

# California Association FHA-HERO GOLDEN STATE DEGREE PROGRAM

## **Purpose**

This program provides FHA-HERO members the opportunity to earn degrees and recognition at the chapter, region, and state levels. As FHA-HERO members participate in chapter, community, region, and state activities, they can develop leadership skills and make a plan to achieve a California Association FHA-HERO Golden State Degree at all levels.

## **Degree Program**

There shall be three degrees of active membership based on individual achievement in the California Association FHA-HERO. These are:

- *Chapter FHA-HERO Degree*
- *Region FHA-HERO Degree*
- *State FHA-HERO Degree*

The pins for these degrees shall be the California Association FHA-HERO emblem. Chapter Degree pins are antique copper finish with no stone inset, Region Degree pins are antique silver finish with no stone inset, and the State Degree pin has an antique gold finish with ruby inset. Active members who have met all qualifications for a degree are entitled to wear the emblem of the degree. All other members shall not purchase or wear the emblem of a degree at any time. Active members who have met all qualifications for multiple degrees shall be entitled to wear only the emblem of the highest degree for which he/she has met all qualifications.

The California Association FHA-HERO shall set the minimum qualifications for each degree. The regions and local chapters are entitled to establish additional and/or more stringent requirements for the degrees at their respective levels.

## **Chapter Degree**

To be eligible to receive the *Chapter FHA-HERO Degree* from the local FHA-HERO chapter, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Be currently enrolled in a Home Economics Careers and Technology class at or above the eighth grade level.
2. Memorize and recite the official FHA-HERO Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
3. Memorize and recite the official FHA-HERO Creed, Motto, and Goal.
4. Describe and explain the meaning of the official FHA-HERO colors.
5. Describe the official FHA-HERO emblem and how it should be worn.
6. Demonstrate a knowledge of FHA-HERO official dress and guidelines for conduct.
7. Demonstrate a knowledge of the history of the organization.
8. Demonstrate a knowledge of the Chapter Bylaws and Program of Activities.
9. Complete at least 5 hours of community service in the current school year.
10. Have access to a FHA-HERO Member's Handbook.
11. Have an overall school scholastic standing of 2.5 or higher (A = 4.0 scale)
12. Submit a written application and the "Recipient Recognition Form" to the Region Advisor for the degree by March 1.

## **Region Degree**

To be eligible to receive the *Region FHA-HERO Degree* from the region, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Must have received the *Chapter FHA-HERO Degree* in a prior school year.
2. Be currently enrolled in a Home Economics Careers and Technology class.
3. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one full year of instruction in Home Economics Careers and Technology Education.
4. Have completed at least 15 hours of community service in the current school year.
5. Have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the chapter Program of Activities.
6. Have attended at least two region meetings between March 1 of the previous school year and March 1 of the current school year.
7. Have effectively led a group discussion on a Home Economics Careers and Technology Education, FHA-HERO, or Leadership Development topic for at least ten minutes.
8. Have demonstrated at least five procedures of parliamentary law.
9. Have an overall high school scholastic standing of 2.5 or higher (A = 4.0 scale).
10. Be able to name the six program components of FHA-HERO.
11. Have participated in a Competitive Recognition Event (CRE) at or above the region level.
12. Submit a written application and the "Recipient Recognition Form" to the Region Advisor for the degree by March 1.

## **State Degree**

To be eligible to receive the *Golden State FHA-HERO Degree* from the state association, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Must have received the *Region FHA-HERO Degree* in a prior school year.
2. Must have been an active dues-paid member of FHA-HERO for at least three full years prior to applying for the degree.
3. Must have completed the equivalent of at least two full years of systematic school instruction in Home Economics Careers and Technology education at or above the ninth grade level prior to applying for the degree.
4. Be currently enrolled in a Home Economics Careers and Technology education class.
5. Have completed at least 30 hours of community service.
6. Have an overall high school scholastic standing of 2.5 or higher (A = 4.0 scale).
7. Have an overall scholastic standing of 3.0 or higher in all Home Economics Careers and Technology education classes ever taken.
8. Have participated in at least five FHA-HERO activities above the chapter level.
9. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
  - Performing at least ten procedures of parliamentary law;
  - Giving a six minute speech on a topic related to Home Economics Careers and Technology or FHA-HERO; and
  - Serving as an officer or committee chairperson at any level of the organization.
10. Have participated in some way in an activity which promotes a State Thrust.
11. Submit a written application and the "Recipient Recognition Form" to the Region Advisor for the degree by March 1.

*Excellence In Presentations* is the sponsor for this program at the region and state level and will provide pins for members. Chapters will need to purchase their own pins for the chapter degree recipients.

Forms needed are included on the CD-ROM or on the FHA-HERO Website at <http://www.hect.org/fhahero/>.

Additional information and applications for the chapter and region level will be distributed at Fall FHA-HERO Region meetings.