

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 - State Degree

Program Areas: Agriculture

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



The **State Degree** is the highest degree an FFA member can receive from their state.

The State Degree is made of gold and can be worn as a charm or pin on the FFA Jacket. This degree is presented to members at the **State Convention**. The State Degree was originally called the State Farmer award. The name of the award was changed when the **National FFA Organization** name was adopted in 1988. After receiving the State Degree, members may pursue the American Degree.

In order to obtain a State Degree, a member must complete several requirements set forth by the FFA. She must have received her Chapter Degree, completed two years of agricultural education at the high school level, and be an active member in FFA.

Members must have earned or invested \$1,000 or worked 300 hours outside of class in a **Supervised Agricultural Experience** program. They must demonstrate leadership by performing 10 procedures of **parliamentary law**, giving a six-minute speech on an FFA- or agriculture-related topic, and serve as an FFA officer or on a committee.

The State Degree is represented by a gold pin in the shape of the FFA Emblem.

Members applying for the State Degree must also have a satisfactory scholastic record, participated in the completion of their chapter's **Program of Activities**, and participated in at least five activities above the chapter level.

Review

1. What is the highest degree the State can give to an FFA member?
2. What was this degree originally called?
3. What year did the FFA adopt the "National FFA Organization" name?
4. What two ways can the State FFA Degree be worn on the FFA Jacket?
5. What degree must the member have before he applies for the State Degree?
6. How many years of agricultural education must a member have when applying for the State Degree?
7. Name three leadership requirements needed for the State Degree.
8. How many activities above the chapter level must members participate in before applying for the State Degree?
9. Describe the State Degree.
10. Where is the State Degree usually presented?

Language Connection

Define the following terms as they relate to FFA.

Jacket
National FFA Organization
Parliamentary Law
Program of Activities
State Convention
State Degree
Supervised Agricultural Experience