

CLARIFICATION ON "ACTIVITIES ABOVE THE CHAPTER LEVEL"

The following activities are considered "above the chapter level."

1. FIRE Conference
2. Sectional Leadership Workshop
3. County or regional FFA officer training
4. Half-time Leadership Workshop
5. 212 Leadership Conference
6. EDGE Conference
7. 360 Leadership Conference
8. Washington Leadership Conference
9. State FFA Convention
10. State Convention Activities
 - a. State FFA News Room
 - b. State FFA Courtesy Corps
 - c. State FFA Delegate (cannot count serving as a delegate and attendance at state convention as two activities when they are same year.)
 - d. State FFA Agriscience Fair
 - e. State FFA Day of Service/Rally to Fight Hunger
 - f. Agricultural Artwork Competition
11. National FFA Convention
12. National FFA Convention Activities
 - a. National FFA Day Of Service
 - b. National FFA Courtesy Corps
 - c. National CDE
 - d. National Agriscience Fair
 - e. National Voting Delegate
 - f. Hall of States Booth Participant
13. Participation at multi-chapter, regional or state Career Development Events. A member can compete at multiple locations. A member that competes at UW-Platteville (Regional) and UW-Madison (State) can count this as two activities. **Members must indicate which CDE they competed in and not just location.**
14. District, sectional, or state Leadership Development Event. (Competing at district and sectional count as two activities.)
15. Participation as a FFA member in an FFA sponsored regional, state, or national contest. This includes
 - a. FFA Land Judging
 - b. Regional/State Tractor Operators Contests.
 - c. State Proficiency Award Program
 - d. Conduct of Meetings LDE
 - e. High School Quiz Bowl Competition
 - f. State or National FFA Grant or Scholarship Applicant – (Can only count 1).
 - g. GROWMARK Essay Contest or Jr. High Essay Contest
16. State Band, Chorus or Talent Participation at State and National.
17. Participation in Co-ops Yes!, Farm Forum, or other event where the member is representing the FFA Chapter and other chapters are attending.
18. Exhibiting at county or regional fairs as a representative from your FFA Chapter.
19. Exhibitor at State Fair – as a representative from your FFA Chapter.
20. Participation in an FFA related educational activity at the Wisconsin State Fair – example House of Moo and Discovery Barnyard.

The following activities are NOT considered "above the chapter level."

1. Local, sectional or state FFA **recreational events**.
2. Participation on **field trips** (i.e., World Dairy Expo, Farm Technology Days, State Fair)
Exception: If the members are representing their FFA Chapter in a specific contest or FFA-related activity at the event, then it can be considered. This must be indicated on the application.
3. Breed association activities

A word of caution:

It is impossible to list every FFA activity that counts or doesn't count in this State FFA Degree Handbook. When considering whether or not it is an acceptable activity refer to the definition below. The activity must be an **FFA activity** and be **above the chapter level**.

Definition: An activity is defined as an FFA activity when:

- A. An FFA organization (local, state or national) sponsors the program or activity.
- B. An organization other than FFA, sponsors the activity and FFA chapters are invited to participate. An example would include Farm Forum. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation sponsors Farm Forum and invites 4-H clubs and FFA Chapters to participate. This is, therefore, an FFA activity above the chapter level.

Definition: Above the chapter level

It is considered above the chapter level if it's a multi-chapter activity where at least one other member from at least one other chapter attends.

PLEASE NOTE: TO HAVE FIVE ACTIVITIES ABOVE THE CHAPTER LEVEL, THE ACTIVITIES MUST BE FIVE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES. TWO TRIPS TO THE STATE FFA CONVENTION IS COUNTED AS ONE ACTIVITY ABOVE THE CHAPTER LEVEL.

The only exception is FFA athletic/recreational activities. Given the fact that there are numerous other eligible activities and to retain the prestige of receiving the highest degree on the state level, athletic sporting events are **not** considered eligible activities for participation above the chapter level.

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