

FFA Chapter of the Year Award Program

I. Overview:

The North Region Agricultural Education Team will recognize each individual student for participation in FFA related events by providing individual certificates (gold, silver, bronze) for chapter FFA members participating in those selected events. Based upon these certificate awards, the North Region Agriculture Education Team will recognize FFA Chapters for excellence in five different technical areas of agricultural education. These Awards of Excellence will include:

1. FFA Chapter Award of Excellence in FFA Leadership
2. FFA Chapter Award of Excellence in Agricultural Mechanics
3. FFA Chapter Award of Excellence in Horticulture / Plant Science
4. FFA Chapter Award of Excellence in Animal Science
5. FFA Chapter Award of Excellence in Forestry / Natural Resources

In addition, the North Region Agricultural Education Team will provide three different Chapter Achievement Awards to FFA chapters for allowing student participation in Agriculture Education & FFA Activities. The three chapter achievement awards are:

1. Chapter Achievement for Most Participation
2. Chapter Achievement for Involving the Greatest Number of Different Students
3. Chapter Achievement for Most Gold Emblem Awards

The culmination of these awards will be to name the Area One and Area Two

High School FFA Chapter of the Year **Middle School FFA Chapter of the Year.**

II. Purpose:

To provide recognition to each individual that participates in Area 1 & 2 Agriculture Education / FFA events and reward those chapters that excel in providing the most participation, including the greatest number of different students, and earning the best results based on performance in the events conducted by the North Region Agricultural Education Team.

III. Eligibility:

All North Region, Area 1 & 2 chapters, (High School and Middle School) will be given individual participation certificates at the Area Awards Presentation and the five Award of Excellence Award winners will be presented. The three Chapter Achievement Awards and the FFA Chapter of the Year Award will be given at the fall North Region Rally based on the individual participation awards. Only chapters that are in good standing and have submitted FFA membership roster & dues, Chapter Program of Activities & budget, course enrollment information, and have delegates at the State FFA Convention will be eligible for these awards.

IV. Rules:

1. All students participating in Area 1 & 2 events should be on the official FFA roster.
2. Student participation will be determined by the North Region Agriculture Education Team based upon entry (sign-in) at each area event. To qualify as a "participation", a student's score in an event must meet the 30% benchmark standard for each CDE.

3. The five Chapter Award of Excellence categories will be determined by the North Region Agriculture Education Team based upon a pre-determined grading rubric.
4. The three Chapter Achievement Awards will be determined by the North Region Agriculture Education Team based upon student participation.
5. FFA Chapter of the Year Awards will be determined by a pre-determined grading rubric.
6. For events that do not have area eliminations, the results at the state event will determine the area placing.
7. Only those events listed will be used to determine the award winners. (see scoring section)
8. All awards are given based upon student participation during the regular school year (prior to the Fall Rally). Every Chapter starts the first day of school equal (with no points).
9. All Awards are independent of each other. All Area 1& 2 Chapters are eligible for each Chapter Achievement Award, Award of Excellence, and FFA Chapter of the Year. (one chapter can win more than one award)
10. High School Chapters student participation will consist of both junior and senior division events. (junior division entries must be 9th graders) Therefore the Chapter Achievement Awards, Awards of Excellence, and FFA Chapter of the Year Award will result from a total of junior and senior level participants.

V. **Award Format:**

Student Participation Certificates: each student will be given a certificate for each event they participate in at the area level. Names of students will be printed on certificates. Names will be taken from the Advisor Sign-in sheet from each area event. Gold Emblem certificates will be given to the students that rank in the top 1/3, Silver for the middle 1/3, and Bronze for the bottom 1/3.

**Given at the Spring Area Awards Banquet*

Chapter Award of Excellence: Designed to recognize the High School FFA Chapter and the Middle School FFA Chapter that excel in any of the five different technical areas. (Leadership, Agriculture Mechanics, Horticulture / Plant Science, Animal Science, Forestry / Natural Resources)

**Given at the Spring Area Awards Banquet*

Chapter Achievement for the Most Participation: The chapter that enters the most students in listed events will earn this award (this does not have to be different individuals). Each time a student participates in a listed event it is counted as a participation.

**Given at the Fall North Region Rally*

Chapter Achievement for the greatest number of different members participating: The chapter that involves the greatest number of different chapter members in listed events will be recognized with this award.

**Given at the Fall North Region Rally*

Chapter Achievement for obtaining the most Gold Emblem individual certificates: To promote quality participation, this award is given to the chapter whose students have earned the overall greatest number of Gold Emblems.

**Given at the Fall North Region Rally*

FFA Chapter of the Year: Designed to recognize the High School FFA Chapter and the Middle School FFA Chapter that provides the most participation and highest quality achievement for its local FFA members. This award is determined by a grading rubric that measures chapter participation and success relative to the number of chapter Advisors.

** Given at the Fall North Region Rally*

VI. Scoring:

For the High School Chapter of the Year Award:

1. Number of total participations in listed events	x 1 = _____	
2. Number of different students participating	x 1 = _____	
3. Number of Gold Emblem Certificates earned	x 2 = _____	
4. Number of American Degrees earned	x 2 = _____	
5. Divide that total by the number of full-time Ag. Instructors	= _____	
6. Submitted National Chapter Application (Form 2)	+ 3 = _____	
7. Earned <i>GOLD</i> ranking on National Chapter Application...	+ 2 = _____	
8. Number of exhibitors in the State Jr. Livestock Show.....	x 1 = _____	(Max. 10 Points)
9. Number of area teams qualifying for state competition....	x 2 = _____	
10. Number of state winning events	x 3 = _____	
11. 100% FFA membership	+ 5 = _____	

For the Middle School Chapter of the Year Award:

1. Number of total participations in listed events	x 1 = _____	
2. Number of different students participating	x 1 = _____	
3. Number of Gold Emblem Certificates earned	x 2 = _____	
4. Divide that total by the number of full-time Ag. Instructors	= _____	
5. Submitted National Chapter Application (Form 2)	+ 3 = _____	
6. Earned <i>GOLD</i> ranking on National Chapter Application.....	+ 2 = _____	
7. Number of exhibitors in the State Jr. Livestock Show.....	x 1 = _____	(Max. 10 Points)
8. Number of area teams qualifying for state competition....	x 2 = _____	
9. Number of state winning events	x 3 = _____	
10. 100% FFA membership	+ 5 = _____	

FFA events considered for Total Participation, Individual Participation, and Gold Emblems

High School Chapters		Middle School Chapters
Ag. Communications (Sr.)	Ag. Marketing Plan (Sr.)	Agri-science Fair
Ag. Mechanics (Sr.)	Ag. Sales (Sr.)	Creed Speaking
Agri-Science Fair	American Degree Application	Dairy Cattle Judging (Jr.)
Creed Speaking (Jr.)	Dairy Cattle Judging (Sr.)	FFA Quiz (Jr.)
Dairy Cattle Judging (Jr.)	Discussion Meet (Sr.)	FFA Week Application
EMC Wiring (Sr.)	Env. Nat. Resources (Sr.)	Floral Design (Jr.)
Env.Nat.Resources (Jr.)	Extemp. Speaking (Sr.)	Floriculture (Jr.)
FFA Quiz (Jr.)	Farm Business Mgt. (Sr.)	Forestry (Jr.)
Floral Design (Jr.)	Floral Design (Sr.)	Horse Judging (Jr.)
Floriculture (Jr.)	Floriculture (Sr.)	Land Judging (Jr.)
Forestry (Sr.)	Forestry (Jr.)	MS Lawnmower Operations
Horse Judging (Sr.)	Horse Judging (Jr.)	Livestock Judging (Jr.)
Job Interview Skills (Sr.)	Land Judging (Sr.)	Meats Judging (Jr.) (Jr.)
Land Judging (Jr.)	Lawnmower (Sr.)	Nursery Landscape (Jr.)
Livestock Judging (Sr.)	Livestock Judging (Jr.)	Officer Award Applications
Meats Judging (Sr.)	Meats Judging (Jr.)	Parliamentary Procedure (Jr.)
Natural Resources (Jr.)	Nursery Landscape (Sr.)	Poultry Judging (Jr.)
Nursery Landscape (Jr.)	Officer Award Applications	Prepared Public Speaking (Jr.)
Parliamentary Procedure (Jr.)	Parliamentary Procedure (Sr.)	SAE middle school Record Book
Poultry Judging (Jr.)	Poultry Judging (Sr.)	Area Officer Application
Prepared Public Speaking (Jr.)	Prepared Public Speaking (Sr.)	Wildlife (Jr.)
Proficiency Application	Star Battery Application	
State Degree Application	State Officer Application	
Area Officer Application	Tractor Driving	
Wildlife (Jr.)	Wildlife (Sr.)	
FFA Week Application		

