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STARS OVER IOWA

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Stars Over Iowa

I. Overview

The Iowa FFA Degree is the highest rank that can be conferred upon active members by the Iowa FFA Association. Candidates must meet minimum qualifications in the three areas of the Agricultural Education Model. Stars over Iowa represent the best among hundreds of Iowa FFA Degree recipients. Applicants must possess exemplary involvement and achievement in the areas of classroom/laboratory, FFA, and Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE).

II. Rules

1. Applicants wishing to be considered as a Star Finalist shall advance the approved copy of their Iowa FFA Degree application along with the Stars Over Iowa application (postmarked) on or before February 12th.
2. Applicants can only apply for Stars Over Iowa during the year in which they apply for and receive the Iowa FFA Degree.
3. Each FFA chapter shall submit no more than one application per star area.
4. There shall be four star areas at the state level:
 - A. Star in Agribusiness: Applicant has an entrepreneurship/ownership SAE program in a non-production agriculture area. The SAE program provides a service or merchandizes products in such a way that adds value to a product intended for a retail outlet.
 - B. Star in Agriscience: Applicant has an SAE program that involves planning and conducting a scientific experience based on a hypothesis and the use of the scientific method of investigation on the hypothesis. This may include the following types of research: qualitative, quantitative, experimental, descriptive, or quasi-experimental.
 - C. Star in Placement: Applicant has a placement/internship SAE that may be in production agriculture, agribusiness, or direct lab that is not agriscience-based. This placement/internship does not have to be a paid position.
 - D. Star in Production: Applicant has an entrepreneurship/ownership SAE in production agriculture.
5. Up to six (6) finalists will be selected per star area. If an application does not meet the qualifications in the respective area, the applicant shall not be considered as a finalist.
6. The selected Star Finalists shall be in attendance at State FFA Convention and participate in Star Finalist Interviews. The finalists shall provide their SAE record books for review by the committee selected to interview.
7. Judges during Star Finalists Interviews shall designate one finalist in each area as the “Star Over Iowa.”

III. Recommended Interview Process

1. The interview process is scheduled to be approximately 15 minutes.
2. The candidate is provided time at the beginning of the interview time to introduce themselves and give an overview of his or her accomplishments.
3. The remaining time is used for judges to ask any questions desired to learn more about the candidates and their involvement in all components of the three circle model.
4. Sample questions to consider are as follows:
 - Explain how you got started with your SAE program and give us a short description of your involvement in FFA and agricultural education classes.
 - List 5 skills you have learned through your SAE that you think will be valuable to you in the future.
 - Please give us a brief overview of your business agreements, and elaborate on any special circumstances.
 - What might you change to help make your operation more profitable in the future?
 - What are your future career plans?

- How has involvement in agricultural education, FFA, and SAE prepared you for future careers?
- Explain why you lost money on your SAE two years ago.
- Your records indicate that you made the most money last year. Can you explain why you made more money this last year than in previous years?
- What efficiency factor(s) are you most proud of, and what efficiencies would you like to improve?
- What is the most important job skill you have learned through your SAE? Please give specific examples.
- What is the most important job skill you have learned through participation in FFA? Please give specific examples.
- What is the most important job skill you have learned through participation in agricultural education classes? Please give specific examples.
- In the future, how will you utilize the skills you have learned?
- If you could go back in time what might you do differently?

IV. Awards

Awards Sponsored through the National FFA Foundation	
Star Over Iowa Winners	Cash Award
Awards Sponsored through the Iowa FFA Foundation	
Star Over Iowa Winners	Cash Award & Plaque
Star Over Iowa Finalists	Cash Award & Plaque

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

V. Event Forms

Judge's Score Form

FFA Stars Over Iowa Finalist Selection

Name: _____
 School: _____

_____ **Agribusiness**
 _____ **Agriscience**

_____ **Placement**
 _____ **Production**

Section	Star Candidate Rubric	Points Possible	Weak	Satisfactory	Strong	Total
1	<u>Skills</u> applied/acquired through SAE program.	30 pts.	1-9 pts.	10-24 pts.	25-30 pts.	
2	<u>Scope</u> of SAE(s) that qualify for the specific Star Finalst category "X".	20 pts.	1-6 pts.	7-16 pts.	17-20 pts.	
3	Quality indicators of the SAE program. (efficiencies, SAE related accomplishments, etc.)	20 pts.	1-6 pts.	7-16 pts.	17-20 pts.	
4	Do the financial values and efficiency values seem realistic, as compared to similar operations?	10 pts.	1-3 pts.	4-7 pts.	8-10 pts.	
5	Does their SAE incorporate unique or innovative approaches?	10 pts.	1-3 pts.	4-7 pts.	8-10 pts.	
6	Participation in FFA Activities.	10 pts.	1-3 pts.	4-7 pts.	8-10 pts.	

Total:

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Judge's Score Form

FFA Stars Over Iowa Interviews

Judge _____
 Judge _____
 Judge _____

Star Area:

_____ Placement _____ Production
 _____ Agriscience _____ Ag Business

		Scope of SAE	Overall Quality of SAE	Realistic Financial Data	Unique or Innovative SAE Approaches	Participation in FFA Activities	Agricultural Skills Learned Through SAE		TOTAL SCORE
	School P.O. (Town)	20	20	10	10	10	30		100
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