

## Nebraska State Degree Requirements

The FFA State Degree is the highest degree the Nebraska FFA Association may bestow upon a member. FFA members must submit two years (24 months) of consecutive SAE record books, complete the FFA State Degree application and meet all minimum qualifications as well as earn a passing score of at least 70% on a State Degree assessment in order to be awarded the FFA State Degree. The state degree may be earned at any state convention after meeting qualifications and occurring prior to the fourth national convention following the student's graduation from high school.

FFA members who have outstanding SAE programs may apply to be a State Star in Production, Agribusiness, Placement or Agriscience at the time of completing the FFA State Degree application, but only up to one year out of high school. Additionally, the following items must be met:

1. All items the Nebraska FFA State Degree Candidate Checklist must be answered "Yes" for the candidate to qualify for the degree.
  - a. Candidate must have been an active FFA member for at least the immediate past 24 months
  - b. Candidate must hold the Greenhand and Chapter FFA Degrees.
  - c. Applicant must have completed at least two full years (360 hours) of agriculture courses, or all of the agriculture courses offered at the school last attended.
  - d. Non-cash income and expense must be balanced each year on the Income/Expense report.
  - e. Accuracy Check for the Balance Sheet & Growth must be "Met."
  - f. Candidate has a record of at least 25 hours of community service in at least two different activities.
  - g. Student must qualify for the degree with earnings, productively invested and hours.
    - i. A student must have productively invested at least \$1,000 and must show SAE earnings of at least \$3,000 **or**
    - ii. A student must have productively invested at least \$3,000 and must show SAE earnings of at least \$1,000 **or**
    - iii. A student must have productively invested at least \$1,200 and must show SAE earnings of at least \$1,200 and must show that [(3.56 factor x quantity of unpaid hours) + value of productively invested assets] = at least 5,000 and must show that [(3.56 factor x quantity of unpaid hours) + SAE earnings] = at least 5,000.
  - h. Candidate must have performed at least 10 procedures of parliamentary law.
  - i. Candidate must have presented at least a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or FFA.
  - j. Candidate must have participated in planning and completing the chapter Program of Activities.
  - k. Candidate must have earned at least 500 points for FFA activities.

- I. Candidate must have earned at least 150 points for FFA activities above the chapter level.
2. All items must be “Met throughout the application.
3. All signatures must be collected and included on the application.
4. A minimum of two years of consecutive records for a comprehensive SAE which correlates to a current agricultural proficiency award area and AFNR pathway must accompany the application in a printed form.
5. All record book components included on the Nebraska FFA State Degree Candidate Checklist must be included in the record book.
  - a. Resume
  - b. Agricultural Science Courses
  - c. FFA Offices (must have been an officer or served on a committee)
  - d. POA Committees
  - e. Journal (minimum leadership points and service hours are verified in the State Degree application)
  - f. SAE Summary (must have the following for each experience)
    - i. SAE Plan (SAE agreements)
    - ii. Journal – Experience related
    - iii. Operating Expenses
    - iv. Operating Income
    - v. Profit/Loss Report
  - g. Non-Current/Capital Inventory (if applicable)
  - h. Income and Expense Unrelated to Experiences (personal)
  - i. Profit/Loss Statement (combines all experiences and years)
  - j. Balance Sheet (combines all experience and years)