



Nebraska Only Proficiency Areas

Proficiency Award Areas for LOCAL, DISTRICT, AND STATE Award and Degree Recognition.

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The five Nebraska only proficiency areas described below WILL work for and apply towards:

- Greenhand Degree
- Chapter Degree
- Nebraska State FFA Degree
- Local, District, and State Proficiency Awards (no awards higher than the state level)

Hours and earnings in these proficiency areas **WILL NOT** work for nor apply towards:

- State Star Awards
- National Proficiency Awards
- American FFA Degree

Please read these descriptions carefully and use in conjunction with the [National FFA Proficiency Award Areas](#) to determine the best fit for each student's SAE.

Nebraska Only Proficiency Area Descriptions

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY – Involves student working in at-home shops or commercial auto body and maintenance facilities. Work experience can be obtained by making mechanical repair/restoration of agricultural equipment, which is covered in the Agricultural Mechanics proficiency areas.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – Involves students working for wages and/or experiences in health care or human services. Work experience may be obtained in retired living facilities, nursing homes, hospitals, in-home and/or licensed childcare facilities, mortuary science, counseling or community outreach.

HOME and/or OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY PROGRAMMING – Typically strives to encourage improvement in safety skills. These may include programs in fire drills, poison prevention, vehicle safety, water usage and indoor/outdoor lifeguarding, bicycling, or machine use. This safety program should help reduce the accident rate through individual involvement in safety activities.

HOSPITALITY, RESTAURANT, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT – Involves students working for wages and/or experiences in retail, food preparation and/or hospitality and tourism services. Work experience can be obtained at restaurants, fast-food facilities, delicatessens and other establishments that prepare and serve prepared food to customers, as well as other work completed in hotels, tourism outlets, and other retail venues including, but not limited to grocery stores.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION/TECHNOLOGY – Involves programs that will develop the FFA member's interest and knowledge of non-agricultural electricity, plumbing, framing, finish work, machine tool, concrete or masonry used in residential and commercial settings. This category includes experience activities where a student is placed to obtain training and practical experience in preparation for non-agricultural Skilled and Technical Sciences (STS) Career.

Over for an additional area.



SALES AND SERVICES NEBRASKA ONLY – A member owns or works for a business focused on acquiring, marketing and selling non-agricultural products, or works for a business whose primary activity is to provide services not covered in a more appropriate proficiency award category. This includes: retail businesses (i.e. clothing stores, banks, dollar stores etc.), production and/or sale of non-agricultural items (i.e. jewelry, art, baked items etc.) (Note: Retail grocery store experiences fit in the HRTM area, all childcare/babysitting fit in the HSS area.)