

Delaware FFA State Degree Judges Checklist

Directions: Check Each student’s Delaware State Degree Application with the checklist below. Any item that cannot be checked off will not be approved for their degree. To access their application, click on “Records” and it will open up their “AET Interactive Complete Recordbook Report”.

Item to Assess & Where in AET Interactive Record Book	Approved
Participated in a minimum of 5 FFA activities above the chapter level? (3 of the 5 must be non-repetitive)? (E. Journal of FFA Activities)	
Has given (1) a six-minute speech, or (2) led a group discussion for forty minutes, on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA? (E. Journal of “Other” Activities)	
Participated in 25 hours of Community Service Activities in at least 2 different activities that DID NOT BENEFIT FFA and NOT DUPLICATED AS AN SAE? (E. Journal of Community Service Activities)	
3-6 Quality photos are added with captions (Not in Interactive Notebook. Located in PDF Version of State Degree Application)	
SAE Plan for EACH SAE is correctly explained including Annual Review (Scope), Description, Time Investment, Financial Records (if applicable) and Learning Objectives? (F. SAE (Each SAE Project > General))	
SAE transactions (income/paychecks, expenses, or journal hours) for each SAE appropriate & reasonable for the enterprise(s) (SAEs) listed? (F. SAE (Each SAE Project > Finances))	
If placement SAEs, are record journals and paychecks appropriate & reasonable and are less than 2,080 hours per year? (if applies – see journal and financial records) (F. SAE (Each SAE Project > Journal))	
Are non-current items reasonable and appropriate for their SAE(s) and explained in their SAE plan (agreement)? (if applies see non-current and SAE plan) (G. Non-Current Inventory)	

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.

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