

# THE 2018 BIG E STARS RECOGNITION PROGRAM APPLICATION

Sponsored by the Farm Credit Inc and Eastern States Exposition

**Purpose: To promote and encourage excellence in the Eastern Regional FFA through development of outstanding scholarship, leadership and supervised agricultural experiences in the following areas:**

1. Star Farmer - achievement in a production agriculture SAE
2. Star Agribusiness - achievement in an agribusiness SAE
3. Star Agricultural Placement - achievement in an agricultural placement SAE, either at an agribusiness or production enterprise
4. Star Agriscience - excellence in an agriscience-based SAE (natural resources, research/experimentation or science-based lab). This program may be either in placement or entrepreneurial SAE.

## Objective

1. To recognize youth in the Eastern Regional FFA who have achieved the Star Award in their respective state for 2018.
2. To educate the fair going public to the fact that agriculture and agribusiness is a vibrant part of the Eastern Region
3. To promote the work of agriculturalists in the Eastern Region

## Event Rules:

1. Applicant must have received the Star Award in their respective state in the applied category.
2. Application shall include (please submit in the following order):
  - a. Big E FFA Stars Recognition Application
  - b. Copy of Applicant's State winning application
  - c. Resume'
  - d. Supplemental material at applicant's discretion (maximum 2 pages)
3. All applications (four copies) should be sent to The Big E FFA Coordinator in care of The Big E on or before August 15, 2018.
4. Applicant must be in attendance at The Big E on Saturday, September 15, 2018 for the program.
5. Applicant may not compete in any other Big E FFA competition on September 15, 2018. Please note: this may also conflict with other events during The Big E. Please be sure that you are aware of the FFA Star's schedule.
6. Candidate must wear official FFA Dress.

## Format

1. Each candidate will meet the judges in an informal interview on the morning of September 15, 2018 to further clarify the applicants program and records at 8 a.m. at the Grange Building.
2. Teams of judges are selected to judge this event. They will each review copies of each candidate's application and records.
3. Candidates will be available for publicity pictures with the sponsor at 11 a.m.
4. Candidates, parents, advisors and special guests are invited to a FFA Stars Recognition Luncheon a 12 noon on the fairgrounds.
5. The Star Award ceremony will take place before a large audience of fairgoers at approximately 3 p.m.
6. All candidates are urged to attend the FFA Awards Recognition Program at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Springfield, MA.

## Awards

1. Each candidate will receive a participation stipend.
2. Each winning Star will receive an appropriate award from The Big E.
3. Each winning Star will receive a \$250 stipend for participating and winners will receive a \$500 cash award from the program sponsor – The Farm Credit Inc

**The application and awards do not relate to the winners of the Eastern Region FFA Stars Program sponsored by the National FFA Organization**

**Judge's decision is FINAL.**



