

Class Starters & Enders

Making the Most of Instructional Time Five Minute Lessons

Class Starters and Enders help utilize the last minutes of class when a lesson ends but there is not enough time to start another, or for an interest approach at the beginning of class. Mini-lessons correlate to GPS in the programs areas below.

FFA - Chapter Degree

Program Areas: Agriculture

Instructions: Read the material and make notes of important points, answer questions, and be ready to discuss this topic.



Students who earn the Chapter Degree are awarded a silver pin in the shape of the FFA emblem.

Formerly known as the "Chapter Farmer" Degree, the **Chapter Degree** is the second degree FFA members can obtain at the high school level. This is the highest degree a chapter can bestow upon a member. This degree follows the Greenhand Degree. Once students earn their Chapter Degrees, they can pursue the State and American Degrees as well.

The Chapter Degree is represented in the form of a silver pin to be placed on the FFA **jacket**. It is usually presented to recipients at a chapter's annual FFA **Parent Member Banquet**. In order to obtain a Chapter Degree, FFA members must complete a national set of requirements as well as any established by their local FFA chapter.

Students must have first received the Greenhand Degree and have completed at least 180 hours of school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, and be enrolled in an agricultural education course at the time they apply. They must have an approved Supervised Agricultural Experience program in operation, have developed plans for the SAE's growth and development, and have participated in at least three official functions in their chapter's **Program of Activities**. Students must have earned and productively invested at least \$150 or worked at least 45 hours in excess of class time, or a combination of both.

They must have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes and demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law. They need to show progress toward their individual achievement in FFA award programs, have a satisfactory scholastic record, and submit a written application.

Review

1. What was the Chapter Degree formerly known as?
2. What is the highest degree a chapter can give a member?
3. What degree do students earn before the Chapter Degree?
4. In what form is the Chapter Degree presented?
5. At what function is the Chapter Degree presented?
6. How many hours of high school agricultural education must students receive before applying for the Chapter Degree?
7. How many Program of Activities functions must members have participated in to get their Chapter Degrees?
8. How many procedures of parliamentary law must students demonstrate in order to get their Chapter Degrees?
9. List three other requirements FFA members must complete in order to get their Chapter Degrees?
10. Do students have to fulfill requirements other than those set by the national FFA in order to get their Chapter Degrees?

Language Connection

Define the following terms as they relate to FFA.

Chapter Degree
Jacket
Parent Member Banquet
Program of Activities