Ohio FFA Evaluation Kick Off

Ohio FFA State Staff
October 29, 2026

Agenda & Topics

- Welcome and Overview
- Evaluation Updates
- Pre-Evaluation
- Officer Books



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State Evaluation Timeline

- **February 1st 6:00 pm** – ALL Applications DUE
  - ALL State Degrees, Star State Degrees, American Degrees, Star American Degrees, and SAE Awards must be submitted in the State Application Manager from ALL districts for State Evaluation.

- **February 9th and 10th** – In-person State Evaluation at the FFA Center
  - Feb 9 – even district teachers
  - Feb 10 – odd districts teachers
    - ALL State and American Degrees
    - **Need teachers to volunteer**
    - Will use AET platform for evaluation

- **February 11th and February 12th –** In-Person SAE Awards and Star Degree Evaluation at the FFA Center
  - **Need teachers to volunteer –** 40-50 needed BOTH days
  - Will use AET Platform for evaluation

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State Evaluation Timeline

- **February 19th** – Teacher access to applications
  - Degrees with an “R” status will need to be re-submitted incurring a $35 fee (if choosing to fix)
  - Degrees with an “A” status are approved
  - Degrees with a “DQ” are not fixable and need to reapply the following year
- **February 25th – Final Degree Submit 6:00 pm**
  - All degrees with an “R” status must be re-submitted using the Application Manager
  - Will incur a $35 fee if submitted
- **February 26th through March 8th**
  - State Staff and a Governance Committee member will re-evaluate applications to ensure degrees have been fixed per comments

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State Evaluation Timeline

- **March 1st – National Chapter Application DUE 6:00 pm**
  - Parts I and II must be submitted using the State Application Manager for evaluation
- **March 5th through March 8th 6:00 pm** – National Chapter Evaluation
  - Will occur virtually utilizing the AET platform
  - Need 30 teachers to volunteer to participate
- **March 5th – Agriscience Fair Reports DUE 6:00 pm**
  - Must be submitted in the State Application Manager

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State Evaluation Timeline

- **March 18th** – SAE Awards and Star Interviews
  - Interviews will occur virtually via Zoom
- **March 23th, 24th, 25th,** – National Chapter Interviews
  - Top 10 Premier National Chapter Interviews will occur virtually via Zoom
- **March 30th , 31st , April 1st**– Agriscience Fair Interviews
  - Agriscience Fair Interviews will occur virtually via Zoom

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Pre-Evaluation

1. Each District may conduct a pre-evaluation
   - County, sub-district, district, peer evaluation
   - Purpose is to focus on records utilizing the electronic check for record books
     - 2019-2027 State Degree Minimum Standards
     - 2027 State Degree Record Review Sheet
     - 2027 Ohio American Degree Record Review Sheet
   - Other options can be utilized as districts see fit

2. Districts are responsible for securing teachers for their peer-evaluations process, if they choose to have a District pre-evaluation.
   - Pair teachers together that promote growth with the process
   - No application is prevented from being submitted on February 1
   - Applications with ***concerning SAE's and records*** need to be shared with Alyssa Bregel or Brenda Correll

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Pre-Evaluation

3. All State and American degrees need to be submitted in the State Submission list by **February 1st**, *6:00 PM* for State Evaluation.
    - Complete “MET” applications
    - Submit on time
    - Applications have access to interactive records (locked or uploaded in the Google Form)
    - *Do **NOT** wait until the last minute to submit

4. SAE Awards applications are competitive and not recommended for Pre-Evaluations.
    - Minimum qualifications

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New for 2027 - Ohio FFA AI Policy

- This policy applies to all Ohio FFA activities, including (but not limited to) Competitive Events/CDEs, applications (e.g., degrees, SAE Awards, National Chapter, Agriscience Fair), and officer selection. Additionally, this policy was created using the following guiding principles:
    - AI is a tool, not a replacement for student voice. Final submissions must reflect the student's thinking, decisions, and wording.
    - Integrity first. Use must align with the FFA Code of Ethics and fair competitions standards.
    - Transparency. When AI is used in allowable ways, students must include a brief "AI Use Statement".
    - Student Privacy and Safety. Do not enter personal, confidential, or non-public data about yourself or others into AI tools.
    - Verification. Students are responsible for fact-checking and citing sources – AI outputs can be inaccurate or fabricated.

Acceptable uses of AI:

- Find sources
- Generate an outline
- Identify spelling and grammar issues
- Brainstorm/generate ideas
- Summarize stats
- Vocabulary assistance
- Question practice
- Study questions
- Verify facts

Unacceptable uses of AI:

- Fabrication of any portion of the application or contest
    - Included but not limited to images/pictures
- Generate responses for interviews or application questions
- Using AI to paraphrase someone else's work and claiming it to be your own
- AI-written work submitted as the member's own (ghostwriting).

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Changes for Evaluations

- State/American FFA Degree Records:
  - Labor Exchange - Need a record book to show the exchange
    - Must be agriculture in nature.

- Agriscience Fair:
  - Merged individual and team divisions together
    - Teams of 1-3 students
      - Reduces award areas from 36 to 18
      - Same written report format will be used for all areas
    - Changed Divisions to Grade Levels
    - Students with an Agriscience Fair extension or multi-year research project should submit a Research SAE Award application instead of the Agriscience Fair.
    - Updated Skills, Competencies and Knowledge section to reflect 2024 AFNR Career Cluster Content Standards
    - Only one application per student can be submitted (Ohio)
    - No poster submission at State Convention
    - Hard Reset for 2027 ONLY

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Changes for Evaluations

- Proficiency Awards
  - Name change: **SAE Based Awards**
    - Recognize all SAE's with growing membership
  - SAE Based Award Program Types:
    - Entrepreneurship
    - Placement
    - School-Based Enterprise
    - Service-Learning
    - Research
  - Elimination of District Proficiency Award Check
  - Updated application to align with they SAE type
  - Submission of the following will be required in the application
    - SAE Agreement
    - Business, Training, Research, or Service-Learning Plan
  - Hard reset for 2027 ONLY
  - Records start Aug 1 of their 7th grade year (if FFA Member)
  - No poster submission at State Convention

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SAE Based Awards

2027 Ohio FFA Accounting SAE Award

(The Top 2 students will be selected for interviews and a Winner and Runner-Up will be awarded)

1. Accounting – Ohio only

2027 Ohio FFA Entrepreneurship SAE Awards

(The Top 2 students in each area will be selected for interviews and a Winner and Runner-Up will be awarded)

