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Area 7 Scholarship Committee Report

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Information learned after committee meeting 7/25:

2024-2025 Tentative Dates

January 1st Application Opens

April 14th 11:59pm Area 7 Submission Deadline

May 9th 5pm Texas FFA Scholarship Applications Due to State Office

May 12th - 14th State Staff Pre-Check

May 16th - 19th State Online Pre-Score

May 23rd Interviews Announced (27th at the latest)

June 2nd State Scholarship Interviews

The committee passed a motion to recommend that teachers with applications can score to allow for judges that understand the application. Ms. Jackson will take the recommendation to the board in September. The committee also expressed a need to have more time to score at state and to divide scoring into three categories consisting of contests, leadership, and the need narrative so that judges can give their best effort in scoring consistently and thoroughly.

Information presented at Tuesday 7/23 meeting:

Scores were up 3 whole points from last year making it a competitive year for our area

23 of our top 25 progressed to state interviews

We were the only area to have more than 20 move on to state interviews

Applicants not issued interviews in the top 25 were awarded \$1500 scholarships from the Area 7 Association

None of our students received less than \$8k

Area committees are important for determining scores on the rubric for leadership positions

Conducted an interview orientation at James Madison at two separate times with a handout as we believe the interview is becoming more important

Held a zoom call with all scholarship scorers to break down the rubric and offer examples

Please encourage your districts to submit two highly qualified teachers for scoring

Do your absolute best to have one without an applicant to ease our process of submitting ag teachers to the state for scoring and interviewing

High and low scores are dropped but we will continue to encourage the committee to follow the rubric

Need to encourage ag teachers to assist students with their applications... we are interested in having a zoom meeting in March for the area

If one of us reaches out to you about corrections they need to be made in a timely manner

We cannot calculate scores until corrections are made or it will create major problems

Corrections from the state might vary from Kyla/Mark as we have new people in the scholarship role with the state

Be sure that the classes you are calling ag classes are actually ag classes as the state is monitoring it closely

Encourage ag teachers to have more involvement with applicants

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