
Member and Chapter Awards and Programs

Agriscience Student Recognition Program

This program's objective is to recognize students in agriscience who are pursuing an academically challenging course of high school study that focuses on the application of scientific principles and emerging technologies in an agricultural enterprise. Applications are due in the state office March 1. The state winner will be presented a scholarship from the National FFA Foundation to a college of choice and will be eligible to compete for national awards. As long as the student has been certified as the state winner, the student is eligible to compete more than once at the state and national levels.

National Band, Chorus, and Talent Applications

Applications and audition tapes in each area must be submitted to the state office by June 15. Selected members will be notified by the National FFA Organization. Selected members are responsible for their own transportation, uniform, and lodging expenses. Students may participate in the national band and/or chorus for a maximum of two years. Currently, the Oklahoma FFA Alumni Association is providing a \$100 cash award to each selected member.

State Chorus and Talent Applications

Applications and audition tapes for state chorus are due in the state office February 1; state talent applications and audition tapes are due March 1. Selected members are responsible for their own meal and lodging expenses. Students may participate in both chorus and talent but must submit separate applications and tapes for each.

State Superior Chapter Application

This application, found in the Blue Book, is required at the end of the school year from all FFA chapters in Oklahoma. Must be in the state FFA office postmarked June 1 to receive recognition as a State Superior Chapter.

Membership Eligibility

Any student in Grades 8-12 must be regularly enrolled in a year-long course of study in Agricultural Education at school in order to be eligible to participate in any FFA activity. For the purpose of this section, at school is defined as physically present and supervised in a classroom by a certified agricultural education instructor. Exceptions are granted to students who attend a school with block scheduling and who, therefore, may have completed a year-long course of study in Agricultural Education in one semester. Students in the seventh grade are not eligible for FFA membership in Oklahoma. Annual local, state, and national FFA dues must also be paid in order to be eligible to participate in any FFA activity.

Food For America Grants and Award Programs

The Oklahoma Beef Council provides up to 25 \$200 grants to FFA chapters who promote beef as a nutritious, healthy food product as a part of their Food for America program. The Oklahoma Pork Council provides up to 10 \$200 grants to FFA chapters who promote pork as a nutritious, healthy food product as a part of their Food for America program. Grant applications are due in the state office September 1. Chapters are eligible to receive a grant and state awards from both the Beef Council and Pork Council in the same year. Cash awards to the top three programs in each area are presented at the State FFA Convention. Chapters do not have to receive a grant to be eligible for state awards. State winning chapters (1st place) in both programs are eligible to apply for grants in the following year but will not be eligible for state awards.

State Career Development Events

A team of four FFA members enrolled in agricultural education may represent a chapter in each state event area (unless otherwise stated). The score of the high three members will constitute the team. Seniors who have graduated from high school in the current year can compete until September 1 of the current year for awards and recognition.

National Career Development Events

The winning team in the National Qualifying Event will represent Oklahoma at the national event in Indianapolis. The National Qualifying Event for all areas will be the OSU Interscholastics, with the exceptions of Forestry and Environmental Science and Natural Resources. Any member who has represented Oklahoma in a national career development event or national awards area as a 4-H or FFA member is ineligible to compete again in the National Qualifying Event for that area as an FFA member. A member is eligible to compete in only one national career development event per year.

National Land, Homesite, and Range Career Development Event

The top five land judging teams at the OSU Interscholastics Event are eligible to compete in the National Land Judging Event held in Oklahoma City each May. All chapters are eligible to participate in the Range Event held at the same time. If any state qualifies and registers five teams for the National Land Judging Event, that state can bring an additional two Homesite teams. Students on the Homesite teams may have participated on a previous National Land Judging team, as long as they were not a National Champion or National Reserve Champion Land Judging team or individual. For more information on the national event, go to www.landjudging.com.

National Livestock Career Development Event Opportunities

The first-place livestock judging team at the State FFA Interscholastics in Stillwater has the first option to select either the National Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, or the American Royal Livestock judging contest in Kansas City, Missouri. The second-place livestock judging team at the State FFA Interscholastics will be given the opportunity to participate in one of the events listed above that was not selected by the first-place team. The first-place livestock judging team at the Tulsa State Fair will be given the opportunity to represent Oklahoma FFA at the National Western Livestock judging contest in Denver, Colorado.

Southern RCD Forestry Career Development Event

The top three state forestry event teams will be eligible to participate in the Southern RCD Forestry Event. These teams will be responsible for local financing to assist in travel expenses.

State Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Event

This event encourages FFA chapter members to carry out their chapter meetings in an orderly and constructive manner using proper parliamentary procedure and constructive, logical discussion. Two divisions are available for junior and senior competition. Official FFA dress is required.

State Public Speaking Career Development Event

Eleven divisions are available to members at the state level. Members may participate in more than one division, provided they give a different speech. Read the definition of a “different speech” in the public speaking guidelines. Two members from each district will advance to the state event. Any member that wins a state speaking event is ineligible to speak again in that division. Official FFA dress is required.
