

### **2021 National CDEs/LDEs Update – Date Change for Certification**

We are actively planning to host national-level CDEs and LDEs this fall but still have many unknowns to work through. To assist this process, we have moved our national certification deadline to August 2. This change is one month earlier than our traditional certification deadline. Please begin adjusting your schedules accordingly.

Our goal is to host as many CDEs and LDEs as possible this fall regardless of the national convention's in-person status. We expect some events may become entirely virtual, and some may be a hybrid of virtual and in-person. If hybrid or virtual, we anticipate events will begin after the certification deadline and prior to the scheduled convention dates. Our team is working on those details now. We will be sharing detailed, event-specific updates soon.

### **Agriscience Fair Program, National Chapter, and Honorary Awards Update**

Important program information updates for the 2021 program year have been made. These updates include:

- Minor Handbook Updates
- Application updates (National Chapter only)
- State Level awards (National Chapter only)
- Project Category determinations
- Available resources
- Updates & Reminders

A [complete list of updates and details](#) are now available for Agriscience Fair Program, National Chapter Award, and Honorary Applications.

### **American FFA Degree, American Star Awards & Agricultural Proficiency Awards Update**

SAE based awards and degree updates for the following areas have been made:

- American FFA Degree review and submission reminders
- American Star submission to national level clarification
- Minor Agricultural Proficiency Award application updates
- Award judging reminder

A [complete list of updates and details](#) are provided for SAE based awards.

### **Incorporate the FFA Blue Room Into Your Virtual or Hybrid Convention**

The Virtual FFA Blue Room that was launched in conjunction with the 2020 National FFA Convention & Expo is now accessible and available to all FFA members. As state leaders, you are welcome to incorporate the FFA Blue Room in your virtual or hybrid events. While the content remains the same, [no log-in is required to access the site](#). Students can select “Guest Sign In” or input their FFA ID – either method works. The [live presentations](#) hosted on the Blue Stage are now available [on demand](#). The FFA Blue Room will be accessible through the end of May. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Blaze Currie ([bcurrie@ffa.org](mailto:bcurrie@ffa.org)) or Kate Wehby ([kwehby@ffa.org](mailto:kwehby@ffa.org)).

### **Invite a National FFA Officer to Join Your National FFA Week Event – Deadline This Friday**

The National FFA Officer Team is looking forward to engaging with states and chapters across the nation in honor of National FFA Week. This year, we invite state FFA associations, chapters, and other constituents to [request a National Officer](#) for your FFA Week event. National Officers will engage virtually and are able to provide keynote speeches, workshops, greetings, casually hangout with

members, meet with administrators, and more. The requests must be submitted by **February 5** and will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. We do anticipate there will be more requests than we can accommodate. We will review all requests, assign officers, and communicate the status of your request by **February 12**.