1. Agricultural Communications
2. Agricultural Education
3. Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication
4. Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance
5. Agricultural Processing
6. Agricultural Sales
7. Agricultural Services
8. Beef Production
9. Dairy Production
10. Diversified Agricultural Production
11. Diversified Crop
12. Diversified Horticulture
13. Diversified Livestock Production
14. Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management
15. Equine Science
16. Fiber and/or Crop Production
17. Forage Production
18. Forestry Management & Products
19. Fruit & Nut Production
20. Goat Production
21. Grain Production
22. Landscape Installation
23. Nursery Operations
24. Organic Agriculture – Ohio only
25. Outdoor Recreation
26. Poultry Production
27. Sheep Production
28. Small Animal Production and Care
29. Specialty Crop Production
30. Specialty Animal Production
31. Swine Production
32. Turf & Landscape Maintenance
33. Vegetable Production
34. Veterinary Science
35. Wildlife Production & Management

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SAE Based Awards

2027 Ohio FFA Placement SAE Awards

(The Top 2 students in each area will be selected for interviews and a Winner and Runner-Up will be awarded)

1. Agricultural Communications
2. Agricultural Education
3. Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication
4. Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance
5. Agricultural Processing
6. Agricultural Sales
7. Agricultural Services
8. Beef Production
9. Dairy Production
10. Diversified Agricultural Production
11. Diversified Crop
12. Diversified Horticulture
13. Diversified Livestock Production
14. Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management
15. Equine Science
16. Fiber and/or Crop Production
17. Forage Production
18. Forestry Management & Products
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30. Specialty Animal Production
31. Swine Production
32. Turf & Landscape Maintenance
33. Vegetable Production
34. Veterinary Science
35. Wildlife Production & Management

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SAE Based Awards

2027 Ohio FFA Research SAE Awards

(The Top 2 students in each area will be selected for interviews and a Winner and Runner-Up will be awarded)

Area of EXPERIMENTAL Research

1. Animal Systems
2. Environmental Service/Natural Resource Systems
3. Food Products and Processing Systems
4. Plant Systems
5. Power, Structural and Technical Systems
6. Social Science
7. Integrated

Area of INVENTION Research

1. Animal Systems
2. Environmental Service/Natural Resource Systems
3. Food Products and Processing Systems
4. Plant Systems
5. Power, Structural and Technical Systems
6. Social Science
7. Integrated

Area of ANALYTICAL Research

1. Animal Systems
2. Environmental Service/Natural Resource Systems
3. Food Products and Processing Systems
4. Plant Systems
5. Power, Structural and Technical Systems
6. Social Science
7. Integrated

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SAE Based Awards

2027 Ohio FFA School-Based Enterprise SAE Awards

(The Top 2 students from all areas combined will be selected for interviews and a Winner and Runner-Up for the School-Based Enterprise SAE will be awarded)

1. Agribusiness Systems
2. Animal Systems
3. Biotechnology Systems
4. Environmental Service Systems
5. Food Products and Processing Systems
6. Natural Resource Systems
7. Plant Systems
8. Power, Structural and Technical Systems

2027 Ohio FFA Service-Learning SAE Awards

(The Top 2 students from all areas combined will be selected for interviews and a Winner and Runner-Up for the Service-Learning SAE will be awarded)

1. Community Safety
2. Hunger, Health and Nutrition
3. Environmental Responsibility
4. Community Engagement

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Assistance with the Changes for Evaluation

- Frequently Asked Questions

- Office Hours – Information will be in the Ag Ed Newsletter
  - December 1st
    - 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
    - 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
  - December 15th
    - 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
    - 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
  - By request

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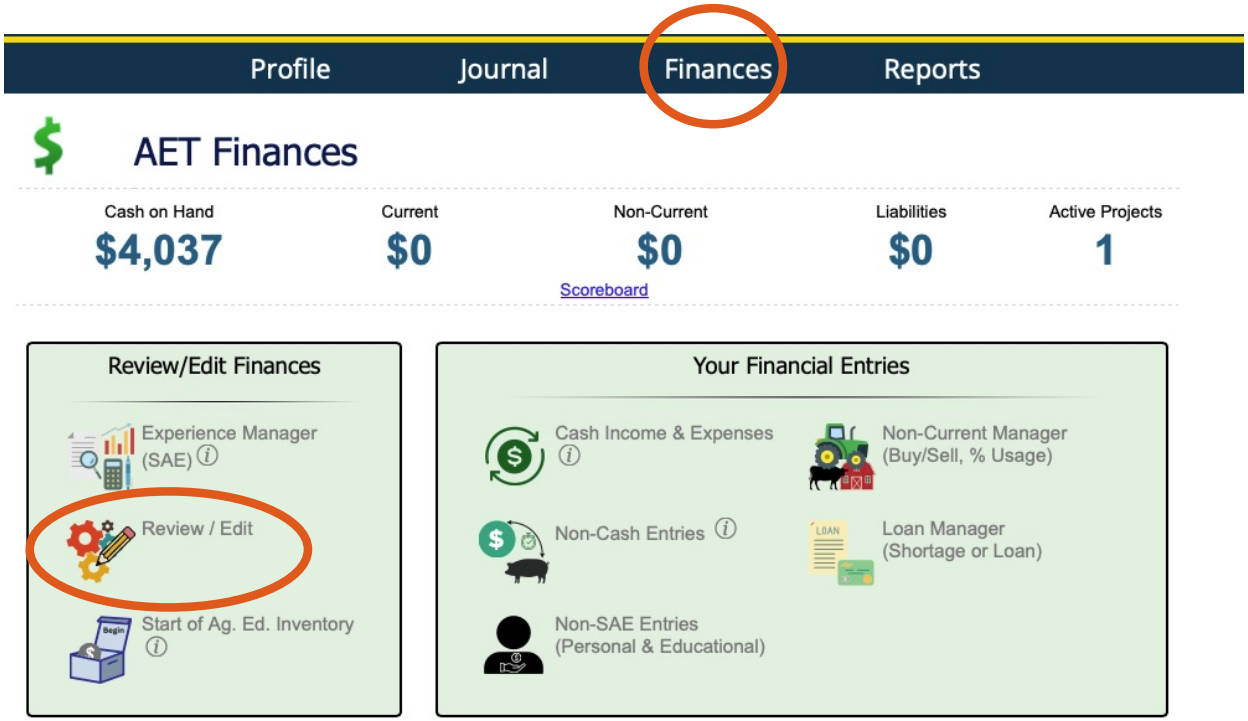
Updates with AET - Edit Non-Cash Income to Placement

