

National Chapter Award Program



**“National Chapter Award
Path to Success”**

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Activity Description

- Description clearly explains the purpose and reason the chapter is implementing the activity. Description clearly answers the following questions:
 - What is the purpose of this activity?
 - Why is the activity taking place?



Activity Description Examples

High Points:

FFA members noticed students discouraging their peers and others struggling with self-esteem. Operation Beautiful is designed to promote and improve mental well-being, self-esteem, and positive character traits of members. Members are encouraged to pay it forward through positive message boards, random acts of kindness and thank you notes.

Mid Points:

Operation Beautiful is a series of events designed to promote and improve the mental well-being, self-esteem, and positive character traits of our members.

No Points:

Operation Beautiful was a series of events used to promote positive things to our members.



SMART Goals

- Goals are well written and utilize all five components of a SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Time) goal.

High Points:

FFA members will post 600 positive messages around the ag building to help promote positive self-esteem by January 31, 2019.

Mid Points:

FFA members will post messages around the ag building to help promote positive self-esteem.

Low Points:

FFA members will post positive messages.



Plan of Action

- Plans of action clearly identify:
 - What needs to be accomplished to meet the goal?
 - Where will the activity take place?
 - How will the chapter implement the goal to accomplish this activity?
 - How will the goal be accomplished? This should include necessary steps for completion.
 - Who will perform the duties to meet the goal?
- These are often presented in a variety of styles



Plan of Action Examples

High Points:

Style #1

On January 8, 2019, the healthy lifestyles committee members will meet to make a display poster and write 600 positive messages on individual post it notes. Notes will be placed on the Operation Beautiful display area in the ag building, high school, and middle school January 21-25, 2019.

Style #2

On January 8, 2019, healthy lifestyles committee members (who) will meet to make a display poster and write (how) 600 positive messages on individual post it notes (what). Notes will be placed on the Operation Beautiful display area in the ag building, high school, and middle school (where) January 21-25, 2019 (when).



Plan of Action Examples

High Points:

Style #3

All activities associated with this event were conducted by the healthy lifestyles committee.*

1. (Jan) Members will meet in the ag classroom to make display posters and write a minimum of 600 sticky notes. (Goal 1)
2. (Jan) Members will place notes on the Operation Beautiful display area in the ag building. (Goal 1)

** Typically you will see these listed all in chronological order*



Plan of Action Examples

Mid Points:

Style #1

The healthy lifestyles committee members will meet to make a display poster and write positive messages on individual post it notes. Notes will be placed on the Operation Beautiful display in the ag building.

Style #2

The healthy lifestyles committee members (who) will meet to make a display poster and write (how) positive messages on individual post it notes (what). Notes will be placed on the Operation Beautiful display area in the ag building (where).

Style #3

1. (Jan) Members will meet to make plan activity. (Goal 1)
2. (Jan) Members will place notes around the ag building. (Goal 1)



Plan of Action Examples

Low Points:

Style #1

Members will meet to work on Operation Beautiful. Notes will be placed on the board in the ag building.

Style #2

Members (who) will meet to work on Operation Beautiful (what). Notes will be placed on the board in the ag building (where).

Style #3

1. Members will meet to make notes and plan the activity. (Goal 1)
2. Members will place notes around the ag building. (Goal 1)



Outcome Evaluated & Reported

- Response states whether the goal was unmet, met or exceeded. If all aspects of the SMART goal were met, states by how much if exceeded. If goal was unmet, circumstances or reasoning why is explained and what would be done differently next time to meet the goal.

High Points:

Goal 1: (Exceeded) Bulletin boards in the schools were used to display notes for students to take. Over 650 notes were written and shared.

Mid Points:

Goal 1: (Exceeded) Bulletin boards were used to display positive notes that the students could take.

Low Points:

Goal 1: (Exceeded) Bulletin boards were used to display positive notes.



Advancing

- Response clearly states the purpose of the activity and the benefit the activity had on the leaders, community or agriculture

High Points:

The purpose of Operation Beautiful was for members to learn about why positive character traits are important and how powerful “pay it forward” actions can be. This activity advanced leaders by encouraging improvement in the mental wellbeing and self-esteem of our members; however, our chapter and community were also affected due to the positive “pay it forward” activities members conducted.

Mid Points:

Operation Beautiful advanced leaders because of the improvement in the mental well-being and self-esteem of our members. Our community was also affected.

