



National FFA Organization Star Farmer Award Levels

Chapter Level Awards

Star Discovery

The Star Discovery medal is awarded to a seventh or eighth grade member who has been most active and shown leadership. The Discovery Degree is an optional degree that is not necessary to advance to the next level. No applications are received at the national level.

Star Greenhand

The chapter's most active first-year member who has a strong supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program and has demonstrated leadership is selected to win the Star Greenhand medal each year.

Chapter Star Farmer

The chapter member who has an outstanding SAE in production agriculture and demonstrates the most involvement in all phases of the chapter's activities is awarded the Chapter Star Farmer medal.

Chapter Star in Agribusiness

This award is similar to the Chapter Star Farmer award, except that the member's SAE program must be in agribusiness rather than production agriculture.

Chapter Star in Agricultural Placement

The Chapter member who has an outstanding placement SAE in agribusiness or production agriculture and is actively involved in chapter programs, leadership and scholarship will be awarded the Chapter Star in Agricultural Placement medal.

Chapter Star in Agriscience

The top applicant with an agriscience-based SAE (natural resources, research/experimentation or science-based directed lab) and high activity in the FFA, leadership and scholarship will be awarded the Chapter Star in Agriscience medal. The program may be either placement or entrepreneurial.

State Level Awards

State Star Farmer

Outstanding achievement in a production agriculture SAE and active participation in the FFA is recognized with the State Star Farmer award. Each year, state associations select one member from the top applicants for the State FFA Degree. The National FFA Foundation provides a \$300 cash award.

State Star in Agribusiness

The top applicant for the State FFA Degree in agribusiness in each association is recognized as the State Star in Agribusiness. This \$300 cash award, provided by the National FFA Foundation, recognizes achievement in agribusiness and active involvement in the FFA.

State Star in Agricultural Placement

The State FFA Degree recipient who has excelled in an agricultural placement SAE, either at an agribusiness or production enterprise, will be awarded the State Star in Agricultural Placement. The recipient will also show active involvement in FFA, school and community activities. This \$300 cash award, certificate and medal, provided by the National FFA Foundation, recognizes achievement in agricultural placement and active involvement in the FFA, school and community activities.

State Star in Agriscience

The State FFA Degree recipient who has excelled in an agriscience-based SAE (natural resources, research/experimentation or science-based directed lab) who has demonstrated outstanding involvement in FFA, school and community activities will be awarded the State Star in Agriscience. The \$300 cash award, certificate and medal, provided by the National FFA Foundation, recognizes achievement in agriscience and active involvement in the FFA, school and community activities.

National Level Awards

American Star Farmer

The FFA member with the top production agriculture program each year is recognized as the American Star Farmer. The National FFA Foundation provides \$2,000, a plaque and a medal to the winner. Four national finalists vie for the star award, and the three runners up each receive \$1,000 and a plaque. Considered the highest recognition in the nation for an aspiring young farmer, the award recognizes achievement in both career and leadership development.

American Star in Agribusiness

One member with the best agribusiness SAE and proven leadership skills is selected to be the American Star in Agribusiness each year. The National FFA Foundation provides \$2,000, a plaque and a medal to the winner and \$1,000 and a plaque to the three runners up. Four national finalists compete for this prestigious award, the highest achievement for a person pursuing a career in agribusiness.

American Star in Agricultural Placement

One member with outstanding achievement in a placement SAE and active participation in FFA and the community is recognized with the American Star in Agricultural Placement each year. The National FFA Foundation provides a cash award of \$2,000, a plaque and a medal to the winner and \$1,000 and a plaque to each of the three runners-up. This is the highest recognition in the nation for a young person excelling in placement in the agricultural industry.

American Star in Agriscience

The top applicant for the American FFA Degree with an agriscience-based (natural resources, research/experimentation or science-based directed lab) SAE, active FFA participation and community involvement is recognized as the American Star in Agriscience. The National FFA Foundation provides \$2,000, a plaque and medal to the winner. Four national finalists vie for the star award and the three runners-up each receive \$1,000 and a plaque. This is the ultimate honor for those involved in the agriscience field.