3 points
 - i. FFA Week Observance Application..... 3 points
 - j. FFA Week Observance Area Placing..... 9 points for 1st place
 - k. FFA Week State Winner 9 points
 - l. Georgia National Fair Exhibits 6 points (one-time credit)
 - m. National Chapter Application (Form II)..... 9 points
 - n. National Chapter Area Winner..... 9 points
 - o. National Chapter State Winner..... 9 points
 - p. National Chapter Application Rankings..... 9 points for Gold
6 points for Silver
3 points for Bronze
 - q. National FFA Convention Attendance 3 points
 - r. South Region Rally attendance 3 points
 - s. Sunbelt Expo Exhibit/Contests 6 points (one-time credit)
 - t. Unduplicated CDE/LDE Participation 1 point per member

Single Teacher/Multi Teacher High School Program of the Year Award:

1. Teacher Points
 - a. CDE/LDE Area/State Participation 3 points per event
 - b. CDE/LDE Area/State Rank (per event)..... 9 points for 1st place
6 points for 2nd place
3 points for 3rd place
 - c. CDE/LDE National Rank per event..... 9 points for Gold Emblem
(includes proficiency and Agri Science per area) 6 points for Silver Emblem
3 points for Bronze Emblem
 - d. Agri Science Fair State Projects (entry)..... 3 points (one-time credit)
 - e. Agri Science Fair State Project (placing)..... 9 points for 1st place
6 points for 2nd place
3 points for 3rd place
 - f. Region Proficiency Rank per category 9 points for 1st place
..... 6 points for 2nd place
 - g. State Proficiency Rank per category 9 points for 1st place
6 points for 2nd place
3 points for 3rd place
 - i. National Winner (CDE,Proficiency,etc)..... 9 points (per win)
2. Chapter/ Leadership Points
 - a. Area Banquet Attendance 3 points
 - b. Area Officer Application 3 points (one-time credit)
 - c. American FFA Degree 6 points (one-time credit)
 - d. American Star Application..... 9 points (per application)
 - e. American Star Finalist..... 9 points (per finalist)
 - f. American Star Winner..... 9 points (per winner)
 - g. FFA Day at the Fair Contests 6 points (one-time credit)
 - h. FFA Foundation Ambassador Application..... 3 points
 - i. FFA Leadership Camp attendance 3 points
 - j. FFA Leadership Conference (Greenhand/Success) 3 points
 - k. FFA Hall of Georgia Participation 6 points
 - l. FFA Hall of Georgia Winner..... 9 points
 - m. FFA Talent Application (State/National) ... 3 points
 - n. FFA Week Observance Application..... 3 points
 - o. FFA Week Observance Area Placing..... 9 points for 1st place
 - p. FFA Week State Winner 9 points
 - q. Georgia National Fair exhibits 6 points (one-time credit)
 - r. National Chapter Application (Form II)..... 9 points
 - s. National Chapter Area Winner..... 9 points
 - t. National Chapter State Winner..... 9 points
 - u. National FFA Convention Attendance 3 points
 - v. National FFA Delegate Application 3 points
 - w. National Chapter Application Rankings..... 9 points for Gold
..... 6 points for Silver
..... 3 points for Bronze
 - x. State FFA Officer Application 3 points
 - y. South Region Rally Attendance 3 points
 - z. State Star Application 6 points (per application)
 - aa. South Region Star Winner 9 points (per winner)
 - bb. State Star Winner 9 points (per winner)
 - cc. Sunbelt Expo Exhibits/Contests 6 points (one-time credit)
 - dd. Unduplicated CDE/LDE Participation 1 point per member
 - ee. Washington Leadership Conference application 3 points

VI. Event Listing:

Teacher Points

Ag. Communication	Env. Nat. Resources	Marketing Plan*
Ag. Education*	Extemporaneous Speaking	Meats Evaluation
Ag Electrification	Farm Business Management	Middle School Record Books
Ag Mechanics	FFA Quiz	Nursery/Landscape
Ag Sales	Floral Design	Parliamentary Procedure
Ag Tech and Equipment	Floriculture	Poultry Evaluation
Agri-Science Fair*	Forestry	Prepared Public Speaking
Conduct of Chapter Mtg	Forestry Field Day	Proficiency Applications
Creed Speaking	Horse Evaluation*	Tractor Op and Maintenance
Dairy Cattle Evaluation*	Land Evaluation	Veterinary Science
Discussion Meet	Lawnmower Op and Maintenance	Welding
Employment Skills	Livestock Evaluation	Wildlife Management
	*Straight to State Event	

Chapter/Leadership Activities

American Degree Application	FFA Hall of Georgia	Region Rally
American Star Application	FFA Talent (State/National)	State Officer Application
Area Banquet	FFA Week Observance	State Star Application
Area Officer Application	Georgia National Fair Exhibit	Success Conference
Discovery Conference	Greenhand Jamboree	Sunbelt Expo Exhibit/Contest
FFA Ambassador Application	National FFA Convention	WLC Scholarship Application
FFA Day at the Fair Contests	National FFA Delegate Application	
FFA Summer Leadership Camp	NCA Form II	

VII. Tie Breakers:

1. Number of 1st place finishes in Area Events
2. Number of 1st place finishes in State Events
3. Number of Chapter Members / Teacher (ratio)