



# National FFA Alumni and Supporters Manual

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# **National FFA Organization Alumni and Supporters**

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## **Background**

The National FFA Alumni Association was created in 1971 as an "affiliate of the Future Farmers of America." As such its primary purpose was to "support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities and agricultural education on local, state and national levels." Subsequent revisions to the constitution and by-laws served to clarify that the National FFA Organization Board of Directors had legal authority for the management and operations of the FFA's Alumni Association. In 2018, the association was renamed FFA Alumni and Supporters to reflect the inclusivity of its entire membership.

## **The National FFA Constitution Article V – Membership**

### **Section A**

Membership in the National FFA Organization shall be of two types: student and adult.

### **Section B**

Student Membership - To be eligible for student membership in a chartered FFA chapter, a student must be enrolled in a secondary agricultural education program. State associations may consider "secondary agricultural education programs" to be grades 7 - 12.

### **Section C**

Adult Membership - Membership shall be open to former student members and honorary degree recipients, present and former professional agricultural educators, parents of FFA members and others interested in and supportive of the FFA.

## **Advisory Committee**

The National FFA Alumni and Supporters Advisory Committee serves as an advisory committee to the National FFA Organization's Alumni Division as representatives of the membership. The committee is responsible for ensuring that the program of activities is focused on and delivers the mission and vision of the organization. It also provides consultation and feedback from the local, state, and regional levels to National FFA staff.

The National FFA Alumni and Supporters Advisory Committee is established and outlined in section 7 of the National FFA Alumni and Supporters Operational Policies.

*For a current listing of the National FFA Alumni and Supporters Advisory Committee, please visit our website: [www.ffa.org/our-leadership/](http://www.ffa.org/our-leadership/)*

## **Responsibility and Accountability**

The following are expectations of the alumni staff in order to serve the National FFA Organization's Alumni and Supporters.

- a. Develop and deliver programs and resources to meet the needs of members
- b. Conduct general business, including business meetings, annual conventions and other events determined by an annual program of work
- c. Develop and administer the budget, program of work and fund-raising programs
- d. Develop promotional materials for unifying community support of former members and interested individuals in support of agricultural education at the local, state and national levels consistent with National FFA's publication standards
- e. Develop grassroots advocacy information for use at the local level in support of agricultural education
- f. Manage and invest all assets within the National FFA Organization's Investment Policy
- g. Maintain and up-date FFA Alumni and Supporters Operational Policies with consultation from the National FFA Alumni and Supporters Advisory Committee and with approval of the National FFA Board of Directors.

## **Financial**

The revenue and expenses derived from former and current FFA Alumni and Supporters events, activities and programs will be accounted for as a divisional profit/loss center through the National FFA Organization's annual budget. These records will be included as part of the National FFA Organization's audit. A budget, guided by the investment and spending policies, is required annually and will be submitted as part of the FFA Organization's budget.

