

APPLYING FOR STATE FFA DEGREE STAR

1. Who is eligible?

The eligibility for “Stars” is similar to the eligibility for Proficiency Awards. You may apply while you are in high school or when you are out of high school, as long as you have been out of school for not more than one year.

2. How many “Star” categories are there?

There are four categories – Star Farmer, Star In Agribusiness, Star In Agricultural Placement, and Star In Agriscience.

3. How many “Stars” can be nominated from a chapter?

A chapter could submit more than one candidate for each of the “Star” areas.

4. Can an individual be nominated for more than one “Star” area?

Yes. A member may be nominated for more than one “Star” area and can be a finalist multiple areas, but cannot win more than one area (passed 2014 Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors). If your student is applying in more than one Star area the battery has to match the area the student is submitting their application. For example if the student is applying in Star Farmer and Star Agribusiness, the Star Farmer battery should highlight the portion of their state degree application that is entrepreneurial and the farming portion of their SAE. The Star Agribusiness battery should be written to highlight the students business, they may discuss their business plans and goals, marketing strategies, etc. The students state degree is the same for each Star area, but the battery should focus on the specific area they are applying.

5. How do you nominate an individual for “Star?”

The applications submitted for “Star” will need to include additional information. The candidate must complete the entire State FFA Degree application **plus** the Star Battery found on the National FFA Website. The candidates must include all the additional information in that application, plus attach the SAE agreements, resume, three recommendations and supporting photographs. Candidates also need to include the Personal History pages.

6. How are the “Stars” selected?

The FFA Board of Directors reviews all “Star” applications for minimum qualifications. Applications that meet the minimum requirements advance for further consideration. It is important that all minimums are met and that the application is complete when submitted.

A committee of judges will select up to 10 finalists in the Star Farmer category, up to 10 finalists in the Star in Agricultural Placement category, up to 5 finalists Star in Agribusiness category and up to 5 finalists in the Star in Agriscience category. At the State FFA Convention, a panel of judges interviews the Star finalists. The judges select the winners and the winners are announced on stage.

7. How are the “Star” finalists recognized at the State FFA Convention?

All finalists will be recognized on stage at the State FFA Convention and receive checks and trophies. The top 5 finalists in each area will have a video clip produced about their SAE and their accomplishments which is shown at the State FFA Convention. Photos and accomplishments of these individuals will be taken from the Star application submitted to the Wisconsin FFA Center.