

## SAE Breeding Grant Program

- **Date of Occurrence or Due Date** Applications are due November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **What is it** The SAE breeding grant program provides startup funds for FFA members to start or expand their animal breeding type SAE. Students purchase an animal (s) with their grant and are obligated to write a letter to their donor every other month, (6) letters and then do at least 6 blog post on the alternate month about their SAE. Members receive their checks at a reception in January at the Stock Show and put together a display board and meet with their donors at the State FFA Convention.
- **Who is involved** The Colorado FFA Foundation funds the grants, but the Fairs and Shows Committee from CVATA operates the program.
- **Any special considerations or dress required** As determined by the Committee at the NWSS. Official dress for the reception during convention.
- **Registration or early due dates involved-** Applications are due November 15.
- **Cost of participation** Depends on the SAE—there usually are additional costs. This is used as an INITIAL investment.
- **Location of additional information** Application and more details are found at [Colorado FFA - Grants, Reports, Applications & Forms for Students](#)
- **Primary Contact Person** Don Thorn for grant related information. Fairs and Shows Committee for program related information. Chairman is Richard Gekeler from Kit Carson.

## SAE Innovation Grant Program (School Based and Individual SAE's)

- **Date of Occurrence or Due Date** Applications are due November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **What is it** The Agricultural Experience Innovation Grant Program assists students enrolled in agricultural education courses in Colorado start or enhance an enterprise within their supervised agriculture experience program (SAE). Those receiving a grant will also be paired with a mentor to provide advice, offer an outside perspective, assist with SAE/business development, and foster the development of a business relationship. All freshman, sophomore, and junior FFA members and school based SAE programs in Colorado can apply for a grant—preference will be given to students who show need and demonstrate innovation. Grants will typically be \$500-\$1500 for individuals depending on the size and scope of the SAE. School based SAE applicants can be higher based on the number of students being served through the program. The instructor, student, parents (if possible), mentor, and funding donor will meet each other in person at the beginning of the program. The team will communicate via phone or where possible, video chat at least three more times throughout the calendar year. Informal communication through phone, email, etc. is encouraged throughout the experience. Recipients receive their checks at a reception in January at the Stock Show and put together a display board and meet with their donors/mentors at the State FFA Convention.
- **Who is involved** The Colorado FFA Foundation funds the grants and oversees the program.
- **Any special considerations or dress required** As determined by the committee at the NWSS. Official dress for the reception during convention.
- **Registration or early due dates involved-** Applications are due November 15.
- **Cost of participation** Depends on the SAE—there usually are additional costs. This is used as an INITIAL investment.
- **Location of additional information** Application can be found at [Colorado FFA - Grants, Reports, Applications & Forms for Students](#)
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