

Section E. State FFA Degree: Minimum qualifications for election.

1. Must have received the Chapter FFA Degree.
2. Must have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree.
3. While in school, must have completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth-grade level, which includes a supervised agricultural experience program.
4. Must have an SAE earning (net profit) of at least \$2,000 delivered from the supervised agricultural experience program during the period of time the student is in Agricultural Education. If any part of the \$2,000 is derived from wage earning (placement), an official employer verification form is required.
5. Must have productively invested at least \$2,000 in SAE assets, savings accounts or checking accounts on December 31 of the school year the application is submitted. If any part of the \$2,000 in assets is from savings or checking accounts, documentation is required from a financial institution that verifies the savings or checking accounts.
6. Must have a minimum equity (net worth) in agricultural investments of \$2,000.
7. Only FFA members who are graduating seniors in high school or out-of-school members are eligible to apply for the State FFA Degree.
8. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
 - a. Performing ten parliamentary procedure activities.
 - b. Giving a six-minute speech.
 - c. Serving as an officer, chairman, or active member of a major committee.
 - d. Participating in the planning and completion of the chapter program of activities.
 - e. Represent the local FFA chapter in a minimum of 20 different FFA activities above the chapter level. These 20 activities may include any combination from at least two of the following categories:
 - A maximum of 10 fair and livestock show activities above the chapter level.
 - A maximum of 10 career development event activities above the chapter level.
 - A maximum of 10 leadership camps, conferences and conventions above the chapter level.
 - A maximum of 10 speech contests and/or proficiency award applications submitted above the chapter level.]
 - f. Having a satisfactory record of 2.0 (C) overall average with a 3.0 (B) average in agricultural courses on the 4.0 (A); 3.0 (B); 2.0 (C); 1.0 (D) basis.
9. Must have at least three letters of recommendation from local citizens covering character, agricultural experience program, leadership, and cooperation in chapter and community activities; one of these letters must be from either the superintendent or principal.
10. Written records of achievement certified by the local advisor shall be submitted to the State Advisor by the local chapter's governing body by February 1 prior to the State Convention. The State Advisor will then review the records and submit his recommendations to the State Executive Committee of the State Association. This body will nominate at the regular State Convention the candidates who have been found most worthy to receive the honor. The State FFA Degree will be awarded to the candidates upon approval by the delegates.
11. No candidate will be elected to the State FFA Degree if the application contains more than ten errors.
12. All candidates applying for the State FFA Degree shall submit either an Official FFA Scrapbook or an Official FFA Portfolio. Specific guidelines for preparation of a scrapbook and portfolio are to be provided by the state FFA office. Scrapbooks and portfolios will be evaluated by a committee of three to five agricultural education teachers at each Professional Improvement Meeting and will receive a pass or fail rating. A pass rating is required to receive the State FFA Degree.
13. Must have participated in at least 25 hours within at least **two** different community service activities. (15 more than the Chapter FFA Degree.)