

Southern Region Agricultural Education

Weekly Update

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I. Current AgEd News & Updates

1. **Region Office** –The Region Office will be closed from Jan. 8-10, 2018. I will be in Galt at the State Staff meeting. I will respond to emails when I have the opportunity.
2. **Southern Region FFA Membership** – Another year of growth – we have added two middle school chapters and 497 members – 14,604!
3. **FFA Applications Submitted Online** – Because most State FFA Applications are now submitted online, the deadline is Feb. 1. The Region Calendar showed Jan. 15 – which was a “postmarked by” date. With the filing online, the date can be Feb. 1. They must be submitted by this date. This includes State Officer and State Nominating Committee.
4. **New Procedure for Star Advisor, Counselor, Administrator, Support Staff and Reporter.** Applications are due **online** the for Section and Region award consideration by **Feb. 1**. Both parts I and II must be completed to be considered for Section Star. The Region FFA Officers will pick the Section and Region Winners. All other applications that are for gold, silver or bronze considerations only (Part I only) are also due online Feb. 1.
5. **State Degree Verification** – we will accept three types of record book – see the list below.
For Section scorings, please bring:
 1. Completed, signed, and stapled applications. This **MUST** be the AET version of the State Degree application
 2. Record Books (books will need to be verified by two teachers using the checklist incorporated in the application)
 - A. Paper Record books (last year they will be accepted)
OR
 - B. I-record books (last year they will be accepted) - you do not need to print it. Please provide login information.
OR

- C. AET – you will NOT need to bring a printed copy. Login information with access code will print on the State Degree application.
3. A laptop if available
 4. Printed, signed Business Agreements are NOT required. By the advisor’s signature on the application cover page, you are certifying that the Agreements are signed and on file. The agreements do need to be in the record book for verification.

6. Proficiency Award Matrixes and Scorecards - The Proficiency Award Matrixes are posted on the Region website. The matrix shows which part of the Proficiency applications must be filled out for Section and Region competitions.

<http://www.srffa.org/cata/resources/ffa/profmatrix.pdf>

<http://www.srffa.org/cata/resources/ffa/agriscimatrix.pdf>

The scorecards for section and region are posted on the Region website:

<http://www.srffa.org/cata/resources/ffa/sectionscorecards.pdf>

<http://www.srffa.org/cata/resources/ffa/regionscorecards.pdf>

7. Jaimie Lynne Pettet Southern Region Scholarship – application is now available online on the Southern Region website. The applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2018 and mailed to the Region Office. Scholarship amount is variable. We awarded four scholarships last year. The number awarded is determined by the committee and the quality of the applicants.

The following is the link to the application:

<http://www.srffa.org/ffa/scholarships/pettetapp17.pdf>

8. Section Star Applications – Applications of Section winners of the **Star Farmer, Star in Ag. Placement, Star in Agri-Business and Star in Agriscience** are due with their record books in the Region Office by Friday, **Feb. 9**, or delivered to Agriscapes on Monday, Feb. 12 at the scoring.

9. Summary of Applications due dates – See the following chart:

(NOTE – most of the state applications must be submitted online)

Section Proficiency & Star SAE Apps	January Selection Mtg.	Section Selection
Region Proficiency	February 12 (@scoring)	Region Scoring
Star Administrator	February 1	Online Submittal
Star Counselor	February 1	Online Submittal
Star Support Staff	February 1	Online Submittal
Star Reporter	February 1	Online Submittal
Superior Chapter Award	February 1	Online Submittal
National Chapter Award	February 1	Asst. State Advisor
National Scholarship	February 1	National FFA Online
State Scholarship	February 1	Online Submittal
State Chorus, Band	February 1	Online Submittal
State Superior Chapter Award	February 1	Online Submittal
State Talent	February 1	Online Submittal
Hall of Chapters	February 1	Online Submittal
State Distinguished Service Nominations	February 1	Online Submittal
State Honorary Degree Nominations	February 1	Online Submittal
State Officer	February 1	Online Submittal

State Nominating Committee	February 1	Online Submittal
State Website Development	February 1	Online Submittal
State Conference Scholarship	February 1	Online Submittal

10. Norte Vista Field Day - REGISTRATION - All teams and individuals must pre-register for both contests and lunches by January 17th (Wednesday). Pre-register by mail, FAX (951)776-4434, phone (951)358-1740 ext 620305 or e-mail to timothy.hively@alvord.k12.ca.us.