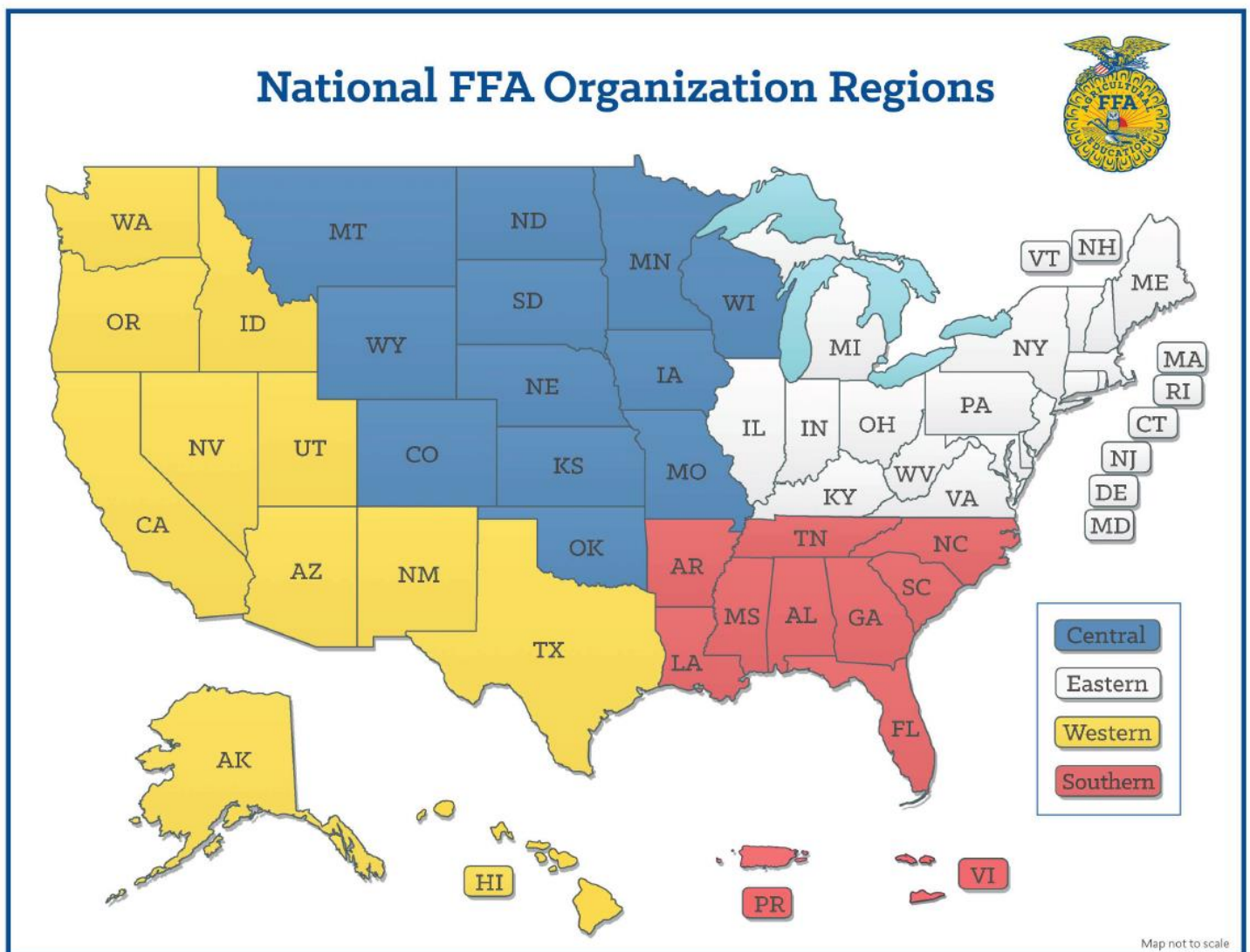
## Operating Structure and Authority

The National FFA Organization Board of Directors is the legal authority for the management and operations of its alumni and supporters.

The National FFA Board of Directors specifically authorizes the CEO to manage staff that provides programs and resources to assist the membership in serving the needs of the organization.

The Alumni division staff is accountable to the FFA Organization, the Director of Alumni also serves as the Executive Director of the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.

The National FFA Organization is a resource and support organization that does not select, control, supervise or approve state association, local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the National FFA Organization's Calendar and Bylaws.



# National FFA Alumni and Supporters Operational Policies and Procedures

## 1. Name/Emblem

- a) The name of the National FFA Organization's collective adult membership shall be the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
- b) The official emblem of the National FFA Organization shall be used to represent FFA Alumni and Supporters. The addition of a wordmark may be placed on the right side of the emblem, along with a red divider line.

## 2. Purpose

- a) To support and promote FFA activities and agricultural education on local, state and national levels.
- b) To provide a tie to and assist FFA and agricultural education personnel to involve former members, supporters and volunteers in worthy activities.
- c) To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.
- d) To cooperate with the National FFA Board of Directors and the National FFA Foundation.
- e) To promote and maintain an appreciation of the American free enterprise system.
- f) To promote the personal development of the FFA and FFA alumni members and volunteers.

## 3. Organization

- a) The National FFA Alumni and Supporters is the collective group of adult members belonging to the National FFA Organization.
- b) The National FFA Alumni and Supporters consists of chartered state FFA Alumni and Supporters associations, local FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters, which operate in harmony with the National FFA Organization. Any group using the name "FFA Alumni or FFA Alumni and Supporters" must charter with the state, if a state FFA Alumni and Supporters association exists, as well as the National FFA Alumni and Supporters. They must also pay both state and nationally required fees in order to maintain ACTIVE status.
- c) State FFA Alumni and Supporters Associations  
A state FFA Alumni association shall be eligible to charter when:
  - It is organized with at least 50 charter members.
  - Its bylaws and/or constitution are in harmony with the National FFA Organizations.
  - It has an executive group with officers.

a) Local FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters

A Local FFA Alumni and Supporters chapter shall be eligible to become chartered when:

- It has at least 10 charter members. Local FFA Alumni chapters may charter directly with the National FFA when no state FFA Alumni and Supporters association exists.
- Its bylaws and/or constitution are in harmony with the National FFA Organizations.
- It has an executive group with officers.

e) Members must join at the lowest level. If a members does not have a local FFA Alumni and Supporters chapter they may join directly at the state and national levels.

f) The state FFA Alumni and Supporters associations or local FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters are eligible to maintain active status provided the requirements stated in this article continue to be met.

g) Reports and Audits

- The divisional profit/loss center shall be part of the annual audit of the National FFA Organization.
- The fiscal year and reporting year are from January 1 to December 31.

#### **4. Membership**

Parents, friends, supporters, past FFA members - anyone wanting to support FFA, agricultural education and agriculture is welcome to join National FFA Alumni and Supporters.

Agricultural Education programs, FFA Advisors and members all across the country rely on volunteers to help support their chapter through the gifts of time, talents, and financial resources. Give back your skills, starting at the local level and assist in getting community support. Volunteers have the ability to give teachers more time and freedom to do what they do best—teach students.

a) Membership shall be open to anyone interested in supporting FFA, agricultural education, agriculture or volunteerism. Membership includes many rights, benefits, and privileges, however, no level of membership entitles any member to act for and/or on behalf of any local, state or the National FFA Alumni and Supporters regarding any policy or position unless granted by and through these policies and/or is otherwise granted specifically, in writing, by the National FFA Organization.

b) All members have the opportunity to receive a physical copy of the National FFA membership publication *New Horizons* for an annual subscription fee.

c) All FFA Alumni and supporter members will receive a basic level of services and recognition at no cost from the National FFA Organization and respective state association as part of an ACTIVE chapter that pays its national **ANNUAL FEE** and any corresponding state fees.

- i. The Annual Fee will be recommended by the Advisory Committee to the National FFA Board of Directors for approval on an annual basis.

- ii. The Annual Fee covers a chapters ability to:
  - Use NFFA’s trademark emblems under NFFA’s Trademark Policy
  - Use NFFA’s 501c3 status (application required, not automatic)
  - Use NFFA’s membership management system
  - Provide individual members/volunteers with NFFA’s Forever Blue Benefits program
  - Create a local chapter network within the Forever Blue Network to help network and engage alumni and supporters from around the world
  - Use NFFA marketing materials/educational trainings/member opportunities and events

d) *Types of Membership*

i. Associate Membership

1. An automatic five-year membership given to student FFA members at the time of their high school graduation.
2. Entitles the member to electronic information from National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
3. Provides full membership rights and voting previledges.
4. Is included in official membership counts.
5. There is a five year limit eligibility from high school graduation date on the associate membership.

ii. Annual Membership

1. Provides full membership rights and voting privileges .
2. Is valid for a 12-month period beginning August 1 and ending July 31.
3. Is free as part of the state and national annual fee structure.
4. Must be renewed ANNUALLY as part of the procedures conducted within the FFA.org roster system. Local FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters and state FFA Alumni and Supporters associations must submit membership via FFA.org on an annual basis.

iii. Life Membership

1. National fee is deposited in the Life Member investment fund. A percentage is returned to the operating fund according to the Spending and Distribution Policy.
2. Upon the death of a life member, whose life membership began before January 1,1997 an amount equal to the amount of the original life membership fee will be presented in their name as a scholarship as designated.
3. State FFA Alumni and Supporters associations and local FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters may establish their own life membership category and set fees for life members.
4. Life Membership fees of the National FFA Organization shall be recommended by the National FFA Alumni and Supporters Advisory Committee and approved by the National FFA Board of Directors.
5. Will be issued in one individual’s name (*no group or company names will be accepted*).
6. Receives full membership benefits including; a membership card, membership certificate, life subscription to the National FFA Organizations membership publication *New Horizons*.



## 5. **Rosters**

- a) The National FFA Alumni Membership year runs from August 1 to July 31.
- b) All membership must be submitted through the roster system (Manage My FFA) on FFA.org.