- https://video.theaet.com/watch/GnxDbgcnnxCoHARpsdH6jB

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Updates with AET - Labor Exchange

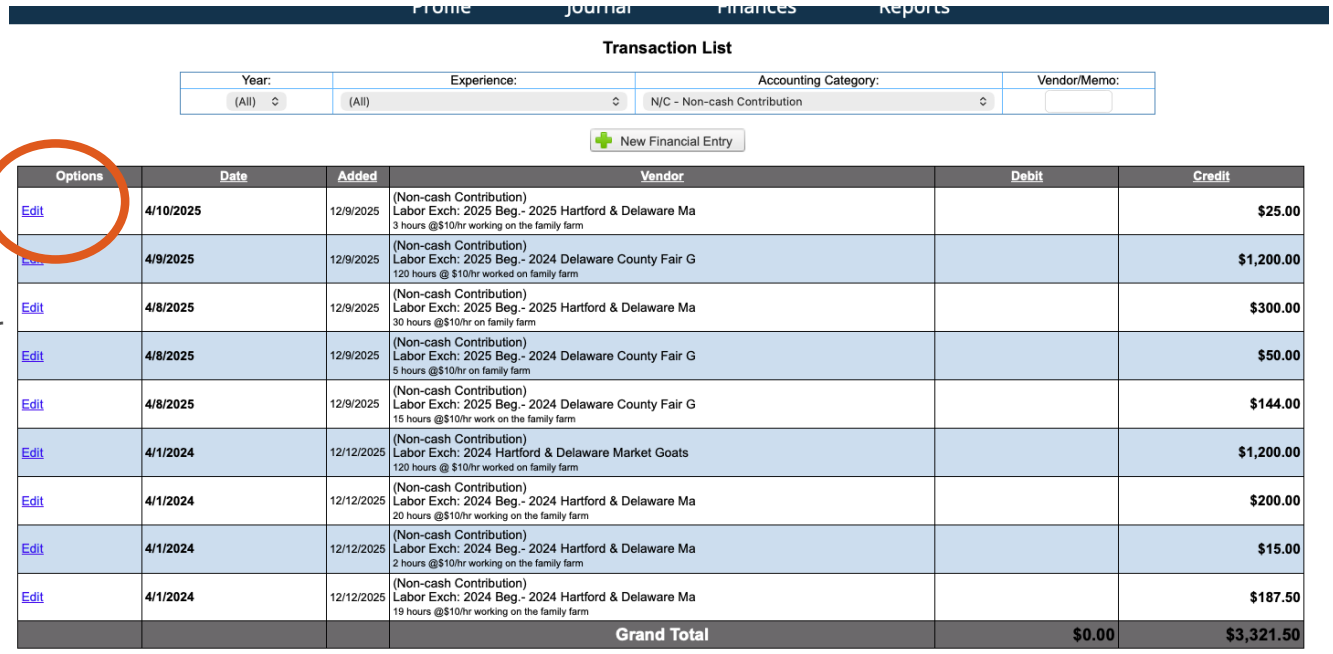
- Labor Exchange should be ag in nature and tell the story of the agreement.
- Create a Paid Placement Experience that explains the agreement.
  - Plan of the SAE should still be complete
  - Complete = understand what the agreement is and show alignment of the experience to Agriculture
- Student logs into AET
  - Finances Tab
  - Selects “Review/Edit”



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Updates with AET - Labor Exchange

- Filters:
  - Year: All
  - Experience: All
  - Accounting Category: N/C – Non-cash Contribution
    - Should capture all records that were Labor Exchange
- Click Edit for each Journal entry.



Profile Journal Finances Reports

Transaction List

Year:	Experience:	Accounting Category:	Vendor/Memo:
(All)	(All)	N/C - Non-cash Contribution	

