

89th Ohio FFA State Convention

May 4-5, 2017 • Ohio Expo Center • Columbus, Ohio

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To: 2017 Ohio Proficiency Award State Finalists and Advisors
From: Brenda Correll, FFA Program Assistant
Date: March 8, 2017
Re: State Proficiency Activities at the 89th State FFA Convention

Congratulations on your achievement as a State FFA Proficiency Award Finalist! You will be recognized at the 89th Ohio FFA Convention in Columbus in the Celeste Center at the Ohio Expo Center.

State interviews will be conducted for **Ohio's Proficiency Award State Finalists** on **Thursday, May 4, 2017** from **9 AM to 12 NOON** in the **Bricker Building**. The exact schedule will be announced and posted on the Ohio FFA website by April 7th.

Ohio's Proficiency Award State Finalists will be recognized during the **Second** Session, 7 PM on **Thursday, May 4, 2017** or the **Third** Session, 10 AM on **Friday, May 5, 2017**. Advisors, we ask that you have your FFA member(s) present for this presentation. We are recognizing Wildlife Management through Fiber and/or Oil Crop during the Second Session and then Equine Science through Accounting during the Third Session.

A seating chart, for ease in locating the reserved seat, will be available at the registration booth in the Celeste Center.

All first place proficiency award winners will receive a check for \$250, second place individuals will receive a check for \$150, third place will receive a check for \$100 and fourth place will receive a check for \$50. However, checks will not be received at State Convention. Checks will be mailed to the Advisors at school in the beginning of August. As a reminder, students appearing on stage must be in official dress.

STATE WINNING PROFICIENCY AWARD CRITIQUE: Advisors of state winning proficiency applications are asked to attend a workshop on **Wednesday, May 31, 2017** to help critique all state winning applications. This workshop will be held at the Ohio FFA Center beginning at 9 am. The state winning applications will only be handed back to advisors that attend the May 31 workshop. All applications must be resubmitted to the Ohio FFA no later than June 23, 2017 to be forwarded on to National judging.

RECOGNITION LUNCHEON - Finalists will be invited to a recognition luncheon after the interviews are concluded on Thursday, May 4, 2017. The luncheon will be held in the Rhodes Center beginning at 12:30 pm. Additional details and reservation forms will be emailed within the next couple of weeks.

PROFICIENCY STATE FINALISTS DISPLAY: Each Proficiency State Finalists is required to have a display highlighting their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program at Convention in the Bricker Building. The goal of the display is for FFA members with successful SAEs to share ideas with other members. Attached are guidelines for developing your display. State interviews will be conducted along side the finalists display. If you have questions after reviewing the enclosed guidelines, please email me.

GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING THE “PROFICIENCY” DISPLAY

It is very important that you take the time to develop a neat and effective display for the State FFA Convention. You will be provided with one-half of an 8' table (a 48" by 30" area). Therefore, you should develop an effective tabletop display. Judges, fellow members, advisors, sponsors and guests will be viewing your displays, so you need to put time and effort into telling the story about your SAE. Make sure to include good quality photos and check for misspellings in your captions. Please follow the guidelines below.

1. All displays must include the following information clearly identifiable:
 - a. Name of the Proficiency Award Sponsor(s) – Go to the Ohio FFA website, www.ohioffa.org, click on Foundation Sponsors
 - b. Your name
 - c. Chapter Name and Advisor(s)
 - d. Photos with captions explaining your program.
 - e. Information sheets about your SAE (See # 3 below)
 - f. A few copies of your proficiency application: mostly for people to look at and not take.
 - g. The Ohio FFA Association will provide a header that has the name of the Proficiency Award Area - (i.e. Dairy Production - Placement)
2. All information on the display **MUST** be spelled correctly and grammatically correct. The interview committee will look at the displays.
3. Each proficiency finalist needs to have at least 50 copies of a one-page information sheet explaining their Supervised Experience Program. Include the following information on your information sheet:
 - a. Name, Chapter, Address, Phone Number - Contact Information.
 - b. Describe the scope of your SAE - what makes up your program.
 - c. Describe how you got started in your SAE.
 - d. Describe the goals of your program and how you accomplished them.
 - e. Describe future plans for you and your program.
 - f. Suggestions to FFA members interested in starting this type of an SAE
4. Displays should include photos and captions relating to the member's SAE. A member must display at least **six** photos. Photos need to be good quality, meaning...
 - a. Close up shots of your subjects.
 - b. Clear, focused pictures. Blurry photos don't work.
 - c. Good color. Not over exposed (too light) nor under exposed (too dark).
5. **All display boards must be a standard, three-panel display board that unfolds to be 36" tall by 48" wide.** Members are responsible for designing their own display areas. Displays should fit on the four-foot area. Each member will receive one-half of an eight-foot table or four feet of space. You may want to consult an office supply store for a cardboard project display board (e.g. Science Fair display). The Ohio FFA will provide a project header board labeled with the proficiency award area.
6. We suggest that proficiency finalists staff their displays at the following times to answer any questions members, parents or sponsors may have: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 2017; 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 5, 2017.

7. **Set-up time is 7:30 - 8:50 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017, in the Bricker Building.** Everyone **MUST** set up at this time, then find your seat and get ready for your interview. **ALL** displays must be set before any interviews take place to avoid distracting those interviewing. Your display may be torn down after 5:00 pm on Friday, May 5, 2017. You will have until 6:00 pm to remove your display before the building is locked for the evening.

8. All displays will be located in the **Bricker Building**. Signs stating the name, chapter and award area of each participant will be provided on each table. When setting up your display, please set-up in your labeled area.

Proficiency Display FAQs

Q: Did you have a picture size in mind? They think 6 or 8 5"x7" might be the max with info.

A: Using 5" x 7" photos will more than likely provide for the aesthetically pleasing layout.

Q: What will the header look like? Will space need to be left at the top of the board to have it slip over?

A: The Ohio FFA will provide a header board that is similar in fashion to the one located at <<http://www.sciencestuff.com/prod/SFDisCard/1628-24>>. It does appear that the header board will occupy a small space at the top of the board.

Q: Are there restrictions to decorations, board painting and matting of pictures.

A: With the exception of keeping the display boards neutral in appearance, students can utilize all of their creative talents to best display their SAE. Keep in mind, that students also have the area in front of their board on the tabletop that they can use to set up buddy boards and other small display items.

Resources

Science Buddies: <http://www.sciencebuddies.org/mentoring/index.htm>

Advanced Display Board Design and Tips:

http://www.sciencebuddies.org/mentoring/project_display_board_advanced_design.shtml