

2015 Star Application Worksheet



The format of this worksheet is to allow you an opportunity to develop narrative responses to the online application and utilize edit and grammar check features to develop a draft application. This worksheet focuses on primary information that will be needed to complete a Star Application, but once you access the online application additional information or responses will be required. You can access your online application through www.ffa.org and your AgCN login.

The Basic Setup section of the application will customize the award section based on SAE type, but this worksheet covers all types of Star awards or SAEs. **The online application limits text (Characters count) used to respond to each question. To review your use, just highlight your answer (if completing with MS Word) and choose word count (Tools menu) and measure your response (Character count with spaces).**

Student Name:

I. STAR TYPE	Choose one for your Star Type & Application Level
Please choose the type of application:	<input type="checkbox"/> Star Farmer Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Star in Agribusiness Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Star in Agricultural Placement Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Star in Agriscience Candidate
Please choose the level for this application:	<input type="checkbox"/> American <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhand

II. Primary Pathway	Choose <u>one</u> Primary Pathway
<i>Pathway represents the "area" your SAE projects represent. A section of your application will require you to select pathway-related skills and detail how the skill relates to your project(s).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agribusiness Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Biotechnology Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Service Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resource Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Food Products and Processing Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Power Structural and Technical Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Cluster Systems (Grouping of several areas)

Submission Order for your Application

Organize and print your entire application in the following order:

1. FFA Degree Application, 2. FFA Star Application, 3. Additional Application Attachments



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Performance Review A

The following text boxes expand to accommodate additional space. Be sure to review and limit your responses to the 1,750-character count per question.

1. Briefly explain your SAE and how it related to this award area. (1,750 character limit)

2. Briefly explain how your roles and responsibilities related to this award area changed. (1,750 character limit)

3. Briefly explain what is the single greatest challenge you faced in this award area and how did you overcome that challenge? (1,750 character limit)



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Performance Review B

Briefly explain your three greatest accomplishments or findings in this award area.

Be sure to review and limit your responses to the 750-character count per question.

1. Accomplishment/Finding #1 (750 character limit)

2. Accomplishment/Finding #2 (750 character limit)

3. Accomplishment/Finding #3 (750 character limit)



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Performance Review C

What are three ways your experiences or opportunities in this award area will impact your future.
Be sure to review and limit your responses to the 750-character count per question.

1. Impact #1 (750 character limit)

2. Impact #2 (750 character limit)

3. Impact #3 (750 character limit)



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Efficiencies Attained / Learning Outcomes

Develop efficiency or learning factors (Depending on your type of SAE focus- see below details), related levels from beginning to end, and provide a description that communicates your actions.

An entrepreneurship application should be completed as an efficiency factor while a placement application should complete learning outcomes. Your online application will allow for the appropriate input table.

	Efficiency Factor (Farmer or Agribusiness) Or Learning Outcome (Placement or Research) <i>* 100 Character Limit to Each *</i>	Level at end of begin year	Level at end of achieved year	Description – the outcomes or changes that occurred <i>* 300 Character Limit to Each *</i>
Ex.	<i>(Learning Outcome) Computer record keeping</i>	2010 0% confident	2010 100% confident	<i>Through consistent guided work, I learned monthly reconciling of sales receipts and using a farm management accounting system</i>
Ex.	<i>(Efficiency) Feed Efficiency for pounds of gain per pound of feed fed in my show animal</i>	2011 .90 lbs	2012 1.8 lbs	<i>By becoming consistent in my feeding time of day and purchasing a higher quality feed, I was able to improve.</i>
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Learning Outcome (Placement and Research):

A learning outcome is a way to measure what the student has learned from these SAE enterprises that will positively influence their future education and career decisions.

These outcomes could potentially include experiences from their placement SAEs that related to an decision to attend a college, seek additional education, or begin a business.

Efficiency Factors (Farmer or Agribusiness):

An efficiency factor is a way to measure specific performance and application of management practices impacting the SAE enterprises. Both placement and entrepreneurship enterprises utilize efficiency factors.

For information on how to calculate the efficiency factors best suited to your SAE program, refer to the Proficiency handbook.



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Resume

The following is the suggested outline for your resume. Use the text boxes below and related character counts to develop a draft of your resume (text boxes will expand as you type). MS Word formatting such as bolding, italic and underline will be removed and not copied into the online resume that is in the application.

- 1. Career Objectives (400 character limit)** - *A short statement that relates to your (1) educational goals and or career plans and (2) some relevance to short-term or long-term goals.*

- 2. Agricultural Science Courses (750 character limit)** - *Your year and courses, which may include agricultural and other relevant courses (most recent to oldest)*

- 3. Supervised Agricultural Experiences (750 character limit)** - *A summary of your SAE or related work experience (most recent to oldest)*

- 4. FFA Involvement and Leadership (750 character limit)** - *Summary of FFA Involvement (most recent to oldest)*

- 5. Community Service (750 character limit)** - *A Summary of Community Service (most recent to oldest)*

- 6. Accomplishments (750 character limit)** - *Personal accomplishments and usually includes a year and short description of the accomplishment (most recent to oldest)*

- 7. Certifications, Skills, and Memberships (750 character limit)** - *Skills, Certifications and Memberships (most recent to oldest)*

- 8. Recommendations (350 character limit)** - *Please list three recommendation contacts with a separate line for each: name, company, and contact*



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Personal History

Provide a narrative story of your personal achievements. This is a narrative of personal areas that are not explained in the other sections and designed for you to tell your story.

Work within the 9,000-character count and review your PDF to limit your final report to a maximum length of 3 page



Star Application - Photos

Good quality, well-planned photos set your application apart from the competition. They help connect the entire application together, but must include good pictures with informative captions. Photos need to relate to your supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs).

Notes:

- (1) Photos are used as “supporting evidence.” They must help tell the story of your SAE(s).
- (2) Photos need to show activity, size, and your involvement.
- (3) Sometimes your SAE(s) has important phases that are best captured in photos.
- (4) Choose pictures with an appropriate background and show your work in your SAE(s).

Instructions for the application:

- 1. Locate or develop an electronic photo and save in a location you can later use to upload into the online Star Application (Six photos)
- 2. Using the space below, name the image and develop a caption to copy into the online application (250 character limit in the application).

Image file name	Caption (250 character limit)
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