

2017 Wisconsin FFA State Star Interviews

Star Finalists are asked to appear before a panel of judges at the State FFA Convention to determine the final rank of the top ten Star Farmers, top ten Stars in Agricultural Placement, top five Stars in Agribusiness and top three Stars in Agriscience. Interviews take place on Wednesday morning, June 14 in the Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center. The schedule for the interviews is listed below. **These interviews will be 10 minutes and 30 seconds each and the judges will have the opportunity to ask the finalists questions related to their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program and the State Degree Application. You need to prepare a 30 second introduction of yourself and your SAE to begin the interview with the judges.**

The interview will count for 50% of the final ranking of finalists and the application will count 50% of the final ranking. The interview process is important to help verify information in your application and clarify questions the judges may have, but it is not the sole deciding factor in your final ranking. The judges will receive a copy of the candidate's State Degree Application from the State FFA Office, which they will review and have in front of them during the interview. Star candidates are allowed to bring in their record books to refer to during the actual interview.

Below is a schedule for the interviews. Names were drawn randomly and also adjusted to avoid conflicts some finalists may have with other competitions. Please contact the Wisconsin FFA Center if you have any questions regarding this process. This interview process will really give the judges an opportunity to understand the finalist's program before making the final rankings.

2017 Wisconsin State Star Interview Schedule Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Star in Agricultural Placement Finalists

**** Report to Mendota 5 Room – 1st Floor**

8:00 a.m. Maverick Guenther – Randolph C-F
8:15 a.m. Morgan Fitzsimmons – Mineral Point
8:30 a.m. Taylor Statz – Wisconsin Heights
8:45 a.m. Alyssa Templeton – Evansville
9:00 a.m. Sean Smedema – Randolph C-F

Judges - Break 10 minutes

9:25 a.m. Jesse LaMie – Weywauweg-Fremont
9:40 a.m. Paige Nelson - Ellsworth
9:55 a.m. Augustave Swanke - Montello
10:10 a.m. Erica Helmer - Plymouth
10:25 a.m. Jensen Trinrud - Waupaca

Star in Agriscience Finalists

****Report to Mendota 1 Room – 1st Floor**

8:00 a.m. Amelia Hayden – Big Foot
8:15 a.m. Seth Piencikowski - Waupaca
8:30 a.m. Katelyn Galetka – New Auburn

Star Farmer Finalists

**** Report to Mendota 6 Room – 1st Floor**

8:00 a.m. Elisha Riley - Waupaca
8:15 a.m. Melissa Sprecher – Sauk Prairie
8:30 a.m. Emily Schwanke - Waupun
8:45 a.m. Carley Krull – Lake Mills
9:00 a.m. Noah Massie - Barron

Judges - Break 10 minutes

9:25 a.m. Danielle Robinson - Lomira
9:40 a.m. Katelyn Zimmerman - Spencer
9:55 a.m. Jenna Broege – Janesville Craig
10:10 a.m. Brad Jones – Mt. Horeb
10:25 a.m. Eric Wachtendonk - Bloomer

Star in Agribusiness Finalists

****Report to Mendota 1 Room – 1st Floor**

9:15 a.m. Brett Koski - Waupaca
9:30 a.m. Gage Rataczak – Randolph C-F
9:45 a.m. Jared Mack – Sauk Prairie
10:00 a.m. Dylan Pokorny – Waupun
10:15 a.m. Alex Krueger – Janesville Craig
(May be remote interview)