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CONGRATULATIONS! You have been selected as a state finalist in the Proficiency Award Program. See the attached list for the specific area(s) which you are a finalist. You can also find this information at <https://www.calaged.org/proficiency>

You now are eligible to compete for the state award. You will be competing against one or two other finalists in your proficiency category. The state winner will receive a state award certificate, a cash award, a state-sponsored jacket medal, and an award plaque. Additionally, the state winner will also go to the national competition.

To compete for the state award, you must:

1. Complete the "State Proficiency Award Finalist Form" by April 10, 2019. The form can be found at: <https://form.jotform.com/90657688463170>
2. Attend the award finalist orientation at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2019 in Hall A of the Anaheim Convention Center. Report to Jill Sperling, Central Region Supervisor.
3. Wear official FFA dress uniform.
4. PROVIDE COMPLETED SPONSOR THANK-YOU NOTES IN A STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AT CHECK IN. NOTES MUST BE WRITTEN TO BOTH NATIONAL AND STATE SPONSORS. Addresses may be found on in the sponsors section at <https://www.calaged.org/proficiency>
5. Take part in the appropriate interview as directed by Jill Sperling on Saturday morning, April 27, 2019. All interviews will be completed by noon. No materials, handouts, or any other items may be taken into the interview.
6. **ALL Finalists** will be recognized on the main stage during the Fifth General Session in the Anaheim Convention Center Arena on Saturday night. The session starts at 8:00 PM. The winners will be announced during this session. All finalists will need to report to the Award Check-in booth in the foyer between Hall A and the Arena by 7:15 PM.

To be considered for the state award, you must participate in the above listed events. All finalists will need to be registered for the conference. However, if you are only planning to attend the interview and award ceremony, then you can register for the Saturday day pass. Please work with your chapter advisor to register.

Also below we have outlined information for family and friends who would like to attend to watch the recognition.

1. Guest Registration can be found at <https://www.calaged.org/GuestReg>. Use the code **Conv2019Guest**

2. Housing – If family members need to book housing for this event, we have a block of rooms available at the Anaheim Hilton. Please use the information below:

Group Code: FFA

Website: <https://book.passkey.com/go/FFA2019>

Phone: 877-776-4932

In addition to purchasing session passes to watch, family members and guests are more than welcome to purchase tickets for the private Disney California Adventure Experience. They would purchase these tickets at the guest registration site above.

If you have any questions, please talk to your local chapter advisor who can assist you. I look forward to seeing you at the State FFA Leadership Conference in Anaheim. Again, congratulations on this accomplishment!

Sincerely,



Jill Sperling
State Proficiency Award Program Coordinator