### **FFA.org Alumni Roles**

- **Alumni Role** – Every FFA Alumni member has the opportunity to create their own personal FFA.org account. You can utilize this account to update contact information, manage your membership, including subscription and transferring capabilities, locate contact information, as well as access member only information.
  - *If you are already an FFA Alumni member or FFA member, please contact your local or state FFA alumni leader to receive your FFA.org invite code.*
  - Email [alumni@ffa.org](mailto:alumni@ffa.org) to request state leader contact information if required
- **Alumni Leader Role** – Each local FFA Alumni and Supporters chapter should identify 2-3 individuals in leadership and membership management to be granted administrative rights over the local alumni and supporters chapter. These individuals are responsible for updating FFA alumni chapter information, submitting membership and have additional features available to them to communicate and engage their membership. Use the [Registering as a FFA Alumni & Supporters Chapter Leader Guide](#) to request this role.
  - Alumni leaders must be active alumni members unless they are also the FFA advisor for the local FFA chapter.
- **Alumni State Staff Role** – Individuals overseeing membership and roster processing at the state level require state administrative rights. If you are responsible for FFA Alumni membership within your state, please email [alumni@ffa.org](mailto:alumni@ffa.org) to request admin rights be extended to your account.

### **Roster Submission Process**

- For the most recent submission process please go to the [Help Center](#) using the Quick Access link on the [Alumni Leader Dashboard](#).

## 6. **Tax Exempt Information**

The FFA Alumni and Supporters associations/chapters (local, state, and national) are considered for Internal Revenue Service exemption purposes as a subordinate to the National FFA Organization, which at time of non-profit exemption approval in 1976 was the Future Farmers of America Organization. Article I, Section A of the FFA Alumni Association Constitution defines the National FFA Alumni Association as an association of the National FFA Organization. Article V, Section A of the FFA Constitution also lists the FFA Alumni as a division of membership followed by Section C giving a definition of eligible persons for Alumni membership.

- All tax information, IRS links and applications are kept in the [Tax Information](#) Quick Access folder on the [Alumni Leader Dashboard](#).

- Dues and other contributions are tax.
  - Membership dues and other contributions to National FFA Alumni and Supporters are eligible IRS deductions for the contributor when the support to the organization and its activities do not derive benefits of more than the nominal monetary value. As outlined in the National FFA Alumni and Supporters Organizational Policies, the organization is designed to support and serve rather than to provide monetary benefits to its members which normally mean that contributions are tax exempt.
  - Personal charitable contributions, under the revised tax laws beginning 1987, may only be claimed as itemized deductions on Schedule A, Form 1040. Items that are normally considered charitable contributions to the National FFA Alumni Association are:
    - Life and annual membership dues
    - Cash contribution
    - Out-of-pocket expenses you paid to do volunteer work for FFA Alumn. This includes attending conventions and meetings as an official representative, delegate or award winner. Out-of-pocket expenses such as lodging, meals and registrations are normally deductible. For more information, see IRS Publication 526 ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)).
    - Car or truck travel at the current IRS established rate or actual cost of gas and oil for driving on approved FFA Alumni and Supporter activities or to FFA Alumni and Supporter meetings when you are the approved representative.
    - The appraised value of material items donated to the FFA Alumni and Supporters. This could include items donated to an auction, animals donated for FFA livestock chains, or equipment donated to a vocational agriculture shop. Items worth more than \$5,000 must be appraised by a professional appraiser.
  - You cannot deduct the cost of raffle tickets, events from which you receive personal benefits, entertainment or the value of your time or services. If an individual contributes more than \$3,000 to the FFA Alumni and Supporters, the contributor must list the FFA Alumni and Supporters chapter and amount on line 14b of Schedule A, Form 1040. The EIN number of the FFA Alumni and Supporters chapter will be required for contributions over \$3,000. If non-cash contributions are more than \$500, Form 8283 must be completed.
  - EXPENDITURES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES
    - A political expenditure, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, intends to influence the selection, nomination, election or appointment of anyone to public office or a political organization. The Natinal FFA Organization is a 501(C) 3 organization and must file Form 1120-POL if their political expenditure exceeds \$100 per year. The National FFA Organization policy states that it is non-political and does not make political expenditures as described above. FFA alumni members can make political donations at any time without involving the organization.
  - TAX ADVICE
    - For specific tax or accounting questions, please consult your local tax advisor/accountant. You can also visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## **7. Advisory Committee**

The guiding body of the National FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be the National FFA Alumni and Supporters Advisory Committee, henceforth known as the *Advisory Committee*, which advises and consults the National FFA Alumni and Supporters Executive Director and operates under the legal authority of the National FFA Board of Directors.

