
Recognition

State Gold chapter award winners will be recognized as Three-Star Gold, Two-Star Gold, or One-Star Gold on the national level. The National Star plaque is designed for use over a ten-year period. An engraved plate with the inscription “Three-Star” or “Two-Star” or “One-Star” may be affixed to the plaque and will be provided each year a chapter attains this level of recognition.

Model of Innovation awards will be given to the top 10 chapters in each of the three program-of-activities divisions: students, chapter, and community development. Only Three-Star Gold Chapters that completed Form III of the National Chapter Award Application will be considered. A national award winner from the Three-Star Gold Chapters will be announced for each of the three program-of-activities divisions. Chapters wanting to be considered as a potential Model of Innovation finalist must have Form III submitted to and certified by the state in time for the state to send its Gold applications for national judging.

Membership Eligibility

Any student in Grades 8-12 must be regularly enrolled in a year-long course of study in Agricultural Education at school in order to be eligible to participate in any FFA activity. Exceptions are granted to students who attend a school with block scheduling and who, therefore, may have completed a year-long course of study in Agricultural Education in one semester. Students in the seventh grade are not eligible for FFA membership in Oklahoma. Annual local, state, and national FFA dues must also be paid in order to be eligible to participate in any FFA activity.

Food For America Grants and Award Programs

The Oklahoma Beef Council provides up to 25 \$200 grants to FFA chapters who promote beef as a nutritious, healthy food product as a part of their Food for America program. The Oklahoma Pork Council provides up to 10 \$200 grants to FFA chapters who promote pork as a nutritious, healthy food product as a part of their Food for America program. Grant applications are due in the state office September 1. Chapters are eligible to receive a grant and state awards from both the Beef Council and Pork Council in the same year. Cash awards to the top three programs in each area are presented at the State FFA Convention. Chapters do not have to receive a grant to be eligible for state awards. State winning chapters (1st place) in both programs are eligible to apply for grants in the following year but will not be eligible for state awards.

State Career Development Events

A team of four FFA members enrolled in agricultural education may represent a chapter in each state event area (unless otherwise stated). The score of the high three members will constitute the team. Seniors who have graduated from high school in the current year can compete until September 1 of the current year for awards and recognition.

National Career Development Events

The winning team in the National Qualifying Event will represent Oklahoma at the national event in Indianapolis. The National Qualifying Event for all areas will be the OSU Interscholastics, with the exceptions of Forestry and Poultry, which are held at EOSC, and Dairy Foods, which will be held at OSU-Okmulgee. Any member who has represented Oklahoma in a national career development event or national awards area as a 4-H or FFA member is ineligible to compete again in the National Qualifying Event for that area as an FFA member. A member is eligible to compete in only one national career development event per year.