



## National Chapter Award Program

*The National FFA National Chapter Award Program is designed to recognize FFA chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards (NQCS) and a Program of Activities (POA) that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.*

### HOW DO CHAPTERS QUALIFY?

- In order to qualify for a state or national award, your chapter must complete at least 15 activities: one for each of the five quality standards in each of the three divisions. Additionally, the chapter must meet the minimum requirements as outlined in the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards.

### Quality Standards:

For definitions of quality standards, example activities and more information, please review the handbook.

Growing Leaders	Building Communities	Strengthening Agriculture
Leadership	Environmental	Support Group
Healthy Lifestyle	Human Resources	Chapter Recruitment
Scholarship	Citizenship	Safety
Personal Growth	Stakeholder Engagement	Agricultural Advocacy
Career Success	Economic Development	Agricultural Literacy

### National Quality FFA Chapter Standards:

The National Quality FFA Chapter Standards include 13 indicators that serve as a foundation for consistent delivery of quality FFA chapters across the nation focused on growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. These standards are designed to be used by local advisors, administration, community partners and/or stakeholders, FFA Alumni and/or an assessment team to conduct an evaluation of the local FFA chapter and develop clear goals and objectives for chapter improvement. For a list of these indicators, scoresheet and rubric, please review the handbook.

### WHAT'S IN THE APPLICATION?

There are two forms. Form I consists of short descriptions of one activity related to each quality standard in addition to meeting the minimum criteria outlined in the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards. This is used mostly for the State Superior Chapter Award. Form II documents activities completed based on the quality standards. This includes documenting goals, a plan of action for each goal, results and evaluation of each activity, and a photo to document the activity.



## **HOW ARE CHAPTERS RECOGNIZED?**

### *State FFA Superior Chapter Award*

Every chapter that meets the minimum quality chapter standards and completes Form I will qualify as a state superior chapter. To do this, chapters need to conduct one activity related to each quality standard in addition to meeting minimum criteria outlined in the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards. Chapters receive a superior chapter certificate each year they achieve this level. The chapter will also be eligible to compete for their state's Gold, Silver and Bronze chapter awards.

### *State Gold, Silver, and Bronze Chapter Awards*

To compete for state gold, silver or bronze awards, chapters must qualify for the superior chapter award and complete Form II. Chapters use Form II to report goals, plans of action and results/evaluation on three activities for each division. State judges rank the chapters as gold, silver or bronze based on the rubric. Chapters receive a multi-year plaque and yearly plaque inserts, commonly known as spurs, specifying the level achieved each year.

The state's top three gold chapter award winners (or the number equal to 10 percent of the state's total number of chapters, if that number is higher) are eligible to compete for the National FFA Star Chapter Awards.

### *National FFA Star Chapter Awards*

Chapters that receive a gold rating by their state FFA associations are eligible to compete for National FFA 3-star, 2-star or 1-star ratings. Each chapter that competes for these awards will receive a multi-year plaque and a spur designating their 3-star, 2-star or 1-star rating. They will receive additional spurs for each year they compete and receive a rating from the National FFA Organization. Chapters that receive a national 3-star chapter rating will be eligible to compete for the chapters that receive a national 3-star chapter rating will be eligible to compete for the National Premier Chapter Awards, Models of Excellence and Middle School Models of Excellence Awards.

### *National Premier Chapter Awards*

The national level also recognizes the top chapters with innovative activities in each of the three divisions: growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. The top ten chapters in each division receive a National FFA Premier Chapter Award plaque. Of those top ten in each division, a top premier chapter will be chosen in each division. Only 3-star chapters are eligible for premier chapter awards.

### *National Models of Excellence*

Ten high school chapters will be chosen as models of excellence chapters. These National FFA Models of Excellence chapters exhibit exemplary qualities in all categories of growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. An overall national winner will be chosen out of the models of excellence chapters. Only 3-star high school chapters are eligible for the models of excellence awards.

### *National Middle School Models of Excellence*

Five middle school chapters will be selected as middle school model of excellence chapters. The National FFA Middle School Models of Excellence chapters exhibit exemplary qualities in all categories of growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. An overall national winner will be chosen out of the middle school models of excellence chapters. Only 3-star middle school chapters are eligible for the middle school models of excellence awards.

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