

State Degree Guide Sheet

State Degree Checklist-

Check these items before submitting your applications to ensure success!

- Signature Page- all signatures present
- Cover Page- confirm membership, degrees and Ag Ed hours
- Version Number in bottom left corner- all pages the same version
- Financial Balance Sheet Information- confirm for met areas
- Qualification check – all green Met- confirm
- Leadership FFA Activities- 10 Chapter activities and 5 different state or above activities
- Community Service- 25 hours at least 2 different activities
- Pictures – 3 to 6 pictures with captions
- Checklist of Minimum Qualifications
- Manual Checklist
- State Star Applications must include a star battery application

State Degree FFA Activities

Acceptable Activities

- a. See the attached list of activities that count as State Degree FFA activities.
 - i. This is not an all-inclusive list it is meant to be a guide.
- b. At least 3 of the 5 activities must be non-repetitive activities.

Example:

Activity	State	Regional
Livestock Judging CDE – DE State Fair	16, 17	
Big E Awards Banquet		17
Big E- Livestock Judging CDE		17
Big E		17

State Degree Community Service Activities

Directly from National FFA American Degree Guideline:

1. The activity includes tangible community involvement by the applicant.

2. The applicant has an opportunity to gain skills and competencies or apply skills and competencies learned in the classroom setting.

3. The activity has a demonstrated positive impact and is focused on helping others, improving community resources or improving community infrastructure.

a. Community members impacted may not primarily be members of the applicants own family.

4. The applicant must voluntarily donate his/her time, energy and knowledge outside of any class time, including non-agricultural education class time.

a. If the applicant is allowed to perform service in place of other required activities (classwork for example) it is not donated time and should not be counted.

b. Service required for reparations or punishment is not voluntary and cannot be counted.

5. Community Service activities can be organized by a group the applicant is a part of (FFA Chapter, church congregation, sports team, etc.), but the activity cannot be for the benefit of the group itself.

Exception: If the applicant is a member of a group whose SOLE purpose for existing is to provide service (March of Dimes, United Way, American Cancer Society, etc.) an event put on by the group may benefit its own service mission.

6. Activities listed/hours counted as Community Service cannot be duplicated in the FFA activities section of the application or as unpaid SAE hours. Activities/hours may only be used in one section of an application.

<p style="text-align: center;">Unacceptable <i>These examples are participation/engagement rather than service or directly benefit the participant.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Acceptable <i>These examples are voluntary, provide tangible benefit to the community and do not directly benefit the participant.</i></p>
<p>Participating in a fundraiser in which the profits benefit the FFA Chapter and/or chapter members.</p>	<p>Participating in a fundraiser organized by the FFA Chapter for which all profits are donated to the local children's hospital.</p>
<p>Organizing and/or participating in a fall leaf clean up at your own church/place of worship, club, business or a relative's home.</p>	<p>Organizing and/or participating in a fall leaf clean up for a civic building, community park, a church/place of worship at which you are not a member or for community members in need.</p>
<p>Volunteering as the scorekeeper, manager, concessions stand attendant, etc. for your own or your school's sports team, band, play, assembly, choir performance, etc.</p>	<p>Volunteering as the unpaid coach, scorekeeper, manager or referee for a non-profit community sports team, band, choir, dance troupe, etc.</p>

Example State Activities

- ✓ Statewide Ice skating
- ✓ Vision 9
- ✓ Vision 10-12
- ✓ Preliminary Contest
- ✓ State Convention
- ✓ Leadership workshops @ State Convention
- ✓ Day of Service @ State Convention
- ✓ Awards Banquet @ State Convention
- ✓ State Convention CDE
- ✓ Countywide Events
- ✓ June CDE's
- ✓ DE State Fair
- ✓ Livestock exhibiting
- ✓ FFA entries
- ✓ FFA Fair games
- ✓ FFA Fair Breakfast
- ✓ Big E
- ✓ Big E Awards banquet
- ✓ Big E CDE
- ✓ COLT
- ✓ National Convention (this covers workshops, sessions, career show, concerts)
- ✓ National Convention CDE, Agriscience, Talent etc.
- ✓ National Convention Day of Service
- ✓ State Officer Candidate School
- ✓ Statewide CDE practices
- ✓ State Sponsored workshops (Presidents leadership workshop)
- ✓ Any activity that has 3 or more chapters present is counted as a statewide activity