

## **The American FFA Degree: The Ultimate Challenge**

The American FFA Degree is the highest level of membership you can achieve as an FFA member. This final step in the FFA Degree system encourages you to grow and achieve personally toward establishing yourself in an agricultural career. Before you can submit an application for the American FFA Degree, you must have received the preceding FFA degrees: Greenhand, Chapter FFA Degree and State Empire Degree.

Section E. "American Degree" - To be eligible to receive the American FFA Degree from the National FFA Organization, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Have received the State Empire FFA Degree, have been an active member for the past three years (36 months) and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities on the chapter and state levels.
2. Have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years (540 hours) of systematic secondary school instruction in an agricultural education program or have completed the program of agricultural education offered in the school last attended.
3. Have graduated from high school at least 12 months prior to the national convention at which the degree is to be granted.
4. Have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program through which a member has exhibited comprehensive planning, managerial and financial expertise.
5. Have earned and productively invested at least \$7,500 or have earned and productively invested at least \$1,500 and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. Any combination of hours x \$3.33 plus dollars must be equal to, or greater than the number 9,000. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree.
6. Have a record of outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement and have achieved a high school scholastic record of "C" or better as certified by the principal or superintendent.

**Please refer to Section D of the NYS FFA Constitution for additional information about the American Degree. [http://www.nysffa.org/governing\\_board.htm](http://www.nysffa.org/governing_board.htm)**

**Please refer to <http://www.ffa.org/programs/degree/index.html> for complete applications and guidelines.**