

Area 7 Texas FFA Scholarship Memo 2-19-24

For more information, visit: <https://www.texasffa.org/ffa-scholarships>. Questions after reading this document? Reach out to Mark Jarzombek at mjarzombek@fisd.us or Kyla Williamson at kyla.williamson@mvisd.org.

Deadlines

April 10 Scholarship Deadline for Area VII 11:59pm (late applications will NOT be accepted)
May 11 Scholarship Interview Practice at Area 7 Convention
June 3 State Scholarship Interviews (mock interview the night before for Area 7 likely at the Hampton Inn in Stephenville)

Reminders & Tips

The Texas FFA Scholarship application is open. Super scores for SAT/ACT tests will NOT be accepted for testing scores. This means there is no change in the formatting of scores from previous years and they will be traditional scores.

Please remind your students to sign up for the required tests and to complete their FAFSA as soon as possible to avoid having errors later on. Be sure that the student's name is on the FAFSA and test score reports. You may need to use File>Print>Save as PDF then save the file to get the format with the student's name on it. The application DOES NOT need the entire FAFSA report. It only needs the first page with the student's full name and EFC/SAI number. You might be able to obtain a full testing score report from your district's testing coordinator without paying for a score report.

Enter course titles and grades EXACTLY how they are on the student's transcript at 3.5 years in high school. For example, if the transcript says PAFNR for Principles of AFNR, enter PAFNR into the application.

It is recommended to separate district, area, state, and national participations on separate rows. Do NOT include them all on one row.

Automatic Scholarship Disqualifications

As per Texas FFA Policy, Texas FFA Scholarship applications that meet any of the following criteria will be automatically disqualified and will not be scored at the Area VII level:

- Missing signatures including incompleteness of advisor signature
- Application not complete
- Missing FAFSA verification page
- Missing transcript
- Missing test score verification page (must have at minimum SAT OR ACT score)
- Test score too low (min SAT 1000 - min ACT 19) ONE of these must be the min or higher

Frequently Asked Questions

SAT/ACT Scores - The minimum SAT score is 1000. The minimum ACT score is 19.

SAT/ACT Score Verification - Some schools no longer provide the official test results with the transcript. In this situation, a student must print off their test scores from the SAT/ACT official website. Their score page must have their scores and their name on the same printed page.

Scholarship interview orientation at area convention for kids
Mock interview for area at Hampton Inn Stephenville
day before state interview on 6/2/24



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Scholarship FAFSA Update

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Good afternoon Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for your patience as we navigate the new 24-25 FAFSA and the government delays that are slowing down the ability to access your Student Aid Report (SAR) and/or Student Aid Index (SAI).

The Texas FFA Scholarships Application will require students to utilize the Student Aid Calculator as their financial aid verification for the 2024 scholarship process. This will alleviate the delay issues we have been experiencing with the SAI from FAFSA. The tool is simple to use and takes less than 3 minutes for students and their parents to complete.

The following documents are required for the FAFSA section of the 2024 application:

- FAFSA Submission Confirmation Page Email (showing your students did submit their FAFSA application, students get this when they submit)
- SAI Calculator Simulator: Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) PDF Download
 - This can be filled out here: <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>
 - After you have filled it in, it will give you an Estimated Federal Student Aid and SAI. Be sure to scroll to the bottom of the page, download the full PDF, and submit that full document.
 - You will put the estimated SAI you are given into the text box on the scholarship app as your SAI.

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Texas FFA will continue to work with FAFSA and the requirements for a fully processed FAFSA with an SAI score will return in 2025 as a Texas FFA Scholarship requirement. We value your understanding and cooperation as we strive to provide the best possible resources and support to the FFA community.

Thank you!

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**Texas FFA Scholarship
FFA Activities Scoring Rubric**

Leadership Development Events (LDE) and/or Speaking Development Events (SDE) - 10 POINTS POSSIBLE

0 Points	1-4 Points	5-7 Points	8-10 Points
No LDE and/or SDE participation	Applicant participated at the district level in LDE and/or SDE	Applicant participated at the area level in LDE and/or SDE showing success such as increase in participation and improvement in team and individual placings in LDE or SDE involvement and have participated in LDE/SDE for two or more years.	Applicant participated at the state or national level in LDE and/or SDE showing success such as increase in participation and improvement in team and individual placings in LDE and/or SDE involvement and have participated in LDE/SDE for two or more years.

Career Development Events (CDE) - 10 POINTS POSSIBLE

0 Points	1-4 Points	5-10 Points
No CDE participation	Applicant participated at the area level in CDE showing success such as increase in participation and improvement in team and individual placings in CDE involvement	Applicant participated at the state or national level in CDE showing success such as increase in participation and improvement in team and individual placings in CDE involvement and have participated in CDEs for two or more years.

Invitational Events - 5 POINTS POSSIBLE

0 Points	1-3 Points	4-5 Points
No participation in invitational events	Applicant participated in invitational contests or events throughout FFA career	Applicant participated in invitational contests by participating in at least 1 Invitational event every year they are an FFA member and showed growth or success by increasing or improving in personal or team placings in invitational events

Officer Positions/Committee Activities – 8 POINTS POSSIBLE

0 Points	1-4 Points	5-6 Points	7-8 Points
Applicant did not serve as an officer, serve on a committee, or run for an officer position.	Applicant held an office or was an officer candidate at the chapter level OR served on chapter level committees.	Applicant held and office or was an officer candidate at the district level OR served on district level committees OR was an officer candidate at the area level.	Applicant held an office or served on a committee at the area level or higher.

Other FFA & Community Service Activities - 7 POINTS POSSIBLE

0 Points	1-2 Points	3-5 Points	6-7 Points
No participation in other FFA activities	Applicant participated in chapter level FFA events and service activities	Applicant participated in district and area level FFA events and service activities	Applicant participated in state and national level FFA events and service activities.

Supervised Agricultural Experience Program - 10 POINTS POSSIBLE