****NOTE**** Contests with less than 4 teams pre-registered by the Deadline may be canceled. HORSE MUST HAVE 5 teams registered to be a go.

11. Giving Tuesday FFA Jacket Award Process: Thanks to Blue Diamond Growers and the California FFA Foundation's efforts on Giving Tuesday, we are excited to announce we have nearly 600 FFA jackets available for California FFA members. Every chapter in California is eligible to apply for a jacket, and we encourage you to do so. Please visit <https://www.calaged.org/givingtuesday> and scroll down to "How FFA Chapters Redeem a Jacket" to learn more. Jacket applications need to be completed by January 31, 2018.

12. Current Openings in the Southern Region:

- **Julian High School** – filled by Curtis Martineau

13. Due Bills: The following schools have not paid the following Region Past Due Bills (as of 1.5.18):

Calexico	SOCAL	Holtville	SOCAL
Calipatria	SOCAL	Lakeside Middle	SOCAL
Coachella Valley	SOCAL	Ramona	SOCAL
Elsinore	SOCAL	San Marcos	SOCAL
Escondido	SOCAL	Westminster	Fall CATA Mtg
Escondido - San Pasqual	Fall CATA Mtg		

II. Previous and/or On-going AgEd News & Announcement

14. Region CATA Awards – The Southern Region CATA award winners are posted on the Southern Region website:

<http://www.srffa.org/cata/award/cataawards17-18.htm>

15. Southern Region FFA Officer 2018-2019 Applications are due Jan. 26 in the Region Office. The applications can be found the Southern Region website via a link on the FFA index page or follow this link:

<http://www.srffa.org/ffa/pow/ro-screening/roapplication.pdf>

Note: This is a fillable form – but you need to download it and save as an Adobe pdf file.

16. Heritage Field Day – The results of the Heritage Field Day are posted on the Region website:

<http://www.srffa.org/ffa/recognition/2017-2018/field-day/heritage.htm>

17. San Diego Section/Fallbrook Field Day – The results of the San Diego Section/Fallbrook Field Day are posted on the Region website:

<http://www.srffa.org/ffa/recognition/2017-2018/field-day/sd.htm>

III. Things to Do for Department Chairpersons:

- Complete State Degree, Star, and Proficiency applications.
- 2018-2019 Region FFA Officer Applications are due Jan. 26 in the Region office.

IV. Important Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 9-10 State Ag Ed Staff Meeting @ Galt
- Jan. 11-12 State CATA Governing Board @ Galt
- Jan. 13 Orange Section Softball – Sunny Hills HS 9:00 AM
- Jan. 16 Riverside Section State Degree Scoring & CATA Mtg. @ Rubidoux 4:00 PM
- Jan. 17 San Diego Section State Degree Scoring and CATA Mtg. @ El Capitan 3:00 PM
- Jan. 18 Imperial Section State Degree Scoring & Star Selections & CATA Mtg. @ Calipatria HS 4:00 PM
- Jan. 18 Imperial Section FFA Activity @ Calipatria
- Jan. 18 Imperial Section Speech entries due @ Palo Verde HS
- Jan. 20 Norte Vista Field Day 8:00 AM
- Jan. 20 Riverside Section Manuscripts due (to Perris at Norte Vista FD)
- Jan. 22 Orange Section State Degree Scoring & CATA Mtg. @ Orange 4:30 PM
- Jan. 24 San Diego Section B.I.G, COOPs, & Proficiency and Star Selection @ Valley Center HS 4:00 PM
- Jan. 25 Riverside Section FFA Speech Contests @ Perris HS 4:00 PM
- Jan. 25 High Desert State Degree Scoring & Star Selection & CATA Mtg. @ Littlerock 3:30PM
- Jan. 25 High Desert Prepared, Creed, BIG entries due @ Littlerock
- Jan. 26-27 MFA and ALA Conferences @ Doubletree - Ontario 1:00 PM
- Jan. 26 Imperial, Orange & Riverside Sections Proficiency selection @ MFE/ALA 1:00 PM
- Jan. 26 2017-18 Region FFA Officer Applications due in Region Office
- Feb. 1 State Officer & Nominating Committee applications due online
- Feb. 1 FFA Award Apps due online