

Colorado SAE Grant

The Agricultural Experience Grant Program will be used to assist students (FFA Members) enrolled in agricultural education courses in Colorado start or enhance an enterprise within their supervised agriculture experience program (SAE).

Description:

All freshman, sophomore, and junior FFA members in Colorado can apply for a grant. Grants will typically be \$250-\$1500 for individuals depending on the size, scope and type of the SAE. The committee's funding decision will be final. The instructor, student, parents (if possible), and funding donor will meet each other in person at the beginning of the program. The program will run for a 12 month period. Students are obligated to write a letter (confirming to certain standards) to their donor every other month beginning in February of their grant year, (6) letters and then do at least 5 social media (Facebook closed group) on the alternate month about their SAE. Members receive their checks at a reception in January at the Stock Show and put together a display board and meet with their donors at the State FFA Convention.

Student Responsibilities:

- Completed Application
- Current FFA member in good standings
- Member must return grant monies awarded if they leave FFA membership or enrollment of Agriculture Education classes during the program year they were awarded.
- Spend the grant funds in a timely manner and only for the purposes as outlined in the grant application. Failure to do so may result in returning the funds back to the Foundation.
- Submit required letters (sent to sponsor, Fairs and Shows Committee, Colorado FFA Foundation and your local FFA advisor's records)
- Letters will be sent as PDF attachments to emails. Proper letter and email format will be given to students along with their checks in January.
- Training will be performed at first reception for student and sponsor
- Meet with sponsors at scheduled reception times. i.e. NWSS Stock Show reception and State FFA Convention.
- Keep accurate AET records of the project. The records will be reviewed by Fairs and Shows committee at State Convention during the program year and in December at the end of the program year. Failure to update the record book may disqualify the student from future grants and scholarships from the Colorado FFA Foundation
- A Display board of your SAE will be shown at the State FFA Convention during the year of the program.
- Attend the State FFA Convention during their program year to be interviewed by Fairs and Shows Committee members.
- Understand that failure to abide by the rules and the intent of the program may cause for being suspended from FFA Activities, or result in failure to be considered for future grants or scholarships given by the FFA Foundation.

- By accepting and cashing the award check the student, their parents, and the advisor are agreeing to the terms and intent of this program and any additional terms outlined with the award check.
-

Advisor Responsibilities:

- Guide the student in the successful implementation and operation of SAE.
- Assure delivery of record book and display board to State FFA Convention.
- Communicate with the Fairs and Shows Committee
- Understand that failure to abide by the rules and the intent of the program may be cause for your student being suspended from FFA activities.

Application can be found at:

www.theaet.com

Degree/Application Manager

