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Appendix 3: Leading the Change

Part 1

Directions:

Read the article "Leading the Change" in the spring 2023 issue of *FFA New Horizons* and complete the following questions.

1. In which state was Hodge an FFA member? Highlight the correct answer in **YELLOW**.

Iowa	Michigan	Texas	Washington, D.C.
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2. What was unique about Hodge's earning the American FFA Degree?

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3. What was a potential limitation female FFA members, prior to Hodge, had earning their American degrees?

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4. How did Hodge get started with the USDA?

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5. What is the purpose of Hodge's role with the USDA and NASS?

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6. Hodge states her position is impactful. How do you plan on being impactful in your future career?

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7. What does it mean to be a public servant?

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8. How could you be a public servant in your community?

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Part 2

Directions:

Using the American FFA Degree handbook, website and other references listed below, complete the activities to learn more about earning your American FFA Degree.

The Gold Standard: Earning the American FFA Degree

Resources to Use

American FFA Degree Website: [FFA.org/participate/awards/american-ffa-degree/](https://ffa.org/participate/awards/american-ffa-degree/)

American FFA Degree Handbook: <https://ffa.app.box.com/s/lillstok48fxy5khgqur6t8srd1id6w>

Introduction

*The American degree is the _____ degree an FFA member can achieve. It is the _____ in an FFA degree system that encourages personal growth and achievement. The degree is a high and _____ honor, less than _____ of FFA members earn it.

It requires commitment and hard work to attain, but you don't have to be _____ to reach this goal. The FFA degree system is organized so that all FFA members have _____ at the American FFA Degree, no matter where they come from.

The American FFA Degree requires at least _____ to meet the requirements. Plan and set goals early to earn the degree.

Why Earn the Degree?

* _____: Many members have said that there is no greater satisfaction than walking across the stage at the National FFA Convention to receive their American FFA Degree key and certificate. In addition, recipients' names are listed in the American FFA Degree convention booklet and the official proceedings of the convention.

* _____: An SAE that leads to an American FFA Degree provides training and experience that enables members to enjoy a useful, interesting and challenging career later in life. Listing the receipt of the American FFA Degree on a job resume stands out to employers in agricultural career areas.

* _____: Everyone must compete to secure a job or a position to start a career and make a difference in the world. Meeting the degree requirements teaches members to reach career goals and provides learning experiences that complement classroom education.

Qualifications

Who can earn the American FFA Degree?

When do you earn the American FFA Degree?



Name: _____

What degree must be earned prior to receiving the American degree?

How long must you have been an active member in the FFA to receive the American degree?

Greenhand Degree



Chapter Degree

State Degree



American Degree

What are the educational requirements for earning the American degree?

Hours:

Graduation:

Scholastic record:

Community service:

What are the SAE financial requirements for earning the American FFA Degree?

An SAE that demonstrates _____, managerial and financial expertise.

Option 1: earned _____ and productively invested at least _____, through an eligible SAE

Option 2: earned and productively invested at least _____ and worked _____ in excess of scheduled class time in an eligible SAE

Option 3: Any combination of hours times a factor of _____ plus any dollar amount of student earnings and investments must be equal to or greater than _____

*Identify two goals that can help you earn the American FFA Degree.

1.

2.

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Survey Brainstorming

Survey Topic:

Why is this topic relevant or important?

What is your end goal with the data you will gather from the survey?

(Examples: Agriscience fair project, SAE, FFA chapter project, community service project, etc.)

Who is your target audience?

Demographic Questions to Include: (Examples: age, gender, ethnicity, rural/urban/suburban)

Questions Specific to Topic:

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She was the first African American female to earn the American FFA Degree.

3. What was a potential limitation female FFA members, prior to Hodge, had earning their American degrees?

Females were not allowed in the FFA until 1969. It took time for them to find success in the organization.

4. How did Hodge get started with the USDA?

Internship during college

5. What is the purpose of Hodge's role with the USDA and NASS?

The purpose of this position is to plan, coordinate and direct data collection and conduct of large-scale and complex commodity surveys of national scope.

6. Hodge states her position is impactful. How do you plan on being impactful in your future career?

Answers will vary.

7. What does it mean to be a public servant?

Public servants work for the government and for citizens.

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Who can earn the American FFA Degree?

Active FFA members with at least three years of membership

When do you earn the American FFA Degree?

After high school



Name: _____

What degree must be earned prior to receiving the American degree?

State degree

How long must you have been an active member in the FFA to receive the American degree?

At least three years

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American Degree

What are the educational requirements for earning the American degree?

Hours: 540 hours of educational class time

Graduation: must have graduated from high school at least 12 months prior to the National FFA Convention at which the degree is to be granted

Scholastic record: grade point average of "C" or better

Community service: at least three different activities and 50 or more hours

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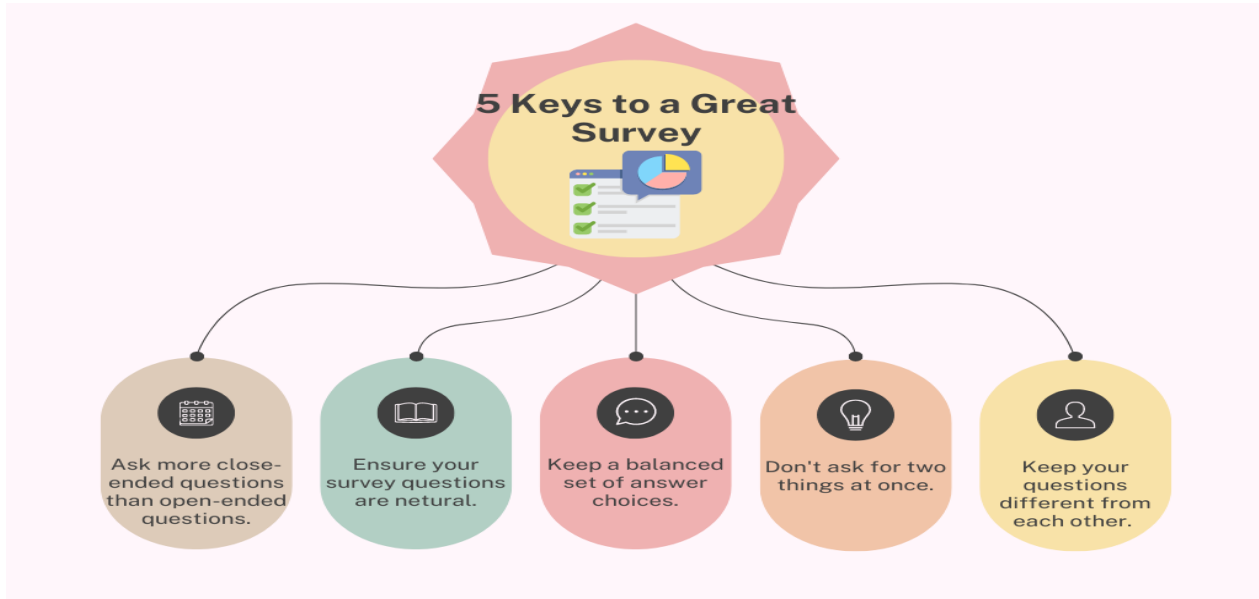
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