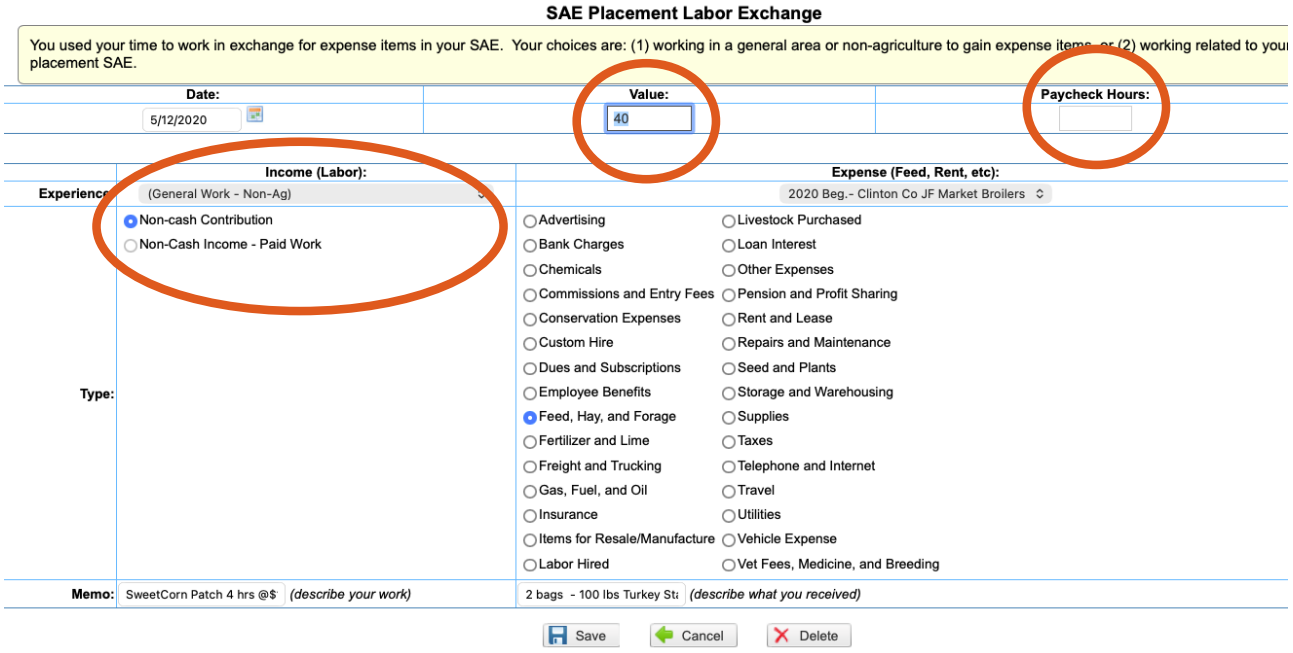
New Financial Entry

Options	Date	Added	Vendor	Debit	Credit
Edit	4/10/2025	12/9/2025	(Non-cash Contribution) Labor Exch: 2025 Beg.- 2025 Hartford & Delaware Ma 3 hours @$10/hr working on the family farm		$25.00
Edit	4/9/2025	12/9/2025	(Non-cash Contribution) Labor Exch: 2025 Beg.- 2024 Delaware County Fair G 120 hours @ $10/hr worked on family farm		$1,200.00
Edit	4/8/2025	12/9/2025	(Non-cash Contribution) Labor Exch: 2025 Beg.- 2025 Hartford & Delaware Ma 30 hours @$10/hr on family farm		$300.00
Edit	4/8/2025	12/9/2025	(Non-cash Contribution) Labor Exch: 2025 Beg.- 2024 Delaware County Fair G 5 hours @$10/hr on family farm		$50.00
Edit	4/8/2025	12/9/2025	(Non-cash Contribution) Labor Exch: 2025 Beg.- 2024 Delaware County Fair G 15 hours @$10/hr work on the family farm		$144.00
Edit	4/1/2024	12/12/2025	(Non-cash Contribution) Labor Exch: 2024 Hartford & Delaware Market Goats 120 hours @ $10/hr worked on family farm		$1,200.00
Edit	4/1/2024	12/12/2025	(Non-cash Contribution) Labor Exch: 2024 Beg.- 2024 Hartford & Delaware Ma 20 hours @$10/hr working on the family farm		$200.00
Edit	4/1/2024	12/12/2025	(Non-cash Contribution) Labor Exch: 2024 Beg.- 2024 Hartford & Delaware Ma 2 hours @$10/hr working on the family farm		$15.00
Edit	4/1/2024	12/12/2025	(Non-cash Contribution) Labor Exch: 2024 Beg.- 2024 Hartford & Delaware Ma 19 hours @$10/hr working on the family farm		$187.50
			Grand Total	$0.00	$3,321.50

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Updates with AET - Labor Exchange

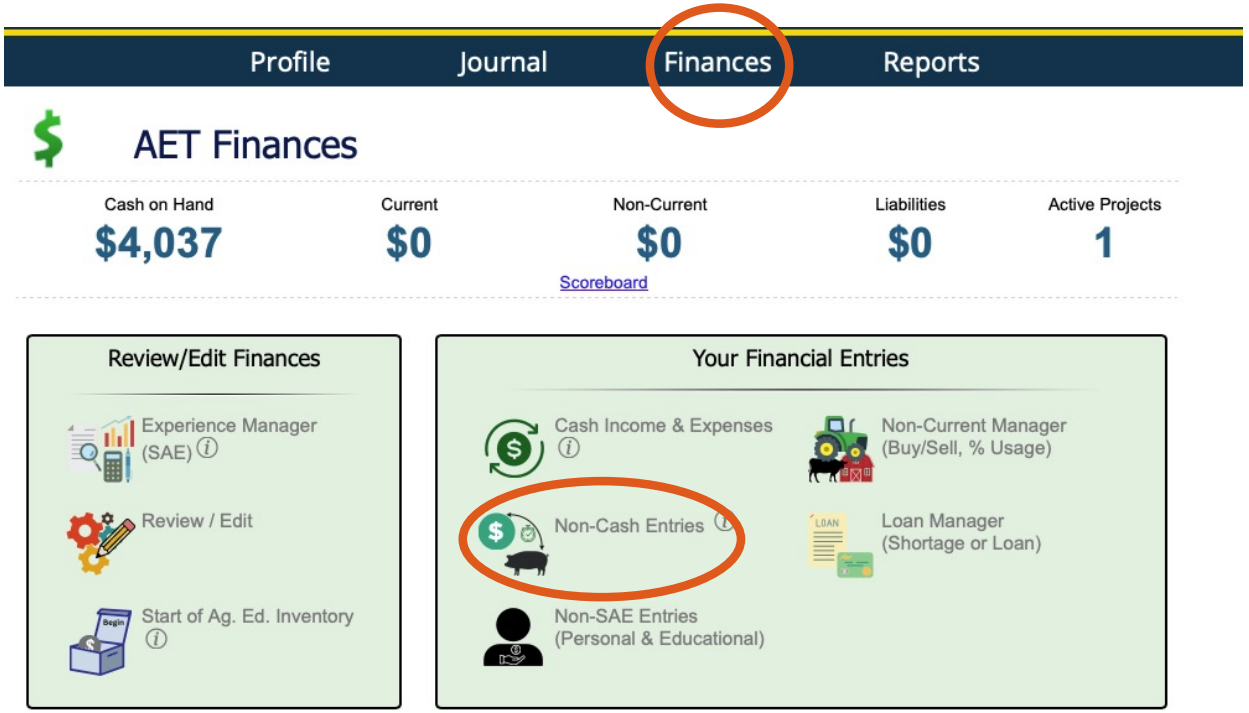
- Mack sure the dollar value is entered with the Paycheck Hours
- Change the Income (Labor): to the NEW Paid Placement Experience
  - Select Non-Cash Income – Paid Work
- Select the appropriate Expense
- Complete the Memo
  - What you did
    - SweetCorn Patch 4 hrs @$10/hr
  - What you received
    - 2 bags - 100 lbs Turkey Starter @ $20
- Click Save



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Updates with AET - Labor Exchange

