

Tennessee FFA Star Greenhand- Sponsored by: Tennessee FFA Alumni Association



Purpose: The Tennessee Star Greenhand award promotes excellence in first year FFA members who are developing their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program, leadership skills, and general knowledge of the FFA. The winner is selected annually on the regional and state level from those FFA members who won in their local chapter. There is no national competition for this contest. A student must be a freshman or in their first year to apply for the Star Greenhand award.

Background: The Star Greenhand award was created to recognize outstanding first year FFA members for their accomplishments at the local, regional, and state levels. This award is not only based on the member's active role in their chapter, but also their interview and writing skills.

To be eligible for this award, a member must:

- Currently be an active member of the FFA and be in your first year of membership.

- Have participated in at least five FFA activities at the chapter level.
- Have participated in at least two FFA activities above the chapter level.
- Submit two letters of recommendation.
- Complete a written examination and interview at the regional level to be selected for the state competition.

The State Greenhand award recipient will receive a plaque and check from the sponsoring organization.

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 2,500 FFA members.
- Statewide media recognition through press releases in agricultural publications.
- Name of sponsor on plaques received by FFA members.

Budget: The annual cost of this three-year commitment is \$1300.00 each year. This amount of support each year will provide the award plaques with sponsor's name on each of three regional levels, communication on the statewide level, cash awards for the winners on the regional and state levels, and will pay travel expenses for the official who makes visits to each of the programs.

Expected Results: This partnership will generate added interest and excitement in this award area. Through this increased interest more students will focus on development of their SAE, leadership skills, and general knowledge of the FFA.