

Tennessee FFA Star in Agriscience -

Sponsored by Tennessee Rural Health and Farm Services Agency



Purpose: The Tennessee Star in Agriscience award promotes excellence in FFA members who are developing their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program in the area of agriscience. The winner is selected annually on the regional and state level from those FFA members who are applying for and have been selected to receive the State FFA Degree. A student must be in at least their third year of membership to apply for the degree.

Background: The Star in Agriscience award, one of two new star awards, is given to a student whose SAE program involves working in a natural resources or Agriscience. The member's SAE program may be an entrepreneurship or placement type program. The placement hours do not have to be paid hours, but the member must meet the earnings

and investment requirements for the State FFA Degree.

To be eligible for this award, a member must:

- Currently be an active member of the FFA and be in at least the third year of membership.
- Conduct an accepted Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
- Be pursuing a career in agriculture.
- Be active in the activities of the local FFA chapter.
- Be selected as regional Star in Agriscience.

Applicants must indicate on the State FFA Degree form that they wish to be considered for Star in Agriscience. The top applicants will receive a visit from an impartial official to compare the applicants.

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 their skill development in agriscience.