

## **Important Notes concerning SAE and WV State FFA Degree qualifications**

### **Overall Statement of Qualifying SAE...**

If a student touches, prepares, sells or communicates about anything related to agriculture, food or natural resources, the experience will count as a legitimate SAE in West Virginia.

Important notes and suggestions concerning WV State FFA Degree application details and AET...

- Provide as much detail as possible concerning the SAE experiences by making journal entries in AET. For example....if your application only says..."Worked at Subway", the reviewers are challenged to know the specifics of what tasks and skills were actually completed. Be sure to write everything you do at Subway in AET. The goal should be to enter as many unique skills and experiences as possible.
- Be sure to provide as much detail using the breeding and market manager features of AET.

### **As it pertains to five activities above the chapter level...**

- One specific event can only be counted up to two times at the same level and no more than two activities that occur at the same venue can count.
- To count as an activity above that chapter level it must be an activity that involves more than one chapter and be an activity that involves members interacting with one another in person.
- Chapter fundraisers at any level, will not count as an activity above the chapter level.
- An activity conducted only by a high school FFA chapter and it's feeder middle school FFA chapter will not count as an activity above the chapter level.
- For a market livestock show and sale and/or a local HBE show and sale to count as an activity above the chapter level, more than one FFA chapter from different schools must be participating.

### **Additional Community Service Clarification....**

- No fundraisers will count if money is for the FFA or other school organization or sports team. If the purpose of the fundraiser is to raise money for a cause (cancer research, flood relief, etc.) those experiences will count.
- No time spent working on the FFA chapter banquet or other special school function (prom, homecoming, etc.) will count as community service.
- No community parade will count unless the student assisted with the organization of the parade....be sure to be as specific as possible.