



2026-2027 Award & Program Support Opportunities

Mission: Empowering the next generation of agricultural leaders: The Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation cultivates strategic partnerships and secures financial resources to invest in Arizona's FFA members, agricultural educators, and communities. By doing so, we empower FFA members to develop strong leadership skills, achieve personal growth, and build successful careers.

The vision of the Foundation is to fortify Arizona's agricultural education and FFA programs, empowering students and agriculture educators for success in a competitive marketplace.

FFA brings diverse opportunities to middle school and high school students by providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. FFA opens the door to a broad range of career opportunities for students where they can share their expanded knowledge base and responsibilities. Students gain experience through activities such as parliamentary procedure, public speaking, conduct of meetings, job interview and other competitive events. They can develop specialized skills they can apply toward their future careers.

In 2026-2027 Academic School Year, National FFA will be expanding their awards program formerly known as Proficiency Awards that are now Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Awards into 5 typers with a few categories under Research. Funding support is secured before the end of May 2025 to ensure support is available for the next academic year.

SAE Awards Program Descriptions:

- **Entrepreneurship SAE:** An FFA member who owns an SAE that provides goods and/or services to the marketplace has an **ENTREPRENEURSHIP SAE** type. The operational and risk management decisions on how goods and/or services are provided are made by the member-owner.

- **Placement SAE:** An FFA member conducting a **PLACEMENT SAE** is employed (either paid or volunteer) by another. They perform tasks determined by the employer that are necessary for the operation of the business.

- **Research SAE:** An FFA member conducting a **RESEARCH SAE** is involved in systematic investigation to answer questions, solve problems, or develop new solutions in agriculture and natural resource fields. Members apply as individuals. There are three Research SAE categories:
 - o **EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH SAE:** Applies the scientific method by controlling certain variables while manipulating others to observe outcomes. The member must define the hypothesis, select the experimental design, conduct the research, collect the data, analyze
 - o **ANALYTICAL RESEARCH SAE:** Focuses on investigating why or how something occurs. The member must collect qualitative and/or quantitative data, analyze the information, and draw conclusions based on findings.
 - o **INVENTION RESEARCH SAE:** Uses the engineering design process to develop a new product or service. The member must identify a need, create a prototype, test and refine the design to meet the intended purpose.

- **School-Based Enterprise SAE (SBE):** An SBE is an Entrepreneurship SAE based at the school and involves a group of FFA members working cooperatively. School-Based Enterprise SAEs are student-led business enterprises that provide goods or services. They are operated from the school campus utilizing facilities, equipment and other resources provided by the agricultural education program or the school in general. A member will work with one or more peers in the operation of the enterprise. The business itself may be “owned” by the school or FFA chapter, meaning that the organization holds the risk of the business that is led, directed and managed by FFA members. Alternatively, the business may be structured as a partnership or cooperative between FFA members. Partnership or cooperative agreements will define how the responsibilities and profits are distributed. Members apply as individuals. Members who do not lead/manage the SBE but are employed by the SBE have Placement SAE projects, not SBE projects. (Award Area List)

- **Service-Learning SAE:** A SERVICE-LEARNING SAE is conducted by one or a team of FFA member(s) who plan, conduct, and evaluate a project to provide a service to the school, public entities, or the community. It must provide a benefit to an organization, group or individuals other than the FFA chapter. The project must be preapproved by a review committee that includes local stakeholders in addition to the agriculture teacher. Members apply as individuals. (Award Area List)

Entrepreneurship	Placement	Research	School-Based Enterprise	Service Learning
Dairy Production SOLD	Agricultural Communications	Analytical – Animal Systems	Agribusiness Systems	Community Engagement
Fiber & Oil Crop Production	Agricultural Education	Analytical – Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems	Animal Systems	Community Safety
Landscape Installation	Ag Mechanics Design & Fabrication SOLD	Analytical – Food, Products & Processing Systems	Biotechnology Systems	Environmental Responsibility
Nursery Operations	Agricultural Processing SOLD	Analytical – Power, Structure & Technical Systems	Environmental Service Systems	Hunger, Health & Nutrition
Outdoor Recreation	Agricultural Services SOLD	Analytical – Social Science	Food Products & Processing Systems	
Poultry Production	Diversified Agricultural Production	Experimental - Animal Systems	Natural Resource Systems	
Small Animal Production & Care SOLD	Diversified Horticulture	Experimental – Environmental Service/Natural Resource Systems	Plant Systems	
Specialty Animal Production	Diversified Livestock Production	Experimental – Food Products, and Processing Systems	Power, Structural & Technical Systems	
Veterinary Science SOLD	Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management	Experimental – Plant Systems SOLD		

Wildlife Production & Management	Forage Production	Experimental – Power, Structure, & Technical Systems
	Forest Management and Products	Experimental – Social Science
	Fruit and Nut Production	Experimental – Integrated Systems
	Goat Production	Invention – Animal Systems
	Outdoor Recreation	Invention – Environmental Service/Natural Resource Systems
	Small Animal Production and Care	Invention – Food, Products, and Processing Systems
	Specialty Crop Production SOLD	Invention – Power, Structure, and Technical Systems
	Turf and Landscape Maintenance	Invention – Social Science
	Vegetable Production	Invention – Integrated Systems

SAE Proficiency Awards Available for each Category

(See list above)

14 available	Entrepreneurship	\$300 ea.
16 available	Placement	\$300 ea.
16 available	Research	\$300 ea.
7 available	School-Based Enterprise	\$300 ea.
4 available	Service Learning	\$300 ea.

