**Area VIII FFA Association**

**Policy Handbook**

**Section 40: Adult Recognition**

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40.1 Honorary Lone Star Degree

Texas FFA Constitution, Area V, Section F:

Honorary Membership -- Those

interested in production agriculture or agribusiness, school superintendents, principals,

members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in Agriculture, Food

and Natural Resources, business people, and others who are helping to advance agricultural

education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary

membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting or convention.

Honorary membership shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree/Chapter Farmer

Degree in the chapter, Honorary State FFA Degree/Lone Star Farmer Degree in the state

association, and the Honorary American FFA Degree in the National Organization.

40.1 Honorary Lone Star Degree for Teachers

(a) Teacher who are eligible to receive the Honorary Lone Star Degree shall have taught

agriculture, food and natural resources for at least three years and in the same school

district for two consecutive years, and

(b) Have participated in leadership developments events and career development events at

the district and area levels, and

(c) Have been in regular attendance at district, area and state FFA meetings and district, area

and state teachers meetings and conferences.

(d) Have been the advisor of three recipients of the Lone Star FFA Degree or the one

recipient of the Lone Star FFA Degree and one recipient of the American FFA Degree.

Eligible teacher candidates must have been advisor to each of these students for at least

two years. In multiple teacher departments, each teacher shall be considered advisor to

all students in the department.

(e) Area committees selecting teachers for the Honorary Lone Star FFA Degree shall be

comprised of teachers who hold the degree. Nominations shall be submitted from the

area degree check. Recipients of the Honorary Lone Star FFA Degree shall be

recognized by their respective area FFA association at a time and place determined by the

Executive Director..

40.2 Honorary Lone Star Degree for Non-Teachers

(a) Members of the state convention host committee and state officer parents who have not

previously received the Honorary Lone Star Degree shall be eligible to receive the

degree. Such honorary degrees shall be awarded during the state convention or at a time

and place deemed appropriate by the Executive Director.

(b) Areas shall be entitled to solicit nominees from their member chapters and to select

recipients to receive the honor, the total number of which shall not exceed ten percent of

the number of active member Lone Star FFA Degree recipients from the previous year.

Nominees must be individuals, not organizations, groups or companies. Nominations

must be submitted via the degree check and award selection entry and nomination forms

must be submitted to the state degree check on or before the prescribed deadline for all

other degree and award applications. Recipients in attendance at the state convention

shall be recognized in a manner determined by the Executive Director. For recipients

unable receive the degree in person, plaques, certificates or other appropriate recognition

shall be provided by the state association to the area associations following the

conclusion of said recognition to be awarded at a time and place deemed appropriate.

(c) Other Texas Agricultural Education/Texas FFA committees and partners may nominate

those who have rendered outstanding service to Texas Agricultural Education and the

Texas FFA by submitting to the Executive Director an completed nomination form on or

before June 1. The number of honorary degrees above the area quotas shall be determined

by the executive director.

40.3 Distinguished Service Citations

(a) Outstanding supporters who have previously received the Honorary Lone Star FFA

Degree may receive the Distinguished Service Citation.

40.4 Blue and Gold Award

(a) The Blue and Gold Award shall be reserved for and bestowed upon those adults who have

render extraordinary service to the Texas FFA Association, Texas FFA Foundation

and/or to the agricultural education community.

(b) The Executive Board members shall recommend recipients of the Texas FFA Blue and

Gold Award and reach a consensus on a single honoree. Should unusual circumstances

merit, more than one Blue and Gold Award may be bestowed.