

**Nebraska FFA Association**  
**Proficiency Award Areas for LOCAL, DISTRICT, and STATE levels**  
**Effective beginning in 2013**

HOME and/or OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY PROGRAMMING – Typically strives to encourage improvement in safety skills. These may include programs in fire drills, poison prevention, vehicle safety, water usage and indoor lifeguarding, bicycling, or machine use. This safety program should help reduce the accident rate through individual involvement in safety activities.

ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY – Involves programs that will develop the FFA member's interest and knowledge of basic electricity used in agriculture and the home. Activities include, but are not limited to the hard wiring of 120/240 circuitry, energy management, electric motors, and safe use of electricity. This category also includes experience activities where a student is placed to obtain training and practical experience in preparation for an electrical career.

HOSPITALITY, RESTAURANT, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT – Involves students working for wages and/or experiences in retail, food preparation and/or hospitality and tourism services. Work experience can be obtained at restaurants, fast-food facilities, delicatessens and other establishments that prepare and serve prepared food to customers, as well as other work completed in hotels, tourism outlets, and other retail venues including but not limited to grocery stores.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – Involves students working for wages and/or experiences in health care. Work experience can be obtained in retired living facilities, nursing homes, hospitals, in-home and/or licensed childcare facilities.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY – Involves student working in at-home shops or commercial auto body and maintenance facilities. Work experience can be obtained by making mechanical repair/restoration of agricultural equipment, which is covered in the Agricultural Mechanics proficiency areas.

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

The proficiency area WILL work for and apply towards:

- Greenhand Degree
- Chapter Degree
- Nebraska State FFA Degree
- Local, District and State Proficiency Awards (no awards higher than the state level)

Hours and earnings in these SAE areas WILL NOT work for nor apply towards:

- State Star Awards
- National Proficiency Awards
- American FFA Degree

This eliminates use of transferrable skills for degrees.