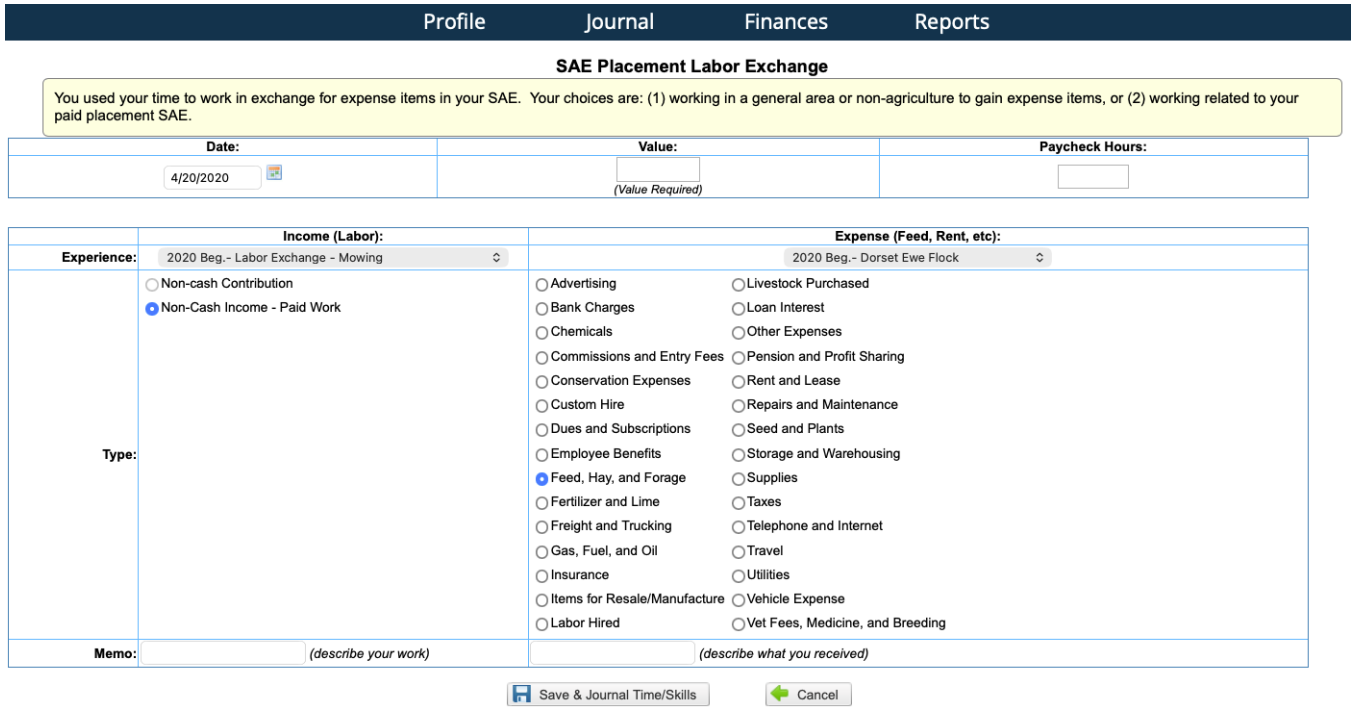
- NEW Labor Exchange:
  - Non-Cash Entries
  - Labor Exchange



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Updates with AET - Labor Exchange

- NEW Labor Exchange:
  - Non-Cash Entries
  - Labor Exchange
- NEW for 2026 must have:
  - Value
  - Paycheck Hour
  - Memos
  - Journal Time/Skills
    - Prompts you after this page.



Electronic Signatures

- Electronic Signature Page – 1 time process
  - Student
  - Parent
  - Advisor – must be logged into AET to sign
  - Guidance Counselor

- e-Signatures and Safety Assessment on Plan Tab are NOT required for evaluation

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Evaluation

Evaluators should use the State Degree or American Degree Check Sheet:

- 2019-2027 State Degree Minimum Standards
- 2027 State Degree Record Review Sheet
- 2027 Ohio American Degree Record Review Sheet

- Evaluate the entire set of records
- If the records have concerns for corrections – provide positive, professional feedback for the student to make the needed records
  - May be helpful to lead with the concern (SAE, Activities, Community Service, etc.)
  - Ethical concerns, please call or email Alyssa Bregel/Brenda Correll.

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Evaluation

- Use the interactive record book to evaluate the records.
- Review Sheet is meant to serve as an evaluation tool to assist with the process.
  - What is not on the review sheet is included in the electronic check.
- Application is a separate link from the record books
- Capture feedback on electronic sticky note

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How to submit an application

