

# State Degree Denial and Appeal Process

## Instructions for Denial of the State FFA Degree

1. Reasons for denial may include:
  - Not meeting State FFA Degree minimum qualifications
  - Serious errors in application or record book
  - Application and record book do not coincide
  - Incomplete application or record books (including missing required components)
  - Lack of student SAE knowledge as documented by the interview
  - Falsifying or unrealistic information
2. The Denial form is to be used if the district review team recommends denial of a State FFA Degree (see page 2 and 3).
3. The Appeal form should be emailed to the State FFA Office within five days of the District Degree Reviews (see page 2 and 3, bottom of the denial form).
4. No changes in the original submitted record books and application are allowed. Copies can be made for student/teacher the day of the interviews.

## Appeal Process

Each student denied the State FFA Degree has the right to appeal the decision of the district review committee. If the student and their advisor believe there was a serious error or an unfair situation, the Appeal process should be pursued as outlined on the Denial/Appeal form.

However, the Appeal process is NOT to be used if a student fails to meet minimum qualifications or left out required components or information. It is the district review team's responsibility to interview and determine a candidate's qualifications and to recommend them for the degree.

Before submitting state degrees to your district's process, please carefully review the application, record books and components each student submits.



## Nebraska FFA State Degree Denial Form

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

*This section is to be completed by the District Review Team*

Reasons for denial of State FFA Degree:

*State FFA Degree Denial Appeal Form (to be completed by the applicant)*

*To appeal the district degree denial, this form must be emailed to the State FFA Advisor within five days of the district interview process. A detailed explanation to clarify the points of concern must be provided. The district FFA Board of Director's representative will monitor the status of the student's record books and application that are denied until an Appeal is made. The Board member will share the books and application with the FFA Board for review of the Appeal.*

*No changes in the original submitted record book or application version are allowed.*

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Student

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Advisor

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Parent/Guardian

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School Administrator



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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

*This section is to be completed by the District Review Team*

Reasons for denial of State FFA Degree:

- Minimum qualifications not met directly due Covid-19.

Notes from District Review:

*State FFA Degree Denial Appeal Form – Covid 19 (to be completed by the applicant)*

*To appeal the district degree denial, this form must be emailed to the State FFA Advisor within five days of the district interview process. A detailed explanation to clarify the points of concern must be provided. The district FFA Board of Director's representative will monitor the status of the student's record books and application that are denied until an Appeal is made. The Board member will share the books and application with the FFA Board for review of the Appeal.*

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Specifically explain how Covid 19 impacted your ability to meet the minimum qualifications for the State Degree. Provide examples as needed.

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