Low Points:

Members felt better about themselves so the activity advanced leaders.



Impact

- Response clearly identifies and describes how the impact of the activity affected the intended audience.

High Points:

Our members' actions truly made a large impact on each other, our school atmosphere and our community. Community members enjoyed being recognized for their support and appreciated being on the receiving end of kind actions. Many members even continue to "pay it forward."

Mid Points:

Members' actions made an impact on each other, our school atmosphere, and our community. Community members enjoyed being recognized for their support.

Low Points:

Members' actions made an impact on each other and lots of other people.



Related to Quality Standard

- Activity and benefits relate directly to the selected quality standard

High Points:

Healthy lifestyles were encouraged through Operation Beautiful as students intentionally promoted confident mental wellbeing, self-esteem, and positive character traits.

Mid Points:

Healthy lifestyles were encouraged through Operation Beautiful by promoting positive attitudes.

Low Points:

Operation Beautiful encourages healthy lifestyles.



Photo; Photo Caption

- A clear, high-quality photo illustrating the chapter's activity in action is displayed
- Be interesting and informative
- Do not repeat photos within the application
- Photo collages are not permitted, 0 points awarded



Photo Caption

High Points:

- “An attitude of gratitude was adopted by the members during our Operation Beautiful activities. Floriculture students enjoyed handing out Positive Poppies, positive notes attached to flowers, to high school students as well as creating and delivering 75 floral bud vase arrangements to teachers and program supporters. Positive character traits were reinforced and recognized when students grades Pre K – 12 conducted 552 acts of kindness while over 600 positive notes were posted around the middle and high school buildings.”



Photo/Caption

Mid Points:

- “An attitude of gratitude was adopted by the members during our Operation Beautiful activities. Sending thank you cards and flowers was key to making sure others knew how grateful the chapter is and how much we appreciate them. Positive character traits were reinforced and recognized when students conducted acts of kindness.”

Low Points:

- “Pictured here, members are writing thank you posters to make sure others know how grateful the chapter is and how much we appreciate them.”



Spelling/Grammar

- No errors/slight errors
 - 2 points
- Major errors
 - 1 point
- Excessive errors
 - 0 points



Deductions

- Duplication of quality standard
- No quality standard marked
- Replication of activity within application (Form II)
- Activity date out of range
- Multiple activities in one
- Collaborative activity replication

- -25 points for each infraction

Multiple Activities in 1 Activity



- Each activity in Form 1 and Form 2 should contain information about one activity, not all activities the chapter conducted that relate to that quality standard
 - Unacceptable Example: leadership conferences (national convention, 212°/360°, COLT)
 - Acceptable Example: attending 212° and sharing how the new knowledge is applied at home

Multiple Activities in 1 Activity – Deduction



Activity Description: This activity is design to promote leadership to chapter members.

Goal 1: 10 members will attend the 2018 National FFA Convention by October 31, 2018.

Goal 2: Five members will attend the State FFA Leadership Conference by July 31, 2018.

Goal 3: Eight members will compete in Leadership Development events at the state convention by July 1, 2018.

Multiple Activities in 1 Activity – No Deduction



Activity Description: This activity is design to promote leadership to chapter members.

Goal 1: Five members will attend the State FFA Leadership Conference by July 31, 2018.

Goal 2: 20% of fruit sales profits will be designated for scholarships to attend the State FFA Leadership conference by January 1, 2018.

Goal 3: Three media outlets will highlight the members who attended the State FFA Leadership Conference by August 15, 2018.

Goal 4: Three new activities will be added to the 2018-2019 Program of Activities based on ideas gained at the State FFA Leadership Conference.



Helpful Hints

- Start early
- Begin with the end in mind
- Version numbers
- Follow RUBRIC and scoresheet
- Can receive partial points
- Spiral binding

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Resources

- [Change Summary](#)
- [Handbook](#)
- [Application Directions](#)
- [Application Worksheet](#)
- [Program Overview](#)
- [Divisions & Quality Standards](#)
- [Program of Activities Resource Guide](#)
- **Planning Sheets (PDF or Word)**
 - [POA Form 1](#)
 - [POA Form 2](#)
 - [POA Form 3](#)
 - [POA Form 4](#)
- **Locations:**
 - [National Chapter Homepage](#)
 - [POA Resource Page](#)
 - [Revision Page](#)



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