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FERRIS GEORGE RISING STAR AWARD

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Ferris George Rising Star Award

I. Overview

The Ferris George Rising Star Award is presented in memory of Ferris George, a charter member of the National FFA Organization, a member of the United FFA Alumni, and supporter of agriculture. The purpose of the award is to recognize FFA members who during their freshman year exhibited outstanding leadership.

II. Rules

1. Applicants wishing to be considered as a Rising Star Finalist shall advance a completed application (postmarked) on or before February 12th.
2. Only one applicant per chapter per year.
3. Member must have been an outstanding High School Freshman member from the previous school year currently in his/her Sophomore year.
4. Member must be in good standing with the local, state, and national FFA.
5. Member must have shown outstanding leadership growth.
6. Member must have an established SAE program.
7. Member must be currently enrolled in agricultural education or have taken a one-semester class in agricultural education during the current school year.
8. Applicants must utilize the official award application provided by the state.
9. One finalist per FFA District will be selected based on the application. Finalists will then participate in an interview at the Iowa FFA Leadership Conference.
10. Each finalist shall submit their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) records at the time of the interview process for verification of their SAE by the interview committee.

III. Recommended Interview Process

1. The interview committee will consist of individuals provided by the Iowa FFA Alumni, Iowa FFA Foundation and Iowa FFA Association.
2. The interview process may consist of two rounds. No interview may exceed 15 minutes.
3. Sample SAE questions to consider are as follows:
 - Describe your SAE project.
 - What have you learned from your SAE?
 - What are your plans for your SAE in the future?
 - What has been the biggest challenge you have faced in your SAE?
 - What help have you sought out or been given with your SAE?
4. Sample Alumni questions to consider are as follows:
 - What do you know about FFA Alumni?
 - Do you have to have been an FFA member to be in the Alumni?
 - Do you have a local Alumni Chapter? If so how have they helped your FFA Chapter?
5. Sample FFA questions to consider are as follows:
 - Why did you join FFA?
 - What encouragement would you give to someone thinking about joining FFA?
 - What does your FFA jacket mean to you?
 - What is the best piece of advice an older member of your chapter has given you?
 - What goals do you have for your FFA journey?

IV. Awards

Awards Sponsored through the Iowa FFA Foundation	
Winner	Cash Award
Finalists	Cash Award & Medal

All awards subject to available sponsorship through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

V. Event Forms

FERRIS GEORGE RISING STAR AWARD APPLICATION

Iowa FFA Alumni Association
Iowa FFA Leadership Conference

One typed application per chapter, sophomore FFA members only

Chapter ID Number: IA _____ Chapter Name: _____

Chapter PO (Town): _____ FFA District: _____

NAME OF APPLICANT

GRADE IN SCHOOL

YEAR GREENHAND DEGREE RECEIVED

HOME ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

SCHOOL ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

I certify that the information contained in this application is accurate.

FFA Member Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

FFA Advisor Signature

School Administrator Signature

1A.) What is your Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) (50 word limit)

**1B.) What have you done so far with your SAE, and what are your future plans for your SAE?
(200 word limit)**

2A.) Name one leadership role you have had in the FFA (25 word limit)

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2B.) How has this leadership role changed you as a person? (200 word limit)

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3.) Name three personal benefits you have gained by joining FFA (100 word limit)

4.) What do you feel is the most important issue facing agriculture today and why? (200 word limit)

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5.) What do you know about FFA Alumni and tell us about your experience with alumni? (200 word limit)

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Judge's Score Form

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Judge _____
 Judge _____
 Judge _____

____ NE DISTRICT
 ____ NC DISTRICT
 ____ NW DISTRICT

____ SE DISTRICT
 ____ SC DISTRICT
 ____ SW DISTRICT

		Typed and Signed	SAE: Scope, Skills & Plans	FFA: Involvement and Leadership	Ag Issues: Topic and Explanation	Alumni: Knowledge and Experience			TOTAL SCORE
	School P.O. (Town)	10	30	30	20	10			100
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