



STATE STAR AWARDS

Due February 1st

1. **Qualifications** – State Star Award recipients will be selected from the pool of State FFA Degree Candidates receiving their State FFA Degree at that state convention.
2. **Category Definitions** – The following category definitions determine the state star award category candidates may apply for, determined by their type of SAE program. These definitions are adapted from the American FFA Degree Handbook and from the Official FFA Manual (Star Awards section).
 - a. **State Star Farmer** candidates will have an entrepreneurship SAE in production agriculture. Candidates must have enough earnings and investment to qualify for the State FFA Degree.
 - b. **State Star in Agribusiness** candidates will have an entrepreneurship SAE in a non-production area of agriculture. Candidates must have enough earnings and investment to qualify for the State FFA Degree.
 - c. **State Star in Agricultural Placement** candidates will have a placement SAE in production agriculture, agribusiness or directed lab that is not Agriscience or natural resource based. The placement position can be paid or unpaid. Candidates must have enough earnings and investment to qualify for the State FFA Degree.
 - d. **State Star in Agriscience** candidates will have an SAE in natural resources, a research/experimentation type of SAE or a science based directed lab SAE. The SAE may be an entrepreneurship or placement type program. Placement positions can be paid or unpaid. Candidates must have enough earnings and investment to qualify for the State FFA Degree.
3. **How Many May Apply**
 - a. Area Competition – Each chapter may submit one State Star Candidate in each of the four state star categories, star farmer, star in agribusiness, star in placement, and star in Agriscience for judging by the Area. Applications must be received by the Area deadline.
 - b. State Competition – Each Area may submit two State Star Candidates, unranked, in each of the four state star categories, star farmer, star in agribusiness, star in placement, and Star in Agriscience for state judging. Applications are to be received by the deadline set for the current year.
 - c. A candidate may apply in multiple categories and place but may win in only one category.

4. **Application Process**

- a. Candidates should complete the “Utah FFA State Degree” application on AET and mark the option “Yes” on the cover page of the application to be considered for the Star Award. The “Personal History” section is not required.
- b. The State Star Candidate Applications will be judged prior to the state convention. Four finalists in each category will be selected. The finalists will be interviewed at the state convention.
- c. Applicants for Star Awards are ENCOURAGED but NOT required to submit a maximum of six pictures as part of the application.

5. **Recognition** – State Stars in each category will receive a plaque and a check from National FFA in the amount of \$200.00. The first runner up in each category will receive a plaque and a check for \$150.00. The second runner up in each category will receive a plaque and a check for \$75.00. The third runner up in each category will receive a plaque and a check for \$25.00. All plaques and cash awards are subject to sponsorship being obtained. Recipients must be in Official Dress to receive their award on stage.