

Delegate Committee #1: The Committee on Proficiency Award Handbook Changes

1. In 2023-2024, how many members will not receive first place in a proficiency award category because they do not have at least three years of records?

This year, 13 members are prevented from winning first place because they have less than three years of records.

2. In 2023-2024, how many members who will not receive first place in a proficiency award category because they do not have at least three years of records are seniors?

Two members who are not eligible to receive first place because they do not have at least three years of records are seniors.

3. What is the average number of years of records for national finalists over the past five years?

We do not have that data nationally, but in Louisiana we have had three national finalists since 2019. Two of them had five years of records, and one of them had three years of records, for an average of 4.33 years.

4. How many Louisiana proficiency awards have been submitted for national competition over the past five years?

**2020 – 23
2021 – 24
2022 – 25
2023 – 25
2024 – 24**

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5. How many applicants have there been for each proficiency category?

Since our state moved to using AET for scoring last year, here are the number of applications submitted:

2022-2023 (188 applications)

Ag Communications	6
Ag Education	7
Ag Mech Design and Fab	4
Ag Mech Repair and Maintenance – PI	4
Ag Processing	4
Ag Sales – PI	4
Ag Services - En/PI	8
Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems	2
Agriscience Research - Plant Systems	1
Beef Production – En	5
Beef Production - PI	9
Dairy Production – PI	2
Diversified Ag Production - En/PI	8
Diversified Crop Production – PI	5
Diversified Horticulture - En/PI	1
Diversified Livestock Production - En/PI	13
Env Sci and Nat Res Mgmt - En/PI	1
Equine Science – En	2
Equine Science – PI	8
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production - En/PI	3
Forage Production - En/PI	3
Forest Mgmt and Products - En/PI	4
Fruit Production - En/PI	5
Goat Production - En/PI	6
Grain Production - En/PI	8
Nursery Operations - En/PI	2
Outdoor Recreation - En/PI	6
Poultry Production - En/PI	15
Sheep Production - En/PI	3
Small Animal Production and Care - En/PI	8
Specialty Animal Production - En/PI	5
Swine Production - En	6
Swine Production - PI	9
Turf Grass Mgmt - En/PI	1
Vegetable Production - En/PI	4
Wildlife Production and Mgmt - En/PI	6

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2023-2024 (237 applications)

Ag Communications	8
Ag Education	11
Ag Mech Design and Fab	4
Ag Mech Repair and Maintenance – En	1
Ag Mech Repair and Maintenance – PI	7
Ag Processing	3
Ag Sales – En	1
Ag Sales – PI	1
Ag Services - En/PI	8
Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems	1
Agriscience Research - Plant Systems	1
Beef Production – En	5
Beef Production - PI	13
Dairy Production – En	1
Dairy Production – PI	2
Diversified Ag Production - En/PI	7
Diversified Crop Production – PI	8
Diversified Horticulture - En/PI	1
Diversified Livestock Production - En/PI	15
Env Sci and Nat Res Mgmt - En/PI	1
Equine Science – En	5
Equine Science – PI	16
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production - En/PI	6
Forage Production - En/PI	3
Forest Mgmt and Products - En/PI	2
Fruit Production - En/PI	6
Goat Production - En/PI	8
Grain Production - En/PI	8
Landscape Management -	7
Nursery Operations - En/PI	6
Outdoor Recreation - En/PI	6
Poultry Production - En/PI	13
Sheep Production - En/PI	2
Small Animal Production and Care - En/PI	13
Specialty Animal Production - En/PI	6
Swine Production - En	5
Swine Production - PI	10
Vegetable Production - En/PI	11
Veterinary Science	1
Wildlife Production and Mgmt - En/PI	4

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6. How many Louisiana proficiency awards have placed at National Convention?

The term "placed" is a bit misleading. There are four national finalists in each proficiency category, and one national winner is chosen from those finalists. The other three are not given a numerical ranking.

Since 2017, Louisiana has had 4 national finalists. Three of those were named national winners.

Between 1930 and 2016, Louisiana had the following national proficiency results:

National Finalists	77
National Winners	7

7. Do middle school SAE records count towards proficiency awards?

In Louisiana, we have two classes of proficiency awards, junior and senior. Junior awards are for members with records from grades 5-8. Senior awards are for members with records from grades 9-12 and can also include years past high school if FFA membership is maintained.

To participate on the national level, only records from grade 9 and beyond are eligible. SAE records from middle school currently do not carry over for award purposes according to National FFA rules. This includes all middle school records, even for combined PK-12 or 7-12 schools.

8. How many and which Louisiana FFA chapters typically submit proficiency awards?

2023-2024: 39 FFA chapters submitted applications:

**Basile
Beau Chene
Berwick
Central Lafourche
Choudrant
Covington
Crowley
East Ascension
East Beauregard
Ebarb
Elton
Florien**

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**Fontainebleau
Forest
Franklin
Franklinton
Georgetown
Homer
Kaplan
Lakeview
Live Oak
Mangham
Many
Natchitoches Central
Oak Grove
Ouachita
Pearl River
Pleasant Hill
Ponchatoula
Quitman
Rayne
South Lafourche
St Amant
Sulphur
Varnado
Vinton
Walker
West Ouachita
Weston**

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**Franklinton
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Homer
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Lacassine
Lakeview
Mangham
Many
Northshore
Oak Grove
Pearl River
Ponchatoula
Rayne
Saline
South Lafourche
St Amant
Starks
Sulphur
Thibodaux
Varnado
Walker
West Ouachita**

9. How would this rule change impact the Louisiana FFA Association financially?

The cost of banners would not change. For categories not being awarded a first place, we award two second place banners. The cost of banners is the same regardless of the placing.

The amount of money given in cash awards would potentially increase, but not substantially. Each higher placing is awarded an additional \$25. This year, that would have amounted to approximately \$325.

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