

Texas FFA Scholarship Advisory Committee Report
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Notes from BEFORE our state meeting:

- 24 out of 25 advanced to state level and earned scholarships with 61 apps submitted in our area
- Area 7 submitted the top 25 apps to the state from our area and for the 4th year in a row area 7 had the most apps advance from the area level to state level
- Some concerns we have heard is helping judges understand the rubric... plan to have a zoom meeting with all judges to break down the rubric by category and explain area committees and SAE types
- We plan to encourage the state to revisit the list of approved college majors for majors that might need to be added like finance and construction science
- We also plan to encourage the state to add a policy regarding a tie breaker
- We had about 50% participation in mock interviews the night before so we plan to add a scholarship orientation the day of area convention as an additional avenue to prepare our top 25 kids for the interview
- Remember that each district submits 2 names to score apps and 1 can be an advisor with an applicant... it is important that we have people on the scoring committee that are knowledgeable and can put the time into doing the job right

Notes from AFTER our state meeting:

Applications open 1/15

Scholarships will be due to the area by 4/10

Scholarships will be due to the state by 5/10

Mock interviews will be 6/2

State interviews will be 6/3 in Stephenville

The state plans to share a list of majors that may have fallen through the cracks the last few years that are not on the approved major list for the committee to review. The tie breaker will be the "FFA activities" score on the application. If your school does not release a rank, please talk to Kyla or Mark and they can help you navigate the application. If your graduation day falls on the day of the scholarship interview, the state office can move your interview to a different time within that day to best fit your needs.