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Brooksville Senior Future Farmers of America Chapter won the Chapter Cooperative Award in Area 5 at the 79th annual State FFA Convention in June. It was the fourth consecutive time the chapter has won the award.

The winning chapter received an all-expenses-paid trip for five students and one adviser to the **Florida Council of Cooperatives** Education and Leadership Conference this month.

The award measures how active a chapter has been in cooperating with other organizations and agencies within their community, along with teaching cooperative business principles. The state sponsor of the chapter cooperative award area was the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

At the convention, the Brooksville Sr. FFA Chapter was one of 27 chapters that earned the title of "Florida's Finest" and one of 26 chapters to receive the title "Premier Chapter." The chapter was also recognized for achieving 100 percent membership. A chapter must have every student who is enrolled in the school's Agriscience program on its current FFA membership roster to qualify.

Chapter member Samantha Pankow was recognized for excellence in science. The Florida FFA Association named Pankow as the state winner in the Agriscience Student Scholarship and Recognition Program. She will receive a \$750 scholarship and is eligible to compete against state winners from across the nation to be one of eight national finalists competing at the national FFA convention in October.

Photo (not available) by Rick Ahrens:

**FOUR-TIME WINNERS:** For the fourth time, Brooksville Senior FFA Chapter won the Chapter Cooperative Award in area five. The chapter was recognized at the 79th annual State FFA Convention. Chapter adviser Rick Ahrens, left, and chapter secretary Victoria Cannon show off the trophy.

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