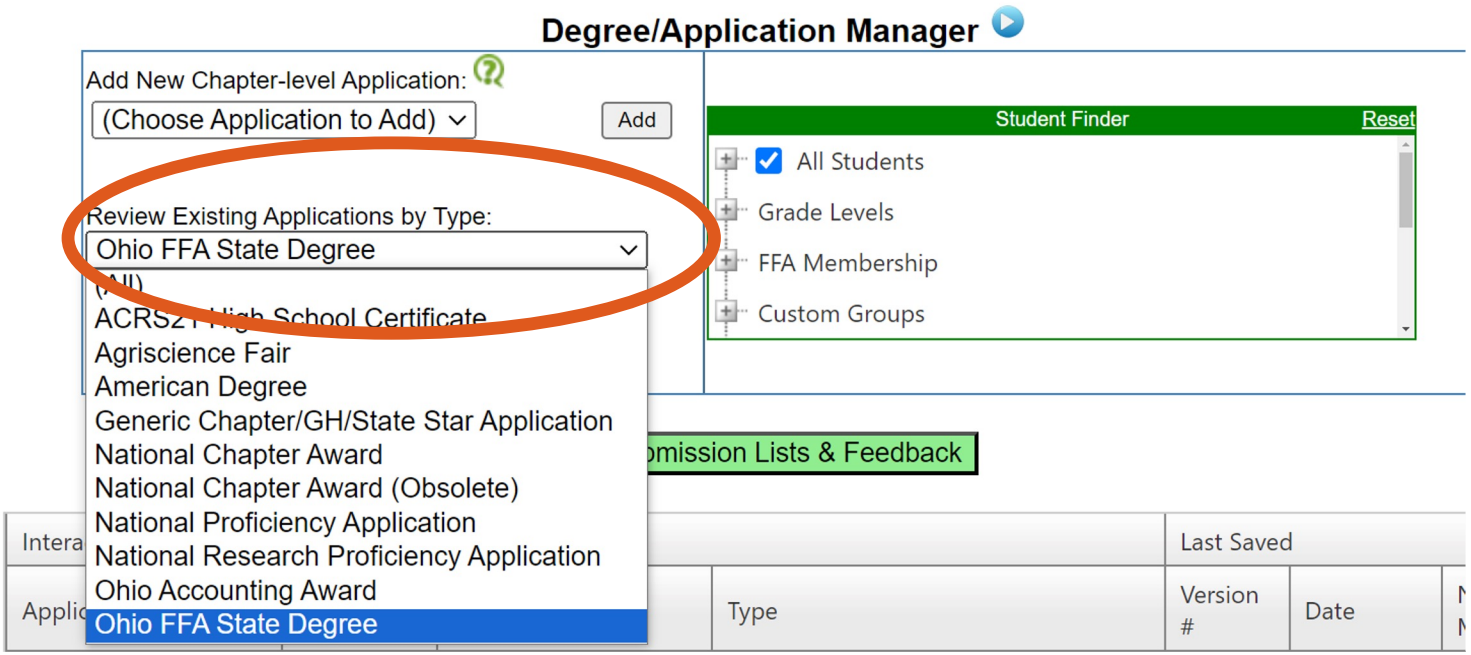
1. Application must have “0” Not Mets

2. Teachers will use the AET Awards and Degree Application Manager



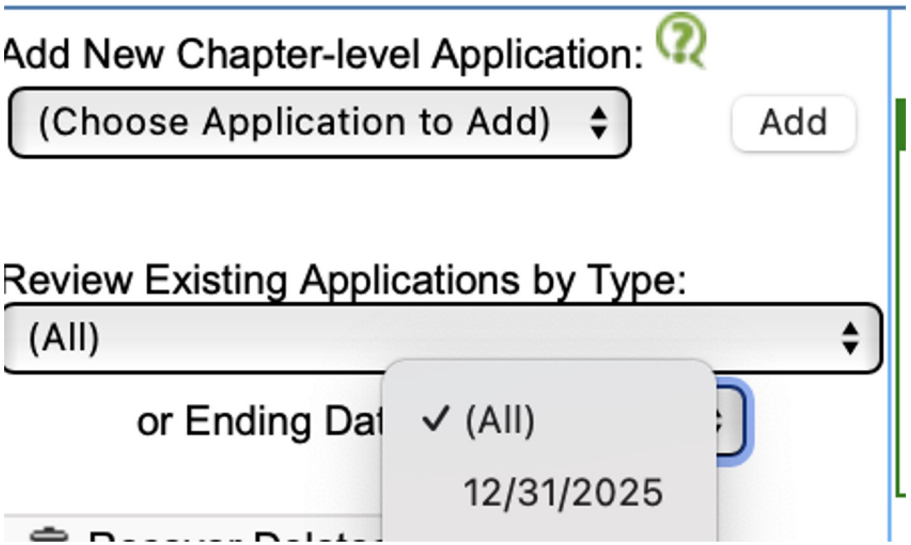
How to submit an application

3. Choose Application Type



How to submit an application

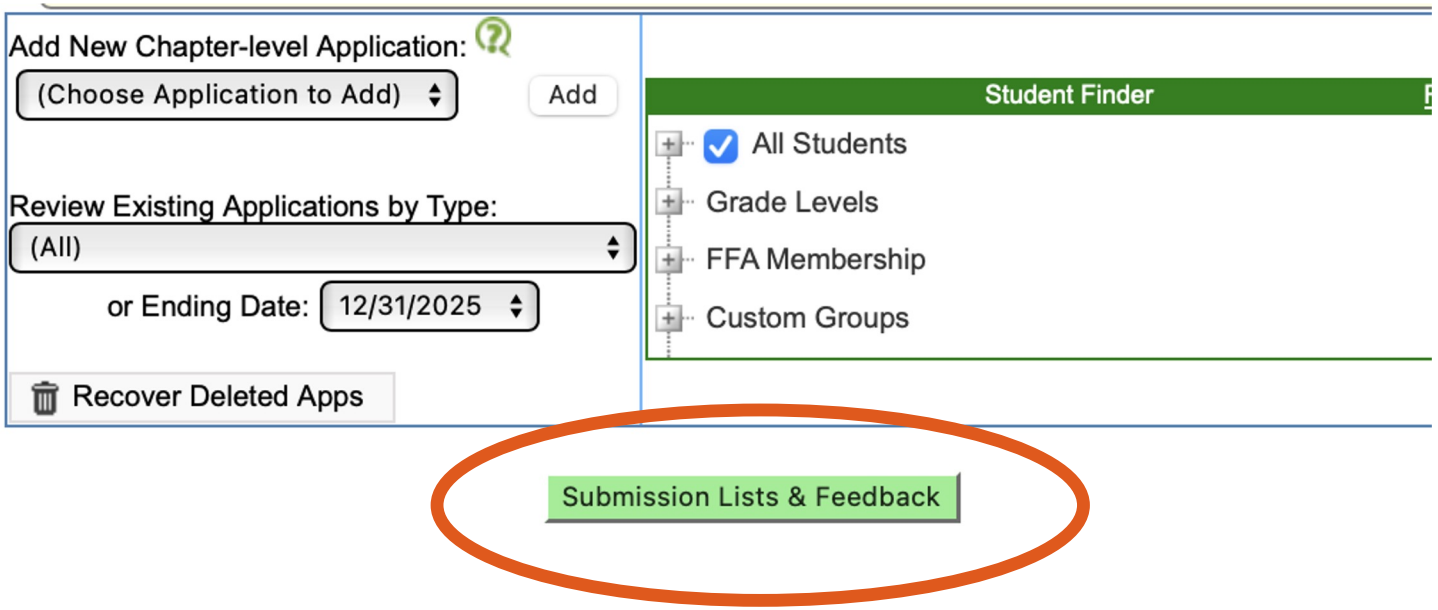
4. Select ending date of application (12/31/2026)



