**State Star Greenhand**

Purpose: To recognize the outstanding freshman FFA member who is enrolled in agriculture education for the first time, and to encourage them to strive for greater achievements in the FFA organization. The chapter’s most active first year member who has plans for a strong supervised agriculture experience (SAE) program and has demonstrated leadership is selected to win the Star Greenhand medal each year.

Eligibility: 1. Any freshman student who is enrolled in agriculture education for the first time is eligible to compete. 2. Each chapter in “good standing.” is eligible to have one individual member represent their chapter in the event as their Star Chapter Greenhand.

Procedure: A Star Greenhand will be selected at the chapter level to compete at state. Each chapter is entitled to submit one contestant at the State Convention.

The candidate’s record book or a written plan for a Supervised Agriculture Experience must be available for review along with a report card or transcript of grades. The candidate must be in official dress.

The following guide and scorecard can to be used for local and state competition.

Event Rules: 1. Must be the chapter winner to compete at State. 2. A committee of three judges will be used. 3. Candidates must turn in recordbook or SAE plans and transcript at registration. 4. Official dress is required.

Event Format: The winner will be determined on the basis of the candidates’ agricultural experience program, knowledge of agriculture and the FFA, leadership potential, scholarship, activities, poise, speaking ability and recitation of the FFA Creed.

Recordbooks or SAE plans will be used to verify SAE and related information.

Scoring: A ranking matrix is used, if needed, once the candidates are ranked after the interview portion of Star award (i.e., a ranking of 1,1,4 = 6 and a 2,2,2 ranking = 6 with the 1,1,4 ranking breaking the tie).

The included scorecard, below, can be used at the Chapter and State levels as well.

Tiebreakers:

Awards: Each chapter winner will receive a certificate at the State FFA Convention.

b. References for the test will be limited to:

Resources: • See the “National FFA CDE Handbook”. FFA Manual, FFA Handbook

**Guide for Selecting Star Greenhand**

Greenhand must: 1. Be a member of local, state, and national FFA.

2. Be a freshman high school student enrolled in agriculture education for the first time.

3. Be a student who is able to make an outstanding presentation of the FFA Creed.

* voice – quality, pitch, force
* stage presence – personal appearance, poise, body posture, confidence, personality
* power of expressional – fluent, emphasis, sincerity, conveyance of thought and meaning
* general effect – extent to which the speech was understandable, convincing, pleasing, and held attention
* response to questions - ability to satisfactorily answer the questions of the judges showing an understanding of the Creed.

4. Have a specific written plan or have started in a supervised agriculture experience program with up-to-date AET records. Information must be available to the judges.

5. Be an active FFA member.

* leadership
* interest in helping FFA
* committee member
* interest in helping others
* regular attendance
* attitude

6. Have outstanding character.

7. Have the ability to get along and work with others.

8. Have good conduct.

9. Have a satisfactory scholastic record.

10. Take a written test with the following guidelines:

a. The test will include questions from the following areas:

(1) Leadership (FFA, Parliamentary Procedure, SAE

(2) Mechanics (woodworking, tool ID, tool conditioning)

(3) Animal science

(4) Plant science

(1) FFA Knowledge (A) FFA Student Handbook (b) Current year Official FFA Manual (2) Freshman level agriculture education curriculum.

(3) All areas: any update or approved reference suggested by the State FFA Advisor.

NOTE: Each Chapter Star Greenhand will have the opportunity to say the Creed during the interview at the State FFA Convention.

**Star Greenhand Scoring**

* Supervised Agricultural Experience -400 Pts
* Leadership -450 Points

Minimum Qualifications

A. Enrolled in Ag-Ed I class for the current year?

B. Has current FFA membership card in possession?

C. Has current transcript of grades?

D. Has up-to-date record book?

E. Can satisfactorily recite the FFA Creed?

F. Is wearing Official FFA Dress?

G. Is well-groomed?

**Bring all candidates in to the room to introduce themselves for 2 minutes each and then follow up with general questions about their SAE, current agriculture issues, career goals and the creed in their 2nd interview.**

**Star State Greenhand Score sheet**

**Supervised Agriculture Experience Scoring**

* First portion of Interview: Introduction of self
* Second portion of Interview questions are directed to these areas:

Question 1 Scope and Plans Supervised Agriculture Experience

Question 2 Long Term Plans and Career Goals

Question 3 Knowledge of agriculture and current issues facing agriculture.

Question 4 AET records and financials regarding their project

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| **Supervised Agriculture Experience** |  | #1 | #2 | #3 | #4 | #5 | #6 | #7 | #8 |
| Scope | 100 pts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Long Term Plans | 100 pts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Knowledge | 100 pts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Record Book/Plan | 100 pts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Leadership** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Appearance | 50 pts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scholarship | 50 pts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leadership Activites, FFA | 75 pts. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leadership Activities Other | 25 pts. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poise | 50 pts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Speaking  Ability | 50 pts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Creed | 100 pts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Written Test | 200 pts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 1000  pts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |