

Changes, Reminders & Important Updates

*The following program updates listed include but are not limited to the 2026-2027 school year.

Changes

- OK FFA will now host OSU CDE/LDE Website. All guidelines and information regarding state contests will be accessible through okffa.org website.
- Final Statewide FFA Degree check will be done by committee of teachers from each Area and committee will ONLY judge applications from their respective Area.
- FFA State STAR candidates will NOT be required to submit records their junior year (2027)
- State FFA Secretary and Reporter Book Guidelines have been updated.
- 2027 SAE Awards (*formerly proficiency awards*) will be divided into Entrepreneurship, Placement, Research, School-Based and Service-Learning award categories
 - Entrepreneurship, Placement, Research will each have traditional sub-division award areas. (*Example.... Entrepreneurship: Beef Production.... Placement: Grain Production*)
 - Oklahoma will recognize School Based and Service-Learning categories, each as ONE award division. Applications can be submitted in any division area available through National FFA but will be combined into one award area on the state level.
- SAE Award (*Proficiency*) Sweepstakes Areas will be divided into 2 recognized categories
 - Traditional - Entrepreneurship, Placement, School-Based, & Service-Learning
 - Research - ALL SAE Research Award Areas. To be recognized during State Ag Science Fair.
- State FFA Degree application will have FFA Portfolio components embedded. The only application requirement for State FFA Degree candidates is the completed AET State Degree Application submitted in AET portal by submission deadline.
- Regional OCC and Greenhand Quiz (Oct. 13) are **before** National FFA Convention. State Contest (Nov. 3) is **after** National FFA Convention.

Reminders

- For ALL students to be eligible for FFA participation, they must have an active membership submitted with the State and National FFA Association. **Membership Roster Due November 15th**
- ALL programs planning to participate in FFA Sporting Clays are required to have Ag Teachers that have completed mandatory firearm safety training through Ok Department of Wildlife to be eligible for competition.
- Junior Sporting Clays team eligibility will be 3-4 active FFA members in grades 7-10. Senior teams will be comprised of active FFA members in grades 7-12.

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- Conduct of Chapter Meeting teams must be comprised of 7th - 9th grade members to be eligible to compete at Area and State contests.
- Eligible 7th grade FFA membership is ONLY open to programs that are approved by the State Ag Ed Program Director. Once the 7th grade agreement form is submitted it will remain on file in state office.
- ANY FFA Chapter that is delinquent on payment of invoice(s) due, may be limited or denied future opportunities to participate in activities and/or events for which they owe in that year, at the discretion of staff leadership.

Important Date Changes

- ❖ Deadlines that fall on a weekend or holiday are due by 4 pm the following business day.
This does not apply to State FFA Officer Application deadlines and requirements or CTIMS reporting deadlines.

September 9

Lead 360 Conference Registration Opens

September 30

Local Program(s) Detailed 412 Expenditure Reports Due to Area Program Specialist

October 13

ALL Regions Greenhand Quiz and Opening/Closing Ceremonies contest

November 3

State FFA Opening & Closing Ceremonies and Greenhand Quiz, OSU Stillwater

February 1

State FFA Degree Final Application Deadline (AET)

February 3

State FFA Degree - Final Statewide Check

March 1

ALL American FFA Degree Applications Due (AET)

March 1

OAETA Teacher Award Applications Deadline

April 12

OSU State Interscholastic contest registration closes on judgingcard.com