

# Agricultural Education

## Sponsored By: TN Council of Cooperatives



**Purpose:** Students with SAE's related to education and extension participate in youth mentoring, being agricultural education departmental assistants, and presenting informational materials to civic organizations and school aged youth on the broad topics of agriculture and the FFA. Students with placement or entrepreneurship programs may enter in this area.

**Background:** FFA members recognize that the future of agriculture lies in their hands. One of the greatest challenges facing agriculture education today is finding qualified teachers who are dedicated to teaching the next generation about agriculture. FFA members are encouraged to mentor, job shadow, and give presentations on

any field of agriculture to give them a better perspective on what being an agriculture educator is really like.

**Visibility:** The sponsor of this award will be recognized in the following ways:

- ✓ Immediate press release recognizing the new partnership.
- ✓ Statewide recognition at the state FFA Convention in front of 2500 FFA members.
- ✓ Statewide media recognition through press releases in agricultural publications.
- ✓ Name of sponsor on plaques received by FFA members.
- ✓ Up to thirty applicants statewide annually.

**Budget:** The annual cost of this three-year commitment is \$500.00. This amount of support each year will provide for cost of award plaques with sponsor's name on each of three regional levels and on the statewide level and cash awards.

**Expected Results:** This partnership will generate added interest and excitement in this award area. Through this increased interest more students will focus their skill development in the area of Agricultural Education.