For the High School Chapter Award of Excellence in FFA Leadership:

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| 1. Number of total participation in area leadership events | X 1 = _____ |
| 2. Number of Gold Emblems in area events | X 2 = _____ |
| 3. Number of area cdes placing first | X 5 = _____ |
| 4. Number of State /Area Officers serving during the year | X 2 = _____ |
| 5. Number of leadership proficiency applications submitted | X 1 = _____ |
| 6. Chapter winning regional proficiency | X 5 = _____ |

Leadership Events Considered: Prepared Public Speaking Extemporaneous Speaking- Parliamentary Procedure Officer Award Application	FFA Quiz Job Interview Skills Discussion Meet Creed Speaking
Proficiency applications: Agriculture Communications Agriculture Education	

For the Middle School Chapter Award of Excellence in FFA Leadership:

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| 1. Number of total participation in area leadership events | X 1 = _____ |
| 2. Number of Gold Emblems in area events | X 2 = _____ |
| 3. Number of area cdes placing first | X 5 = _____ |
| 4. Having an Area Officer serve during the year | X 2 = _____ |

Leadership Events Considered Prepared Public Speaking Creed Speaking FFA Quiz Parliamentary Procedure Officer Award Applications

For the High School Award of Excellence in Agricultural Mechanics

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| 1. Number of total participants in area ag mechanics events | X 1 = _____ |
| 2. Number of Gold Emblems in area events | X 2 = _____ |
| 3. Number of area cdes placing first | X 5 = _____ |
| 4. Number of ag mech. proficiency applications submitted | X 1 = _____ |
| 5. Chapter winning regional proficiency | X 5 = _____ |

Ag. Mechanics Events Considered: FFA/EMC Woodworking Tractor Driving Agriscience Fair Entries – Power, Structure, Technical Systems	Ag Mechanics Lawn Mower Operation
Proficiency applications: Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance	

For the Middle School Award of Excellence in Agricultural Mechanics

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| 1. Number of total participants in area ag mechanics events | X 1 = _____ |
| 2. Number of Gold Emblems in area events | X 2 = _____ |
| 3. Number of area cdes placing first | X 5 = _____ |
| 4. Number of MS ag mech. record books submitted | X 1 = _____ |
| 5. Chapter winning area ag mech. record book | X 5 = _____ |

Ag. Mechanics Events Considered: Lawn Mower Operation Woodworking Agriscience Fair Entries – Power, Structure, Technical Systems
MS Record book Applications: Ag Mech/Woodworking

For the High School Award of Excellence in Horticulture

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| 1. Number of total participants in area horticulture events | X 1 = _____ |
| 2. Number of Gold Emblems in area events | X 2 = _____ |
| 3. Number of area cdes placing first | X 5 = _____ |
| 4. Number of total participants in GGIA Jr. Certification | X 1 = _____ |
| 5. Number of total participants “certified” Jr. GGIA | X 2 = _____ |
| 6. Number of horticulture proficiency applications submitted | X 1 = _____ |
| 7. Chapter winning regional proficiency | X 5 = _____ |

Horticulture Events Considered: Floral Design Floriculture Agriscience Fair Entries- Plant Systems	Nursery Landscape	
Proficiency applications: Diversified Crop Diversified Horticulture Landscape Management Vegetable Production Agriscience Research – Plant Systems		Nursery Operations Fruit Production Turf Grass