State Officer Program

State Officer National Convention Travel	\$5,750
State Officer Official Dress	\$3,000
State Officer Summit DC Trip	\$5,750
State Officer Travel	\$5,750

Leadership Development Events

Agriculture Issues	\$2,500
Conduct of Meetings	\$2,500
Creed LDE	\$250
Extemporaneous Public Speaking SOLD	\$1,150
Marketing Plan	\$1,725
Novice Parliamentary Procedure	\$100
Parliamentary Procedure (Co-Support)	\$1,950

Career Development Events

Agribusiness CDE (Co-Support)	\$575
Ag Mechanics Supplies	\$1,150
Aquaculture	\$1,150
Chapter Display	\$1,150
Dairy Cattle Evaluation Management	\$575
Dairy Evaluation Bus	\$1,725
Milk Product Supplies	\$700
Floriculture Contest Supplies	\$2,875
Food Science and Technology CDE	\$2,300
Food Science Contest Supplies	\$805
Forestry	\$2,300
Horse Contest Buses	\$5,060
Livestock Animal Fees	\$2,300
Meat Evaluation Co-Sponsor	\$1,300
Poultry CDE Contest	\$2,300
Poultry supplies	\$175
Vet Science Buses	\$3,220

Career Development Event Lunches

Horse Evaluation Contestant Lunch	\$425
Vet Science Contestant Lunch	\$230
Lunch at the UofA Farm	\$2,300

State Leadership Conference

Career & Education Expo (2 available) 1 SOLD	\$2,300
Chorus (5 available)	\$2,300
Day of Service	\$2,300
Delegate Program (Co-Support)	\$1,150
National Chapter (Co-Support)	\$1,450
State Officer Parent Dinner	\$1,150
Star State Greenhand (Co-Support) SOLD	\$575
Superior Chapter (C-Support)	\$800
Teachers' Lounge	\$1,725
Talent Showcase	\$1,725
Teachers' Luncheon	\$2,300
Courtesy Corp SOLD	\$375

FFA Programs

Pinnacle Conference Polos	\$1,750
State FFA Camp (4 available)	\$5,000
State FFA Camp T-Shirts	\$5,175
State FFA Camp Water Bottles	\$700
State FFA Camp Yuma/Casa Grande Bus	\$7,000
Regional Awards (8 available)	\$1,150
Chapter Banquet Supplies	\$1,150
Chapter Visit Material	\$2,300
Chapter Travel Grants (5 available)	\$1,150
SAE for ALL Program Roll Out	\$2,300
Scholarships (unlimited)	\$1,150
National Officer Candidate	\$2,875

State Officer Summit (DC) Trip	\$5,750
Middle School Conference	\$2,300
Middle School Field Day	\$1,150
Five Judging Scanners for CDE Events	\$27,275

Foundation Programs

Technology	\$3,000
Website	\$800
<i>(Recognition included on the website)</i>	
Newsletter (6 Available)	\$200
<i>(Ad space & recognition included in the newsletter)</i>	

Agriculture Education Support

Arizona Agricultural Teachers Association Conference (AATA)

Arizona Agricultural Education Program	
Evaluation Instrument (AAEPEI)	\$11,500
Teacher Development Program	\$22,833
Region & National Policy Scholarships	\$17,250
Awards & Ideas Unlimited Program	\$4,887
Fall Conference Dinner	\$2,875
Summer Conference Event	\$2,300
Summer Conference Speaker Support	\$1,150
Ag Program Tours	\$2,530

UofA Department of Agriculture Education Innovation & Technology (AETI)

New Teacher Development Program	\$19,550
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If you would like to become a donor for one of the programs listed above, you can check to see if it is still available through visiting this link

If the program or award is still available, you can complete and send in the form on the following page or you may process your support online through this link

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2026-2027 Sponsorship Commitment Form

Contact _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please list the area you would like to support:

If you are sponsoring an SAE award, please list the award and mark the category

Award/Program _____

SAE Award Categories:

Entrepreneurship Placement Research School-Based Service-Learning

Amount \$ _____

Newsletter Support (Please mark the month you would like to sponsor)

January February March April May June
 July August September October November December

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Support may be submitted online <https://bit.ly/2026FFASponsorship>