**Qualifications**

**Michigan FFA Academic Excellence Award Application**

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Recognition of outstanding scholarship achievements has been included in the program of activities of the Michigan FFA Association. This is intended to emphasize the need for outstanding educational performance by students of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education. The Academic Excellence Award has two levels of recognition; Gold and Silver. An FFA member can only receive each level once, and only one level per year.

The minimum qualifications for the **Silver** Academic Excellence Award are:

* Grade point average shall be 3.50 or higher, based on a 4.0 grading system, or its equivalent on any other basis, in all subjects for which grades are given and recorded in the high school records (3.50 equals 9.5 on a 11.0 grading scale) for four semesters, or six trimesters with no grades lower than a C- in the semesters/trimesters used to qualify for the award.
* An official transcript must be sent with the application to verify grade point average stated on the application.
* Nomination shall be limited to juniors or seniors who are FFA members and shall include any four semesters, or six trimesters in ninth grade year through the junior year for seniors or ninth grade year through the sophomore year for juniors.
* The candidate must be currently enrolled in a comprehensive high school or skill center in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education.
* Have carried and have currently in operation a satisfactory supervised agriculture experience program.
* Have attained at least the Greenhand FFA Degree.
* The candidate shall have demonstrated good character, leadership, and citizenship.

The minimum qualifications for the **Gold** Academic Excellence Award are:

* Grade point average shall be 3.50 or higher, based on a 4.0 grading system, or its equivalent on any other basis, in all subjects for which grades are given and recorded in the high school records (3.50 equals 9.5 on a 11.0 grading scale) for six semesters, or nine trimesters with no grades lower than a C- in the semesters/trimesters used to qualify for the award.
* An official transcript must be sent with the application to verify the grade point average stated on the application.
* Nomination shall be limited to seniors who are FFA members and shall include all semesters, or all trimesters in ninth grade year through the junior year.
* The candidate must be currently enrolled in a comprehensive high school or skill center in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education.
* The candidate shall have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in a comprehensive high school or skill center in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education. If the applicant is enrolled in a skill center they shall have completed at least two semesters and shall be enrolled in a third semester.
* Have carried and have currently in operation a satisfactory supervised agriculture experience program.
* Have attained at least the Chapter FFA Degree.
* The candidate shall have demonstrated good character, leadership, and citizenship.

Please refer to the Association Calendar for deadline: <https://michiganffa.org/association/calendar/>.

Submit a PDF of your completed application through the appropriate submission link at <https://michiganffa.org/association/applications/>. No paper copies of applications will be accepted.

***DO NOT include this page when submitting your completed application.***

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**Name (as desired on certificate):** type response here

**Membership Number:** *type response here*

**Award Applying For (Indicate Gold or Silver):** type response here

**Home Address (Street, City, Zip):** type response here

**Chapter:** type response here

**Expected Graduation Date:** type response here

**Semesters Completed:** type response here

or **Trimesters Completed:** type response here

**Type of Program (4 yr. or 2 yr.):** type response here

**Year Earned Greenhand Degree:** type response here

**Year Earned Chapter Degree:** type response here

**Current Grade Level:** type response here

**GPA:** type response here

**Email:** type response here

**What are your plans for future education?**

Max 50 words. Erase these words and start typing your response here.

**What are your occupational goals?**

Max 50 words. Erase these words and start typing your response here.

**How have you demonstrated good leadership, character and citizenship?**

Max 50 words. Erase these words and start typing your response here.

**Certification**

This applicant meets the minimum qualifications for the FFA academic Excellence Award and has demonstrated good leadership, character, and citizenship.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Agriscience Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Principal/Counselor (circle which) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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