



Oklahoma

 **AgrAbility**

Shaping futures through Oklahoma tradition

2012 FFA CONTEST

Pick up contest application at the Oklahoma AgrAbility booth or visit our website at <http://www.agrability.okstate.edu>

What is Oklahoma AgrAbility?

The Oklahoma AgrAbility Project is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and was established in 2002 at Oklahoma State University. The project can assist any Oklahoman engaged in farming, ranching or farm-related occupations providing them with safe, affordable modifications and solutions to help maintain successful agricultural production.

What is the FFA Chapter Contest?

The contest is designed to provide a community oriented agricultural experience that will allow chapter members the opportunity to make a positive difference in their communities by helping farmers and their families overcome physical barriers. Chapters who participate are eligible for cash prizes and will receive both local and statewide media coverage.

The challenge for the contest is to assist with making low cost modifications to the farm or ranch of a person with a disability in their community. This modification will enhance independence and success for persons with disabilities. This includes building adaptive equipment or modifications that will allow an individual to perform a once difficult or impossible task with less effort.



**WINNERS FROM
EACH DISTRICT
WILL RECEIVE
\$500!**

How to Get Started?

- Notify Linda Jaco at 888-885-5588 or linda.jaco@okstate.edu of intent to participate in this contest by September 28, 2012. Applications are due by November 30, 2012.
- Identify a farmer/rancher in your community that could benefit from your services.
- Talk to parents, grandparents, and community farmers who may face limitations completing daily chores. You may want to contact local disability organizations, rehabilitation centers or hospitals to assist you in identifying an individual to serve.
- Set your priorities and develop a plan, which will help a farmer/rancher overcome a barrier. It can be as simple or as complex as you wish to make it. Just remember this is a competition and creativity is important!

2012 FFA CHAPTER CONTEST INFORMATION

Competition Requirements

1. A written or verbal intent to participate in the contest is due September 28, 2012 to Linda Jaco at 888-885-5588 or linda.jaco@okstate.edu.
2. A minimum of five "before" and five "after" digital pictures of your chapter's project and description of final project are due with the application.
3. Provide any news articles or other supplemental materials that will help to describe the project and the positive impact that it made.
4. The contest will be judged on the basis of each project's originality, and the thoroughness of the project's final report.
5. The "before" and "after" digital pictures, as well as, the description of the final project will be due on November 30, 2012 by 5 p.m.
6. If needed, an AgrAbility staff member will be available to answer questions about modifications; contact them at 888-885-5588.
7. For more detailed information about this contest contact Oklahoma AgrAbility or visit our website at www.agrability.okstate.edu.

Scoring Criteria

Impact on people with disabilities - 50%

- Was the project helpful to a person(s) with a disability?

Completeness of project - 20%

- Were all required components completed by due date?

Quality of report - 20%

- Was your report complete and well written?

Photo documentation - 10%

- Did you provide before and after pictures, and were they high-quality, digital pictures?

Awards

1st Place in each District will be awarded \$500.

Last Year's Winning Ideas



Build elevated gardens, so farmer can now plant flowers or vegetables safely.

Created rolling design to slide 'popper' easily into truck bed.



Created a specialized walker, so rancher can access his farm easier.



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FFA Chapter: _____

School District: _____

FFA Contact Person's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Description of final project should include: (use up to 2 additional sheets if needed)

1. Limitation/need addressed
2. Method/design used to address need
3. Five "before" and five "after" photos
4. Problems encountered in completing project
5. How did the individual benefit from the project
6. Quote from the farmer or rancher
7. Time, materials, and money donated or spent on project
8. Name of individuals/organizations that donated materials or funds

(The entire application must not exceed 3 pages, including THIS cover sheet.)

**Return application with description and photos by November 30, 2012 to:
Oklahoma AgrAbility • 1514 W. Hall of Fame • Stillwater, OK 74078
or e-mail: linda.jaco@okstate.edu**