



97th Georgia FFA Convention State Proficiency Award Interview Process

- At 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, six sets of judges will meet for an orientation. Each “set” of judges will consist of 3-4 people.

- At 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, judges will begin interviewing the finalists. 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 room 306, upstairs in the Convention Center at least thirty minutes prior to their interview time. **Room 306 will serve as 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. Traffic in the hallway areas will be limited to control noise levels for the interview rooms.

- **Finalists will be allowed to take only their record books and/or copy of their application into the interview room.** Samples of work, portfolios, etc...will not be allowed into the interview room. Finalists are allowed to reference their application or record books to explain an answer.

- Results of proficiency awards will be announced live, on stage, during sessions 3 & 4 on Friday, April 25, and sessions 5 on Saturday, April 26.

State Proficiency Award Interview Score Card

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Possible Points</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
<i>Appearance</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate professional attire (official FFA dress) • grooming 	10	
<i>Communication</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • verbal (grammar, complete thoughts, etc.) • non-verbal (body language, poster, etc.) 	10	
<i>Knowledge of SAE & Application</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ability to explain financial figures • ability to support the written documentation of their role in the SAE • candidate’s knowledge & experience support the skills & activities listed 	30	