

# State Star Greenhand

**Purpose:** To recognize the outstanding freshman FFA member who is enrolled in agriculture education for the first time, and to encourage them to strive for greater achievements in the FFA organization. The chapter's most active first year member who has plans for a strong supervised agriculture experience (SAE) program and has demonstrated leadership is selected to win the Star Greenhand medal each year.

**Eligibility:** 1. Any freshman student who is enrolled in agriculture education for the first time is eligible to compete. 2. Each chapter in "good standing." is eligible to have one individual member represent their chapter in the event as their Star Chapter Greenhand.

**Procedure:** A Star Greenhand will be selected at the chapter level to compete at state. Each chapter is entitled to submit one contestant at the State Convention.

The candidate's record book or a written plan for a Supervised Agriculture Experience must be available for review along with a report card or transcript of grades. The candidate must be in official dress.

The following guide and scorecard can be used for local and state competition.

**Event Rules:** 1. Must be the chapter winner to compete at State. 2. A committee of three judges will be used. 3. Candidates must turn in a record book or SAE plans and transcript at registration. 4. Official dress is required.

**Event Format:** The winner will be determined on the basis of the candidates' agricultural experience program, knowledge of agriculture and the FFA, leadership potential, scholarship, activities, poise, speaking ability and recitation of the FFA Creed.

Record Books or SAE plans will be used to verify SAE and related information.

**Scoring:** A ranking matrix is used, if needed, once the candidates are ranked after the interview portion of Star award (i.e., a ranking of 1,1,4 = 6 and a 2,2,2 ranking = 6 with the 1,1,4 ranking breaking the tie).

The included scorecard, below, can be used at the Chapter and State levels as well.

**Tiebreakers:**

**Awards:** Each winner will receive a certificate at the State FFA Convention.

b. References include:

**Resources:** • See the "National FFA CDE Handbook". FFA Manual, FFA Handbook, Basic Agriculture Textbooks on Animal Science, Plant Science and General Agriculture

# Guide for Selecting Star Greenhand

Greenhand must: 1. Be a member of local, state, and national FFA.

2. Be a freshman high school student enrolled in agriculture education for the first time.

3. Be a student who is able to make an outstanding presentation of the FFA Creed.

- voice - quality, pitch, force
- stage presence - personal appearance, poise, body posture, confidence, personality
- power of expression - fluent, emphasis, sincerity, conveyance of thought and meaning
- general effect - extent to which the speech was understandable, convincing, pleasing, and held attention
- response to questions - ability to satisfactorily answer the questions of the judges showing an understanding of the Creed.

4. Have a specific written plan or have started in a supervised agricultural experience program with up-to-date AET records. Information must be available to the judges.

5. Be an active FFA member.

- leadership
- interest in helping FFA
- committee member
- interest in helping others
- regular attendance
- attitude

6. Have outstanding character.

7. Have the ability to get along and work with others.

8. Have good conduct.

9. Have a satisfactory scholastic record as demonstrated by a school transcript provided.

10. Take a written test with the following guidelines:

a. The test will include questions from the following areas:

(1) Leadership (FFA, Parliamentary Procedure, SAE)

(2) Mechanics (woodworking, tool ID, tool conditioning)

(3) Animal science

(4) Plant science

(1) FFA Knowledge (A) FFA Student Handbook (b) Current year Official FFA Manual (2) Freshman level agriculture education curriculum.

(3) All areas: any update or approved reference suggested by the State FFA Advisor.

NOTE: Each Chapter Star Greenhand will have the opportunity to say the Creed during the interview at the State FFA Convention.

### **Star Greenhand Scoring**

An official Scoring Rubric will be provided.

#### Minimum Qualifications

- A. Enrolled in Ag-Ed I class for the current year?
- B. Has a current transcript of grades?
- C. Has provided an up-to-date record book or AET records?
- D. Can satisfactorily recite the FFA Creed?
- E. Is well groomed and wearing Official FFA Dress?

All candidates will be invited into the room to introduce themselves for 2 minutes each and then are individually given follow up with general questions about their SAE, current agriculture issues, career goals and the creed in an interview alone with the judges.

# Star Greenhand LDE Scoring Rubric

<b>900 points</b>						
<b>Name</b>						
<b>Chapter</b>						
	<b>Very strong Evidence of Skill 5-4 points</b>	<b>Moderate Evidence of Skill 3-2 points</b>	<b>Weak Evidence of Skill 1-0 Points</b>	<b>Points Earned</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Score</b>
SAE Project	Can clearly explain their SAE project and has long term goals for the project.	Can explain their SAE project.	Does not yet have an SAE project.		x 15	
SAE Record Book	Member has provided a quality SAE record book	Member has provided some SAE records	Member does not provide an SAE record book.		x 5	
Scholarship	Provides current transcripts and has excellent grades	Provides current transcripts and has average grades	Does not provide current transcripts.		x 5	
Poise	Speaks very articulately at rate that engages audience.	Speaks articulately but occasionally speaks too fast or has long unnecessary hesitations.	Speaks too slow or too fast to engage audience.		x 15	
Speaking Ability	Speaker uses appropriate emphasis and tone to captivate audience.	Speaker presents speech as mere repeating of facts and speech comes across as a report.	Speaker lacks enthusiasm and power to engage audience.		x 20	
Eye contact	Constantly looks at the entire audience (90 to 100% of the time)	Mostly looks around the audience (60 to 80% of the time)	Occasionally looks at someone or some groups (less than 50 % of the time)		x 10	
Mannerisms and gestures	No nervous habits are displayed. Hand motions are expressive and used to emphasize talking points.	Sometimes exhibits nervous habits; Hands are sometimes used to express or emphasize points.	Displays some nervous habits; Hands are not used to emphasize talking points; hand motions are sometimes distracting.		x 10	

Stage Presence	Portrays confidence and composure through appropriate body language (stance, posture, facial expressions)	Maintains control most of the time; rarely loses composure	Lacks confidence and composure		x 10	
Participation in FFA activities	Exemplary use of evidence to explain participation to listeners	Sufficient use of evidence to explain participation to listeners.	Has difficulty using evidence to explain participation to listeners		x 20	
Participation in Community Service and other Activities	Exemplary use of evidence to explain participation to listeners	Sufficient use of evidence to explain participation to listeners.	Has difficulty using evidence to explain participation to listeners		x 20	
<b>Agricultural Knowledge and Creed Presentation</b>						
Creed Score - Accuracy	Says the FFA Creed with 0-5 errors	Says the FFA Creed with 6-10 errors	Says the FFA Creed with more than 11 errors		x 10	
Creed Score - Speaking Skills	Speaks clearly, at a good pace, without nervous habits, has good eye contact, and with emphasis and tone to captivate audience.	May not do all of the following consistently: speaks clearly, at a good pace, without nervous habits, has good eye contact, and with emphasis and tone to captivate audience.	May not do the following: speak clearly, at a good pace, without nervous habits, has good eye contact, and with emphasis and tone to captivate audience.		x 10	
Written Test Knowledge From Written Test		Based on 100 points				
<b>TOTAL POINTS EARNED OUT OF 900 POSSIBLE</b>						
Rank of the Contestant based on your total score					<b>RANK</b>	