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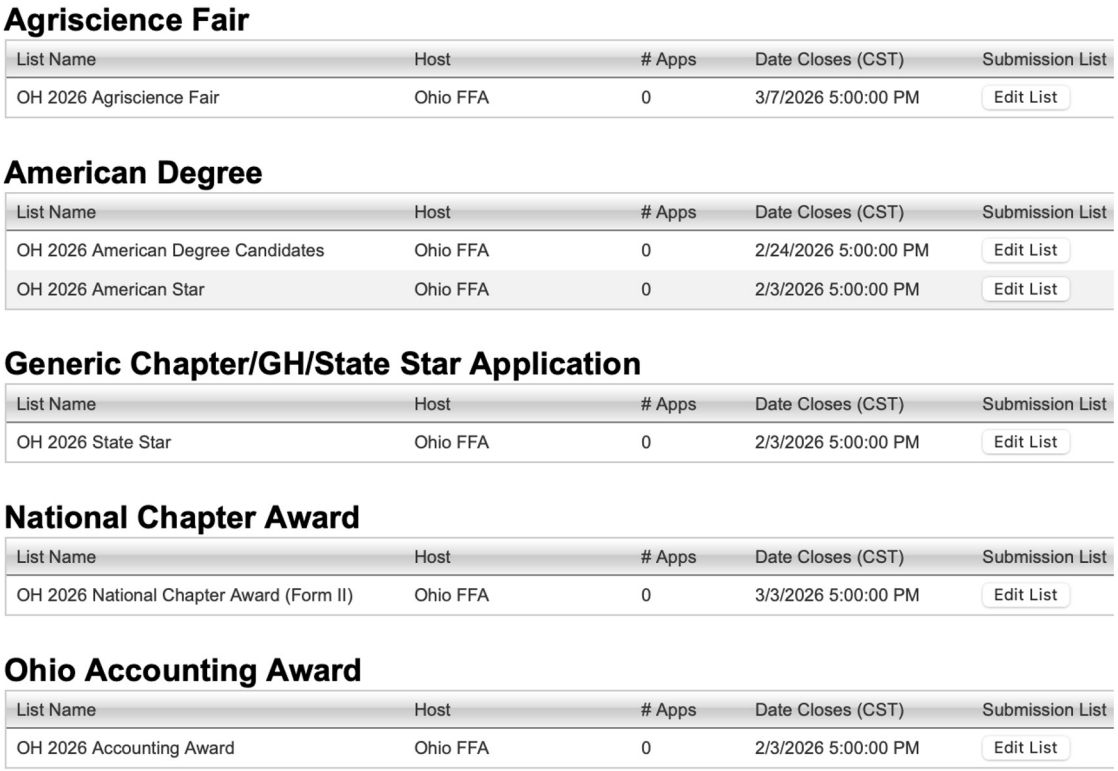
How to submit an application

5. Click “Submission List and Feedback



How to submit an application

6. Click “Edit” under the application type you are submitting



Agriscience Fair

List Name	Host	# Apps	Date Closes (CST)	Submission List
OH 2026 Agriscience Fair	Ohio FFA	0	3/7/2026 5:00:00 PM	Edit List

American Degree

List Name	Host	# Apps	Date Closes (CST)	Submission List
OH 2026 American Degree Candidates	Ohio FFA	0	2/24/2026 5:00:00 PM	Edit List
OH 2026 American Star	Ohio FFA	0	2/3/2026 5:00:00 PM	Edit List

Generic Chapter/GH/State Star Application

List Name	Host	# Apps	Date Closes (CST)	Submission List
OH 2026 State Star	Ohio FFA	0	2/3/2026 5:00:00 PM	Edit List

National Chapter Award

List Name	Host	# Apps	Date Closes (CST)	Submission List
OH 2026 National Chapter Award (Form II)	Ohio FFA	0	3/3/2026 5:00:00 PM	Edit List

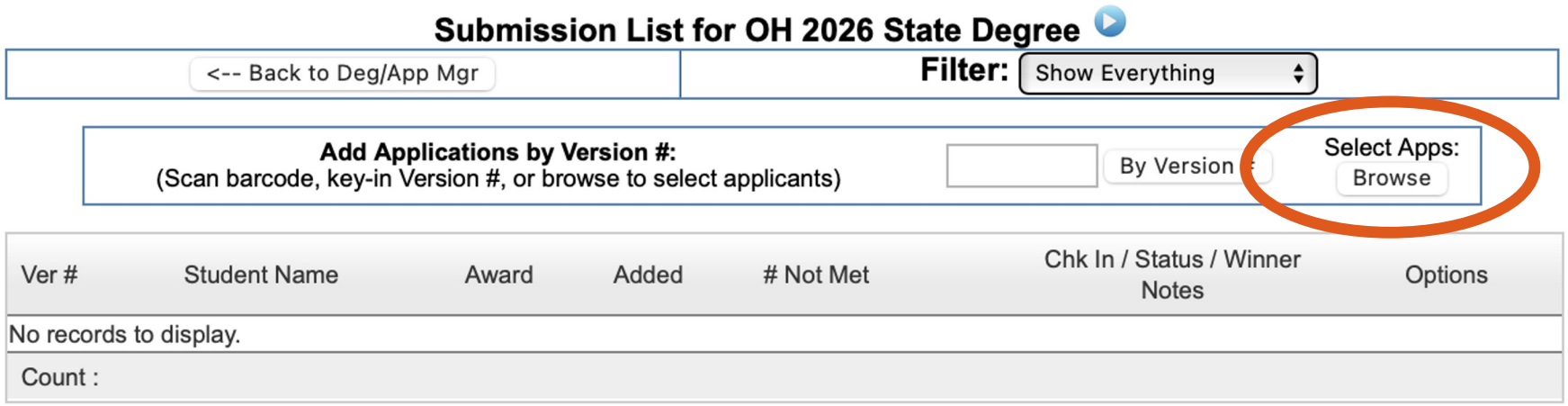
Ohio Accounting Award

List Name	Host	# Apps	Date Closes (CST)	Submission List
OH 2026 Accounting Award	Ohio FFA	0	2/3/2026 5:00:00 PM	Edit List

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How to submit an application

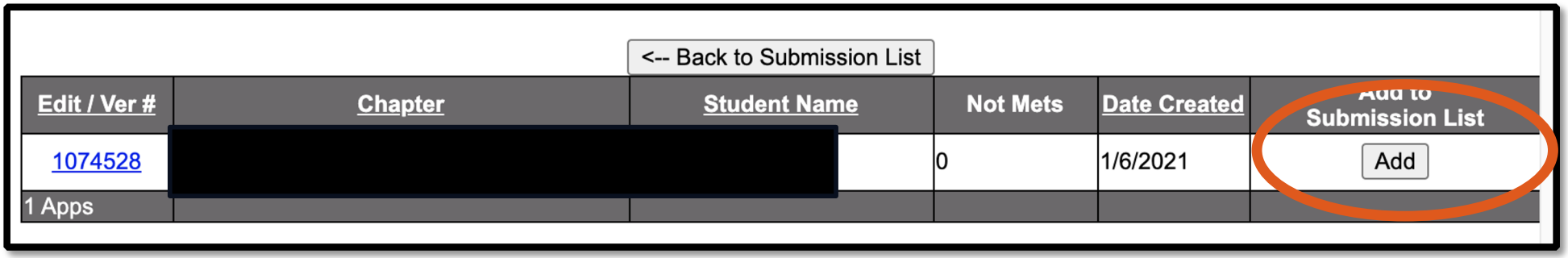
7. Click Browse



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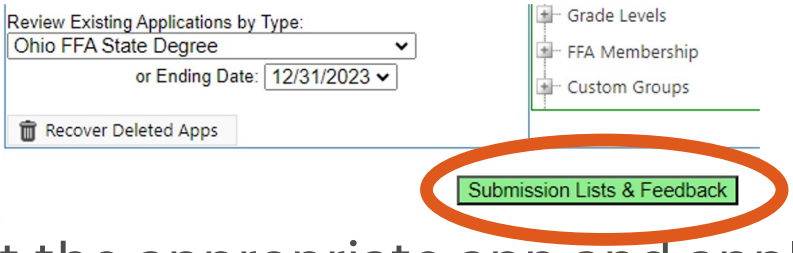
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8. Click Add