The National FFA Alumni and Supporters Advisory Committee serves as an advisory committee to the National FFA Organization's Alumni Division as representatives of the local and state levels. The advisory committee meets at least twice annually in person and may hold other meetings electronically as often as deemed necessary. Members of the advisory committee do not receive a salary for their work, but are reimbursed for travel expenses as established in the *FFA's General Operating Policy*.

- a) The *Advisory Committee* shall consist of the following voting members serving a three (3) year term each:
- i. Four – **Regional Representatives** (Central, Easter, Southern and Western)
  - ii. Two – **Corporate Chapter Representatives**
  - iii. Three - **Organization Representatives**, one each selected from the members of each of the following organizations:
    - American Association for Agricultural Education (AAAE)
    - National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE)
    - National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education (NASAE)
  - iv. Three - **Past National FFA Officer Representatives**; one immediate past National FFA Officer elected by the student membership will be appointed each year.
  - v. Terms shall start on January 01.
  - vi. Members of the *Advisory Committee* will serve no more than one three-year term.
  - vii. Any individual appointed to fill a vacancy will serve to fulfill the remainder of that term. That person may run for a full as long as that appointment is to serve the remaining term of two years or less.
  - viii. The maximum number of consecutive years a person may serve on the *Advisory Committee* is eight years.
  - ix. Any member serving on the *Advisory Committee* must wait three years before serving again.
  - x. Each individual of the *Advisory Committee* must be a member in good standing of the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
- b) The National FFA CEO, or a designated representative, the National FFA Foundation President, or a designated representative and the National FFA Alumni Executive Director shall serve as ex officio non-voting members.

- c) *Procedure for selection of members to the Advisory Committee*
  - i. Anyone interested in serving as an *Advisory Committee* member can submit an application to National FFA Alumni and Supporters staff by September 1.
  - ii. All applications are submitted to the nominating committee, made up of the *Advisory Committee* chair, Executive Director and three other representatives selected by the chair to review the applications and make a nomination to the National FFA Board of Directors for ratification at their October board meeting.
- d) *Procedure for selection of Advisory Committee Chairperson*
  - i. Any *Advisory Committee* member in their second or third year can apply to serve as committee chairperson.
  - ii. A simple majority vote of the *Advisory Committee* members present at the December meeting will select the chairperson for the upcoming calendar year.
  - iii. Term length is one calendar year.
  - iv. An *Advisory Committee* member can serve two consecutive years as chairperson if selected twice.
- f) *Duties of the Advisory Committee*
  - i. To serve as an advisory council to the National FFA Organization's Alumni Division as representatives of the local and state levels.
  - ii. If an *Advisory Committee* member misses two consecutive meetings the *Advisory Committee*, by a majority vote, may remove that individual from the *Advisory Committee*. The vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Director.
  - iii. Any *Advisory Committee* member may be removed from the *Advisory Committee* for just cause by a 2/3 vote of the *Advisory Committee*. Once removed from office, that member may never again serve on the *Advisory Committee*.
  - iv. Should the committee chairperson be removed from the *Advisory Committee*, a new one will be selected at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- g) *Reimbursements*
  - i. Members of the *Advisory Committee* shall not be paid a salary for their work as a member of the *Advisory Committee*.
  - ii. The National FFA Organization will pay travel expenses for the *Advisory Committee* members consistent with the National FFA Organization Operating Policies.
  - iii. Travel expenses for activities of the *Advisory Committee* members will not be reimbursed in excess of the budgeted amount approved by the National FFA Organization.

- iv. Receipts for travel (hotel and airplane) are required. If travel is by private car, the amount paid shall not exceed the cost of travel by common carrier (airplane).
  - v. All requests for travel reimbursements must be on appropriate FFA travel request forms.
  - vi. If an *Advisory Committee* member is formally requested and approved by the Executive Director to visit a state, the National FFA Organization will pay travel expenses for that state visit. The inviting state will pay for lodging and meals while the *Advisory Committee* member is in their state.
- h) *Vacancies*
- i. Whenever a vacancy of a **Regional Vice President, Corporate Chapter Representative** or **Past National FFA Officer** occurs, other than from expiration of the term of office, the Executive Director will appoint a person to fill the remainder of that position.
  - ii. Whenever a vacancy of an **Organizational Representative** occurs, the leadership of the organization that the member represents shall appoint a person to fill the unexpired term of office.
- i) *Meetings*
- i. The Advisory Committee shall meet at least twice per year. Additional meetings may be called by the president or by a majority of the Advisory Committee members upon petition to the executive director.
  - ii. The Advisory Committee shall be able to vote and conduct business over conference calls and other electronic means.

