



- At 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 26, five sets of judges (as arranged by each technical team) will meet for an orientation on their role as judges, what to look for, etc...Each “set” of judges will consist of 3 people.
- At 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 26, judges will begin interviewing the finalists in the proficiency award categories that fall within their assigned technical area. Each judge will provide a score for each finalist that they interview (max of 50 points). Scores from the student’s interview (max of 50 points) will be used to determine an interview rank. Interview ranks will be combined with application rankings determined using raw scores from paper applications (max 100 points). The lowest total rank will be the state winner; next lowest rank will be 2nd, etc...
- A max of 30 minutes will be allotted to complete the interviews in each proficiency area. Interviews will be conducted according to the State Proficiency Interview schedule. Each finalist will enter their room one at a time and be given up to **1 minute to share a prepared statement** about themselves and their SAE. At the one minute mark, time will be called and the interview will begin. The judges will be allowed **5 minutes to interview each finalist**. At the end of five minutes, the finalist will leave the room the judges will have 2 minutes to score the student before the next finalist enters.
- Each Finalist is asked to report to the proficiency award check-in table in the Marriott hallway outside of Magnolia D at least thirty minutes prior to their interview time. Finalists will be escorted to a finalists-only holding room to cut down on traffic and noise in the hallway outside interview rooms. Finalists will be taken to their interview from the holding room.
- **Finalist will be allowed to take only their record books and/or copy of their application into the interview room.** No samples of work, portfolios, etc...will be allowed into the interview room. The record books will only be necessary if a finalist needs them to support or explain an answer.
- Results of proficiency awards will be announced live on stage during the 3rd general session at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 27.

**State Proficiency Award
Interview Score Card**

APPEARANCE (max of 10 points).....

- completeness of Official FFA Dress
- grooming

COMMUNICATION (max of 10 points).....

- verbal (grammar, complete thoughts, etc...)
- non-verbal (body language, posture, etc...)

KNOWLEDGE OF SAE & APPLICATION (max of 30 point).....

- ability to explain financial figures
- ability to support the written documentation of their role in the SAE
- candidate’s knowledge and experience support the skills/activities listed