For the Middle School Award of Excellence in Horticulture

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| 1. Number of total participants in area horticulture events | X 1 = _____ |
| 2. Number of Gold Emblems in area events | X 2 = _____ |
| 3. Number of area cdes placing first | X 5 = _____ |
| 4. Number of total participants in GGIA Jr. Certification | X 1 = _____ |
| 5. Number of total participants “certified” Jr. GGIA | X 2 = _____ |
| 6. Number of middle school record books submitted | X 1 = _____ |
| 7. Chapter winning area record books | X 5 = _____ |

Horticulture Events Considered: Floral Design Floriculture Agriscience Fair Entries- Plant Systems	Nursery Landscape
MS Record Book Applications: Horticulture Production Agriculture	

For the High School Award of Excellence in Animal Science

1. Number of total participation in area events X 1 = _____
2. Number of Gold Emblems in area events X 2 = _____
3. Number of area cdes placing first X 5 = _____
4. Number of livestock project exhibitors X 1 = _____
(State Livestock Show only)
5. Number of proficiency applications submitted X 1 = _____
6. Chapter winning regional proficiency X 5 = _____

Animal Science Events Considered:	
Dairy Cattle Judging -	Horse Judging
Livestock Judging	Meats Evaluation
Poultry Judging	
Agriscience Fair Entries – Animal Systems	
Proficiency applications:	
Beef Production	Swine Production
Dairy Production	Equine Science
Diversified Livestock	Goat Production
Poultry Production	Sheep Production
Small Animal Care	Specialty Animal Production
Veterinary Science	
Agriscience Research/Animal Systems	

For the Middle School Award of Excellence in Animal Science

1. Number of total participation in area events X 1 = _____
2. Number of Gold Emblems in area events X 2 = _____
3. Number of area cdes placing first X 5 = _____
4. Number of livestock project exhibitors X 1 = _____
(State Livestock Show only)
5. Number of livestock record books submitted X 1 = _____
6. Chapter winning area livestock record book X 5 = _____

Animal Science Events Considered:	
Dairy Cattle Judging	Horse Judging
Livestock Judging	Poultry Judging
Meats Evaluation	
Agriscience Fair Entries – Animal Systems	
MS record Book applications: Livestock	

For the High School Award of Excellence in Forestry / Natural Resources

1. Number of total participation in area events X 1 = _____
2. Number of Gold Emblems in area events X 2 = _____
3. Number of area cdes placing first X 5 = _____
4. Number of proficiency applications submitted X 1 = _____
5. Chapter winning regional proficiency X 5 = _____

Forestry Events Considered:	
Forestry	Landjudging
Wildlife	ENR
Agriscience Fair Entries: Environmental Services/ Natural Resource Systems	
Proficiency applications:	
Environmental Science and NR Management	
Forest Management	
Wildlife Management	

For the Middle School Award of Excellence in Forestry / Natural Resources

1. Number of total participants in area events X 1 = _____
2. Number of Gold Emblems in area events X 2 = _____
3. Number of area cdes placing first X 5 = _____
4. Number of forestry record books submitted X 1 = _____
5. Chapter winning area forestry record book X 5 = _____

Forestry Events Considered:	
Forestry	Landjudging
Wildlife	
Agriscience Fair Entries: Environmental Services/ Natural Resource Systems	
MS Record Book Applications: Forestry/Nat. Res.	

VII. Tie Breakers:

1. Number of Chapter Members / Teacher (ratio)
2. Percent of Chapter Members that entered area events
3. Percent of Chapter Members that earned Gold Emblem in Area Events
4. Number of 1st place finishes in Area Events
5. Number of 1st place finishes in State Events

VIII. Awards:

1. Plaque for each High School and Middle School Chapter for the Award of Excellence in:
FFA Leadership, Agricultural Mechanics, Horticulture, Animal Science, & Forestry / Natural Resources
2. Plaque for each High School and Middle School Chapter in each Chapter Achievement area:
- Most Participation
- Greatest Number of Different Students
- Most Gold Emblem Award Individuals
3. Banner for the Area 1 & 2 FFA Chapter of the Year (High School and Middle School)
4. “Chapter of the Year” embroidered jacket for the Advisor(s) of the
Area 1 & 2 Chapter of the Year (High School and Middle School)