



FFA STAR Awards

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National FFA Organization Announces Finalists for American Star Farmer, American Star in Agribusiness, American Star in Agriscience and American Star in Agricultural Placement

The National FFA Organization has selected 16 finalists (four per award) for the organization's top awards: American Star Farmer, American Star in Agribusiness, American Star in Agriscience and American Star in Agricultural Placement. These star awards recognize students who have developed outstanding agricultural skill and competency through their career development programs, demonstrated outstanding management skills, earned the American FFA Degree—the organization's highest level of accomplishment—and met other agricultural education, scholarship and leadership requirements.

Each star finalist receives \$2,000 from the National FFA Foundation and earns the opportunity to participate in an international experience tour to Costa Rica. A panel of judges will interview the finalists and select one winner for each award at the 80th National FFA Convention, October 24–27, in Indianapolis, In. Winners will receive an additional \$2,000 award.

The American FFA Degree recognition programs and tours to Costa Rica are co-sponsored by **Case IH; Farm Credit Systems Foundation, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. and Syngenta.**, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. "Stars Over America," a special audiovisual presentation featuring the star award winners, is produced by USDA Farm Services Agency as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Star Farmer

Nicholas Thomas Hardesty, Meade County FFA, Kentucky
Nocona Cook, Cordell FFA – Oklahoma
Jon Kahnke, Florence FFA – South Dakota
Lee M. Bushman, Cochrane-Fountain City – Wisconsin

Star in Agribusiness

Sara-Jean Griffin, Suffield Sr. FFA – Connecticut
Caleb Alexander, Garden City FFA – Kansas
Neil G. Veen, Carrington FFA – North Dakota
Michael W. Schmidt, Randolph Cambria-Friesland FFA, Wisconsin

Star in Agricultural Placement

Jessica Tekippe, West Delaware FFA – Iowa
Richard Bartos, Creighton FFA – Nebraska
Chance Simpson, Timberlake FFA – Oklahoma
Andrew Blaser, Oconto Falls FFA – Wisconsin

Star in Agriscience

Christina Bernal-Rigoli, Amphitheater FFA – Arizona
Emma Leigh Flemmig, Glidden-Ralston FFA – Iowa
Chris Froehlich, Ag & Food Science Academy FFA – Minnesota
Robert Bialozynski, Pulaski FFA - Wisconsin