



Georgia FFA Association State Star SAE Visit Guidelines 2026

1. Each Star finalist will be visited by a panel of 3 judges, and members of the state Agricultural Education staff. The visit will happen at the primary site of the finalist's SAE work (i.e. farm, place of business, school, etc...) The location will be decided by the student and their advisor(s).
2. Each Star finalist will have a maximum of one hour (60 minutes) with the interview committee. Time will begin when the SAE visit begins. If the student meets the judges at the school or other location in order to lead them to their farm or place of work, the time will not begin until the party arrives at the SAE work site. It is not mandatory for the student to use a full hour.
3. Each Star finalist is encouraged to take a maximum of two minutes to make an opening statement (i.e. introduce yourself and outline your SAE) to kick-off the visit. The delivery of the statement should only feature the student finalist, without participation from advisors, parents, and/or boss/SAE supervisor. Time will be called after 2 minutes, and the 60-minute interview period will proceed.
4. During the visit, questions from judges should be directed toward the Star finalist's SAE; specifically, their ability to discuss/explain their application/battery; decisions made in the SAE; growth of the SAE; production practices; skills attained through the SAE; goals set & achieved in the SAE; connection of the SAE to the relevant industry; and the student's involvement in FFA activities. Answers are expected to come only from the Star finalist.
5. Star finalists should use their 60 minutes however they choose to tell the story of their SAE. Finalists are encouraged to show the judges their work site, offer descriptions of skills, inventory, decisions made, etc...Walking/riding tours are acceptable as long as they fit within the one-hour time limit. Time does not stop for traveling between work sites. If travel is necessary, the finalist will ride in a vehicle with the judges so the interview can continue while riding.
6. Advisors, parents, bosses/SAE supervisors are encouraged to be onsite to show support but should not participate in the students' presentation or in answering questions from the judges. The committee's visit will be used to gauge the students' involvement in the SAE.
7. Finalists and their advisors, parents, supervisors, etc...are asked to NOT provide refreshments, snacks or gifts for the judges.