

# **Agricultural Proficiency Award Changes for 2023-2024**

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# Application Changes for 2023-2024

- Essay Questions
- Skills/Competencies/Knowledge Section
- Photos Section

## Proficiency Award Revisions - Essay Questions

- Performance Review A
- **A-1 - Previous Wording:** “Briefly describe your SAE and how it relates to this award area.”
- **A-1 - New Wording:** “Describe the SAE project(s) included in this application as completely and specifically as possible in the space provided.”

# Proficiency Award Revisions - Essay Questions

- New, more specific hints will be provided for question A-1.
  - Describe what your project is to someone who has no prior knowledge of it (What do you raise, produce, sell, fix, etc...? Who do you work for? What services do you offer?)
  - Describe how you started the project. (Borrowed money to purchase? Searched for local job and applied? Created agreement or contract with family to trade labor for use of facilities?)
  - Describe unique circumstances about your project that may help judges to better understand your finances. (I inherited land. I pay cash for rent/equipment. My project is based at school facilities.)
- Questions A-2 and A-3 will not change.

# Proficiency Award Revisions - Essay Questions

- Performance Review B
- Still providing 3 answers; but now two are Accomplishments, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> is a new question.
- B-1 – “Briefly explain your two greatest accomplishments or findings in this award area.”
- **(NEW)** B-2 – “Name one issue, trend, technology or public policy that has impacted your SAE project or the industry that your SAE falls in, and describe the specific impact on your SAE.”

# Proficiency Award Revisions - Essay Questions

- Performance Review C
- **C-1 - Previous Wording:** “What are three ways your experiences in this award area will impact your future?”
- **C-1 - New Wording:** “Specify your career objective and describe the career exploration and research steps you performed to select this career. (*This career objective does not have to be related to agriculture or natural resources.*)”
- New hints for C-1
  - What tools, experiences or resources did you use to find information about your career choice? Describe what you learned about the career and why you selected it.

# Proficiency Award Revisions - Essay Questions

- Performance Review C
- **C-2 – (NEW):** “Describe two experiences, activities or opportunities provided by this SAE project and explain how they have helped you explore this career choice.
- **Experience 1 (New)**
- **Experience 2 (New)**
- New hints for C-2
  - Specifically apply your SAE experiences to the career objective stated above.
  - Example: Career Choice = auto mechanics (Learning to weld on trailers in my SAE has given me skills I will be able to apply.)
  - Example: Career Choice = Medical Field (Working with animals giving medications and birthing, etc...)

# Proficiency Award Revisions – Skills/Competencies/Knowledge

- Section A
  - **Previous wording:** “Five Primary Skills/Competencies/Knowledge within your Pathway.”
  - **New wording:** “Select up to 5 primary pathway standards/performance indicators you have gained skills/competencies/knowledge in through your SAE. Must come from the primary Pathway.
  - CRP and CS are only available as primary pathway for Agricultural Communications and Agricultural Education categories.



# Proficiency Award Revisions – Skills/Competencies/Knowledge

- Section B
  - **Previous wording:** “Five Supporting Skills/Competencies/Knowledge from any Pathway.”
  - **New wording:** “Select up to 2 pathway standards/performance indicators from any pathway you have gained skills/competencies/knowledge in through your SAE.” Career Ready Practices (CRP) and Cluster Skills (CS) cannot be used in section B.
- Section C
  - **New wording:** “Select up to 3 Career Ready Practices and/or Cluster Skills content standards you have gained skills/competencies/knowledge in through your SAE.”

# Proficiency Award Revisions – Photos

- Photo Section will now be divided into 2 sections
- Photo section 1
  - Workplace safety photos (2) – Must show applicant demonstrating a safety practice appropriate for the SAE project described in the application.
- Photo section 2
  - SAE project photos (4)

# Application Changes for 2023-2024

- Revised rubrics will be available in September.
- New applications will be available between September and November 2023.
- Existing applications from previous year will remain in the Application Manager and will have all pages updated for 23-24.
  - Students with previous applications in their Application Manager will be able to update that existing application, and will need to revise answers and information because some questions/prompts have changed.

Questions?

Thanks!