

Below are some updates that GW and I received at the ATAT conference for the Texas FFA Scholarship committee. Please remember that all of these recommendations and motions will need board approval before they go into effect.

1) Area submission final deadline (for all 12 areas) is April 18th, 2022, but each area can set an earlier deadline to allow for academic corrections if needed. We will update the area on our proposed timeline for evaluating and scoring our area XI applications very soon.

2) All apps will be closed and locked from April 19th through May 3rd, and will reopen for updates/changes on May 4th. They will close and lock again for good on May 9th.

3) A motion to have scholarship revisions on a cycle with the LDE or CDE committee passed. This would keep the rules and scoring rubrics from changing on a yearly basis.

4) A motion to have all Ag Science Fair activities and honors placed in the "SAE" section only of the application passed. Currently, these can be listed under the SAE or CDE categories and it should prevent the "double-up" that we are currently seeing a lot of.

5) A motion to increase the minimum quota of scholarships from each area from 7 finalists to 8 finalists failed.

6) A sub-committee was created to evaluate and make recommendations for the current scoring rubric. This group of teachers met at conference and have a proposal in place that is still in the hands of the scholarship committee. More info on that coming soon...

6) Other discussions included

- Online versus In-person grading at the state level
- Valedictorian receiving full credit on academic/gpa section regardless of school class size
- Teachers want the ability to generate and print the application pdf at all times while students are completing their application

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