

Area VII FFA Scholarship Report

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The scholarship committee met at the annual VATAT Conference on Wednesday August 1, 2018. Items that were discussed are below:

1. The quota for each area is being proposed to be less down to 7. The quota is the number of scholarships that an area is guaranteed. We are awaiting approval from the Texas FFA board of directors on this item.
2. The committee also approved to suggest to the board to allow Ag teachers with candidates to also score the applications. The committee feels that if a teacher has filled out an application recently, they are more familiar with the application. The committee also feels that since there are now 12 areas, the high score, the low score and the score for the area in which the judge represents will be dropped. We are awaiting approval from the Texas FFA Board of directors on this item.
3. The committee also voted to now have a 1 page pullout for the need narrative for the Austin scoring process. This 1 page pullout will include the need narrative, parent's occupation and sibling information. This process is being initiated to hopefully prevent judges from penalizing an application twice for having a high FAFSA score.
4. Area VII FFA applications will be due in College Station at the Area CDE Contests on April 6, 2019 by 10:00 AM. These can be brought to the Area VII meeting that morning or they can be mailed or sent to Mark Jarzombek ahead of time.
5. Scoring of Area VII FFA applications will take place during the week of May 6, 2019 and interviews will be conducted on May 11, 2019 at the Fredericksburg Ag facility.
6. Please remember that any application that is incomplete will be disqualified.