

CALIFORNIA FFA SAE GUIDELINES

State-Wide Basic Requirements:

- Determination of what is acceptable for an SAE at the local level is made by the FFA Advisor. This document addresses SAE's in relationship to awards and degree advancement.
- All SAEs must have a complete SAE Plan that answers the prompts within AET.
- All projects (Entrepreneurship, Paid and Unpaid Placement, and Agriscience) must have legitimate hours, journal entries, and income/expenses (except unpaid placement).
- 10 Hours Required for First Year Agricultural Education Students, Freshmen, and Middle School Students
- 50 Hours Required for Second Year and Beyond Agricultural Education Students
- Excessive hours for ANY project must be addressed in the SAE plan and will be reviewed by state staff.
- Journal entries must include a minimum of one monthly entry during the duration of the project. Entries must include a complete description of the tasks completed.
- Up to 20% of total hours may be in the classroom or a max of 10 hours.

CALIFORNIA FFA ACCEPTABLE SAE'S

This is not an all-inclusive list. If you have questions or concerns about a specific SAE project, please contact your Regional Supervisor. Listed below are SAE's that have been viewed by State Staff as being acceptable projects for awards and degree advancement.

- Agricultural Communications
- Agricultural Education
 - County Fair Educational Presenter
- Agriculture Mechanics
 - Fabrication
 - Repair and Maintenance
 - Tractor Renovation
- Agricultural Processing
- Agricultural Sales
 - Floral Business
- Agricultural Services
 - Horseshoeing Business
 - Taxidermy
- Agriscience Research and Fair
- Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management
- Fiber and Oil Crops Production
- Forage Production
- Forest Management and Products
 - Christmas Tree Production
 - Firewood Business
- Fruit and Nut Production
- Grain Production
- Landscape Installation
- Livestock Production (Market and/or Breeding):
 - Beef Cattle
 - Dairy Cattle
 - Equine
 - Goats
 - Sheep
 - Swine
- Nursery Operations
 - Greenhouse Production
- Outdoor Recreation
- Poultry Production (Meat and Eggs):
 - Chickens
 - Turkeys
 - Domestic fowl
- Small Animal Production (Breeding and/or Market):
 - Rabbits
 - Cats
 - Dogs
 - Mice
 - Guinea pigs
 - Lizards
 - Snakes
 - Small birds
- Specialty Animal Production (Breeding and/or Market):
 - Aquaculture
 - Apiary (Bees)
 - Mules
 - Donkeys
 - Bison
 - Oxen
 - Worms
 - Insects
 - Ostriches
 - Pigeons
 - Emus
 - Alpacas
 - Llamas
- Specialty Crop Production
- Turf and Landscape Maintenance
- Vegetable Production
- Wildlife Production (Wild Species):
 - Ducks
 - Geese
 - Quail

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Agriculture Work Experience/Placement:

- Ag Chemical Salesperson
- Ag Equipment Operator
- Ag Equipment Recycling
- Ag Publicity Director or Writer
- Ag Pest Worker
- Ag Research Lab or Field Assistant
- Ag Water Sample Collector
- Ag Welder
- Ag Worker at Fair
- Compost Recycling
- Conservation Resources Worker
- Dairy Worker
- Dog Kennel Worker
- Farm Bureau Intern
- Farm Worker
(Crops or Livestock)
- Feed Store
- Fish Harvester
- Floral Worker
- Garden Assistant
- Grocery Store Produce/Meats Department
(Raw Product)
- Lawn or Landscape Worker
- Hatchery Worker
- Horse Stable Worker
- House Plant Care Worker
- Landscape Computer Technician
- Landscape Maintenance Worker
- Meat Cutter/Processor
- Organic Farming
- Parts Store Worker in
Agriculture Business
(Show knowledge relative to
Agriculture)
- Park or Campground Employee
- Pet Store Worker
- Secretary/Clerk for an Ag Business
- Seed Dealership
- Tractor/Ag Equipment Dealership
- Vegetable Salesperson
- Veterinary Assistant
- Wildlife Assistant or Field Worker
- Zoo Worker or Volunteer

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NON ACCEPTABLE SAE'S

FOR DEGREE ADVANCEMENT AND AWARDS

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Listed below are SAE's that are viewed by State Staff as non-acceptable projects for awards or degree advancement.

- **Ag Mechanics items such as toys, jewelry, indoor furniture, t-shirts, banners, plaques, art, and all facets of residential construction are considered non-agricultural and not eligible.**
- **Agriculture Department Student Assistant**
- **Any animal, reptile, amphibian, or fowl that is kept as a pet**
- **Baby Sitting Children**
- **Building Houses and other non-ag structures**
- **Cannabis Production**
- **Fast Food Employee**
- **Grocery Store, Clerk, Bag Person, Stocker, and Non-Raw Products**
- **Janitor in an Ag Business**
- **Non-Ag Production Food Processing (Candy Making)**
- **Working on personal and non-agricultural vehicles/equipment are considered non-agricultural (i.e.: racing or classic cars).**
- **Restaurant Employee: Host/Hostess, Food Server, Cook, and Dishwasher**
- **Serving as an FFA Officer**
- **Swimming Pool Cleaner**
- **Truck Washer**
- **Watersports**
- **Western Clothes & Boot Store Worker**