

CALIFORNIA AG EDUCATION

SAE GUIDELINES

State-Wide Basic Requirements

- Determination of what is acceptable for an SAE at the local level is made by the FFA Advisor.
 - Guidance provided by CA FFA and State Staff related to [Acceptable SAE's](#) and [Non-Acceptable SAE's](#) pertains to those students seeking Advanced Degrees (State and/or American) and/or Awards (Proficiencies/SAE, Agriscience Fair, Star Farmer, Star Small Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, Star in Ag Placement, Star in Agriscience)
 - All SAEs must have a complete SAE Plan that answers the prompts within AET.
 - All projects (Entrepreneurship, Paid & Unpaid Placement, and Agriscience) must have legitimate hours, journal entries, and income/expenses (except unpaid placement).
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Hour Requirements

10 Hours per Year Required for First Year Agricultural Education Students, Freshmen, and Middle School Students

50 Hours per Year Required for Second Year and Beyond Agricultural Education Students

Documentation & Review

- 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 maximum of 10 hours.
- Excessive hours for any project must be addressed in the SAE plan and will be reviewed by State Staff.