## **8. Meetings**

- a) There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the National FFA Alumni and Supporters that will be held as part of the National FFA Convention and Expo.
- b) Time of the annual meeting and any other necessary meetings of the National FFA Alumni Association shall be held at such place and time as prescribed by the National FFA Alumni and Supporters staff.

## **9. Committees**

- a) The *Advisory Committee* chairperson has the authority to create sub committees and appoint *Advisory Committee* members to those committees.
  - i. These committees shall be served by a chairperson from the *Advisory Committee* appointed by the *Advisory Committee* chairperson.
  - ii. These standing committees must report on their activities at each *Advisory Committee* meeting.
  - iii. The *Advisory Committee* chairperson has the authority to create special committees and appoint members to those committees.

## **10. Suggested FFA Alumni Dress**

- Blue blazer with official FFA emblem patch on left chest
- Khaki slacks or khaki skirt
- White collared blouse or white collared shirt
- Official FFA alumni tie (*males only*)

All items are available for purchase from the National FFA Organizations Supply Service at [www.shopFFA.org](http://www.shopFFA.org).

## **11. Administrative Staff**

**Section I.** The executive director of the National FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be hired by the National FFA Organization.

**Section II.** The executive director shall be responsible for *Advisory Committee* meeting minutes.

**Section III.** Position description of the executive director shall be developed and maintained by the National FFA Organization.

**Section IV.** The pay grade level for the executive director shall be determined by the human resources compensation structure of the National FFA Organization.

**Section V.** The National FFA Alumni staff shall follow the policies of the National FFA Organization.

## **12. Parliamentary Authority**

- a) The rules contained in the current edition of Robert Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

## FFA Alumni Membership Induction Ceremony

### **FFA Alumni President:**

In 1969 the concept of the National FFA Alumni Association was established; the National FFA Alumni Association was not chartered until 1971 and was established in support of the National FFA Organization. Since that time, thousands of individuals at the local, state and national levels have joined the FFA Alumni to secure the promise of FFA and agricultural education for future generations.

Cooperation is the foundation upon which we build success. Only through our efforts together are we able to reach new heights.

As FFA Alumni members we are entrusted with the greatest tasks: to help educate our youth and ensure the success of their future. As parents, community leaders, and friends, each of us has a responsibility and we must fulfill that duty. Each student will need you, help when you can, be trustworthy and honest, but most importantly make each moment a positive learning experience.

Service as an FFA Alumni member is an honor and privilege, through which we counsel, guide, support, listen, and mentor. We can secure the promise of FFA and agricultural education through premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. Will all FFA Alumni member candidates please rise?

(FFA Alumni Member Candidates Rise)

### **Alumni President:**

Do you pledge to be an advocate for agricultural education and FFA by being diligent in your endeavors to ensure the success of the FFA and FFA Alumni in our community? If so, answer 'I do'.

*Alumni Member Candidates:*

I do.

### **Alumni President:**

I, (Name), President of the (Alumni Chapter, State, or National) FFA Alumni (chapter or Association) confer upon you membership within the FFA Alumni organization, with all rights privileges and responsibilities!

Let us welcome our new members with a round of applause.

(Round of applause)

### **Alumni President:**

FFA Alumni Members may be seated.

Congratulations! Membership within the FFA Alumni is essential in securing the success of the FFA and agricultural education. Through our continued cooperation, we will realize new visions and goals and achieve tremendous success.

## National Awards

**Be sure to use the most current award applications which are available:**

- on [FFA.org](http://FFA.org)

When completing applications:

- Submission deadlines are National FFA deadline dates. Please check with your State Alumni and Supporters Leaders for individual state deadlines.
- All applications MUST be typed.
- Questions? Contact [alumni@ffa.org](mailto:alumni@ffa.org), we are here to help.

**All award applications become the property of the National FFA Organization. Please keep a copy for your records. Applications will not be returned.**

## **Outstanding Achievement**

Outstanding Achievement Awards are given in recognition of adult members for outstanding leadership and service to agricultural education, FFA and FFA Alumni. This annual award is presented at the National FFA Convention to no more than three individuals.

To be eligible, a candidate must be an adult member who has made significant contributions and rendered quality service to agricultural education, FFA and FFA Alumni and Supporters.