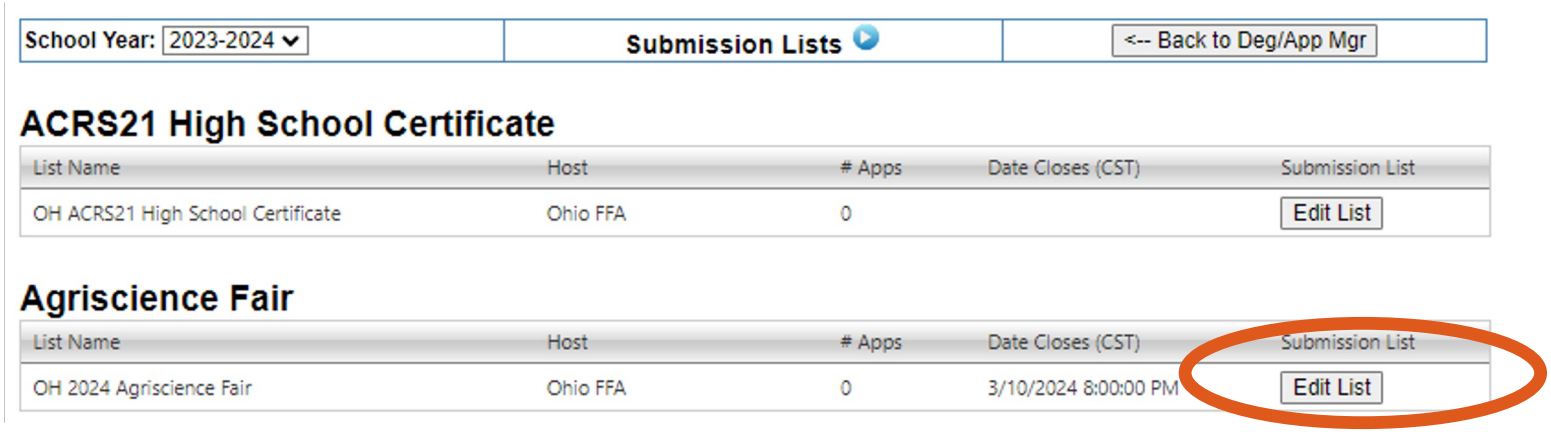


Did I submit?

1. Click Submission Lists and Feedback



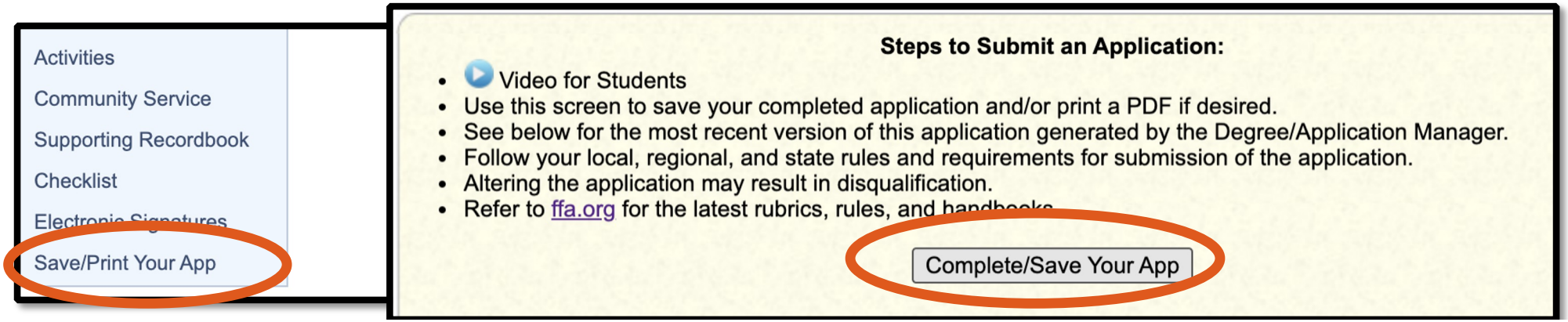
2. Select the appropriate app and application year and view Edit List



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How do I resubmit?

1. Read feedback on the sticky note and complete corrections in the records
1. Record corrections will change both the application and interactive records when locked
1. A new version must be created in the student app – Choose Save/Print app in the application



How do I resubmit?

4. Return to Awards and Application Manager



5. Repeat the submission steps mentioned previously

Tips

- Review:
  - Evaluation Letter
  - The Agriculture Education (FFA) – 4-H Memorandum of Understanding
- Activity Cut-Off – December 31, 2026
- All events should have journal reflections

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Non AET Records

- Non-AET Records need to be uploaded using this link:

https://forms.gle/D85qUFZWvNM7HnVB6

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Officer Books

1. Each District will be responsible for conducting officer book evaluations during their pre-evaluations and must use the scoring rubrics found on the Ohio FFA website.

2. ALL District Officer Book results (officer book, student name, student ID#, school name, score and rating) must be submitted from the district chair to **Brenda Correll** by February 19th

2027 Evaluation Reminders

- Reminder, FFA Chapters may only submit two Agriscience Fair Award applications per division/category.

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Who to Contact

- SAE, Community Service, Degree, and other Questions – Alyssa Bregel
- AET and General Record Keeping – Alyssa Bregel and Brenda Correll
- Membership and Transfers – Brenda Correll
- Agriscience Fair – Jeff Stimmell
- SAE Based Awards – Alyssa Bregel and Jeff Stimmell
- National Chapter – Travis Snyder

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Honorary State/American Degree

- Honorary State FFA Degree applications can be found on the Ohio FFA website through Formstack.
  - DUE February 22

- Applications for an Honorary American FFA Degree can be submitted through the National FFA Website.
  - DUE June 1

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Questions