

A1 Career Exploration and Planning Activity

The first and most important step in establishing your Foundational SAE is narrowing the overwhelming number of career possibilities into a few choices that fit your interests, values and abilities. The good news is there are a variety of tools to help with this process.

1. Use the links below to complete at least two interest inventories.
 - School or state provided career interest inventory
 - Ag Explorer - <https://www.agexplorer.com>
 - Get My Future - <https://www.careeronestop.org/GetMyFuture/default.aspx?frd=true>
 - My Next Move - <https://www.mynextmove.org>
 - Career Key - <https://www.careerkey.org>
 - Your school's career planning system
2. Summarize your results in a document by completing the following statements.
 - My top five career areas of interest in priority order are ...
 - I was happy to see (insert career area) on my list because ...
 - I was surprised to see (insert career area) on my list because ...
3. Reflect on your career inventory results by answering the following questions:
 - Which of the career areas on your list are, or are not a good fit for you?
 - In what ways do you agree or disagree with the list?
 - If one or more of your career areas is outside the industry of agriculture, what agricultural career pathway would be most closely related to the non-agricultural career? (i.e. medical profession - animal systems/veterinarian)
 - Which FFA activities and career development events best align to your career areas of interest?
 - What agriculture and academic courses should you take to be prepared for the next steps after high school? (check with your instructor or guidance counselor for suggestions)
4. Submit to your instructor the summary and reflection completed in items b and c above.