- Each state may annually nominate applicants for the national award. Nominations for the award on the national level should be submitted using the official application form. The completed application should be sent to the National FFA office with postmark date no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>. Only the space provided on the application form should be used, **NO additional pages may be added.**
- Recipients will receive \$500 to be presented in their name to a local FFA chapter, FFA Alumni and Supporters chapter, State FFA Foundation or State FFA Alumni and Supporters of their choice and a plaque.

## **Outstanding Local/Collegiate/Corporate Alumni and Supporters Chapters & State Association**

The Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award is designed to provide recognition of Local/Collegiate/Corporate FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters for outstanding accomplishment and to encourage other chapters to further achievement. All nationally chartered active Local/Collegiate/Corporate FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters are eligible. Applications may be submitted using the official application available on [FFA.org](http://FFA.org). The beginning date for activities should be no earlier than Jan. 1 of the previous convention year. For example, if the convention year for this application is 2020, the beginning date for activities should be no earlier than Jan. 1, 2019. The completed application should be sent to the National FFA Alumni office with postmark date no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications must be typed and only the space provided on the application form should be used. **NO additional pages may be added.**

Each year, each state may submit at least one Outstanding application in each category or 20% of the total number of FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters. One alumni chapter per region will be selected as a finalist to compete for the National Outstanding FFA Alumni and Supporters Chapter Award.



## **FFA Alumni and Supporters Grants** (\*based on sponsor support)

The National FFA offers grants to FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters and State Associations as a means of providing FFA Alumni and Supporters support. The purpose of the grants is to grow the number of FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters, improve the quality of existing FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters and provide more opportunities for partnership between student and adult chapters.

To find the most current list of grants available please visit the [Chapter Opportunities](#) page of FFA.org.

## **Leadership Scholarships**

The National FFA Alumni council adopted the following policy for awarding annual scholarship funds to state and local FFA Alumni Associations.

National FFA Alumni Scholarship units are awarded on an annual basis according to the following national membership achievements (based on membership received by the August 31 deadline) and net income from National FFA Alumni specified fundraising activities:

### **Allocation Formula:**

(Percent of Investment Account + net income from National FFA Alumni specified fundraisers) / TLM = \$ amount per life member

TLM = Total Life Membership

Total # Life members at end of previous membership year (August 31)

- (deduct) Inactive State Life membership

- (deduct) State Life membership with <25 life members

### **Process for Awarding Scholarship Units:**

1. Scholarship checks must meet a minimum of \$50 in order to be awarded.
2. Local Scholarships will be issued to local affiliates that have at least 100 life members.
3. State Scholarships will be issued based on total state life members – (deduct) those life members awarded to the local level and that meet the following:
  - State must be an active state association
  - State must have a minimum of 25 life members

### **Process for Redeeming Scholarship Units:**

- State and local FFA Alumni chapters will receive their scholarship checks before the end of the fiscal year.
- Options for redeeming scholarship units:
  - Any National FFA Organization Event (WLC, SPC, 212, 360, etc.)
  - State FFA/FFA Alumni Events for student members (state camp, leadership training, special conferences, etc.)
- A **Leadership Scholarship Report Form** must be submitted by all state associations and local alumni chapters that received a check by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> the following year in order to be eligible to receive a check in the next fiscal year.
  - Local alumni chapters that do not submit a report form by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> will have their life members added back into the state's total life membership count.
  - State alumni associations that do not submit a report form by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> will not impact the local alumni chapters that receive local checks but will have their life member count removed from the total life member count. This will result in a greater per member dollar amount for each remaining life member.

### **Membership Recognition**

- Regional winner recognized for each of the following areas (award = certificate):
  - Largest percent increase in Life membership
  - Largest net percent increase in active FFA Alumni and Supporter chapters
  - Largest percent of FFA Alumni and Supporter chapter's submitting impact data
- Top 3 states nationally recognized for each of the following areas (award = Shop FFA Gift Card to purchase a blue blazer):
  - Largest percent increase in Life membership
  - Largest net percent increase in active FFA Alumni and Supporter chapters
- State's with 100% Life Member State Officer Teams (award = certificate)
- Largest FFA Alumni Membership State (award = recognition on screen)
- Largest FFA Alumni Membership Chapter (award = recognition on screen)

## Through the Years

**1969** The delegate body of the National FFA Convention established the alumni class of membership as part of the National FFA Constitution.

A temporary executive council, approved by the National FFA Board of Directors and National FFA Officers, developed the National FFA Alumni Association with a tentative constitution, bylaws and budget.

**1970** The National FFA Board of Directors and National FFA Officers authorized a loan of \$50,000 to develop and implement the Alumni Association.

Gus Douglass	Dr. James P. Clouse	Jay Benham
Chairman	Vice Chairman	Administrative Secretary

The Life Membership class was created and a quarterly newsletter was developed.

**1971** Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming chartered at the National FFA Convention.

**1972** An organizational meeting was held in Chicago (on May 12) with 33 states represented (30 chartered). New charters included: Alabama, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The first annual meeting of the National FFA Alumni Association took place. Nine states were chartered: Arizona, Connecticut, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada and South Carolina.

The official FFA Alumni emblem was adopted and a plan for reimbursing states \$1 per member when alumni membership met or exceeded total FFA membership in that state.

A memorial fund for life membership was established.

Multiple year memberships were established and the Legion of Merit Citation was sanctioned.

Several Alumni retail items were developed by the National FFA Supply Service.

**1973** During the second annual meeting, charters were established by Arkansas, New Mexico, New York, Vermont and Washington and 98 Legion of Merit Citations were presented.

Delegates voted to add the Alumni Relations Division to the FFA Program of Activities.

- 1974** The first FFA Alumni Program of Action was adopted along with a constitutional amendment which opened FFA Alumni membership to all individuals interested in promoting vocational agriculture and the FFA.
- The first Outstanding Achievement Awards were presented to Jerry Litton, Orion Samuelson and William Kuhfuss at the National Convention.
- 1976** Jay Benham, Administrative Secretary, resigned.
- Robert W. "Woody" Cox was selected to fill the vacancy and the title of administrative secretary was changed to executive director.
- 1977** Leadership workshops were developed and became a highlight of the National FFA Convention.
- A strong working relationship was established with the National FFA Foundation.
- Alumni became a representative member of the Sponsor's Advisory Board (now known as the Sponsor's Board). A major thrust of the FFA Alumni was to promote the Executive Sponsor Program (Alumni received a portion of the contributions.)
- Alumni began a money-making project for local affiliates developed by Ace Nut and Bolt Company and its former president, Bob Wohlford.
- 1978** The FFA Committee on Government was instituted and became an active standing committee. David C. Thomas served as the first chair from 1978-82.
- 1983** Alaska became the forty-ninth state to charter.
- 1984** In total, \$185,000 had been extended to the Alumni to develop and promote its growth. In January 1984, at the first joint meeting of the National Board of Directors and the National FFA Alumni Council, Alumni repayment of \$100,000 was made to the National FFA Organization. Since 1984, the remaining balance has been paid.
- 1985** The first annual Alumni-sponsored Auction was held. FFA Leadership Scholarships are funded from the annual auction.
- 1987** The first FFA Alumni State Leaders Conference, sponsored by Philip Morris USA, was held at the National FFA Center.
- 1991** Restructuring of the National FFA Organization was approved by the National FFA Board of Directors. As a result of the restructuring, the FFA Alumni became an affiliated association.
- The FFA Alumni began its own supply service and the budget and operations were separated from the administrative operations of the National FFA Organization.

The FFA Alumni and the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association approved a working agreement that improved the governmental affairs activities of both organizations.

- 1995** Robert W. "Woody" Cox resigned and Ricardo L. Valencia was installed as the executive director.
- 1996** An official national spokesperson, Ty England (country music artist), was established.
- 1997** Ricardo L. Valencia vacates the position of executive director. Gene A. Starr was selected as the new executive director.
- 1998** The National FFA Alumni Association moved to its new location at The National FFA Center in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 1999** The 28<sup>th</sup> National FFA Alumni Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky. The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Alumni Auction reached the \$100,000 mark.
- Twenty \$1000 chapter grants were awarded for the first time to local FFA chapters.
- 2001** Gene A. Starr resigns as Executive Director.
- 2002** J. Frank Saldaña is selected as the new Executive Director.
- 2005** Louisville, Kentucky hosts the National FFA Convention and the National FFA Alumni Convention for the final time.
- 2006** Indianapolis, Indiana hosts the National FFA Convention and the National FFA Alumni Convention for the first time and will continue until hosting until 2012.
- 2008** The National FFA Alumni Benefit Auctions generate a record breaking \$198,000 plus in support of student scholarships at the 81<sup>st</sup> National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN.
- 2009** National FFA Alumni provides the Harvest for America Food Drive program sponsored by Tractor Supply Company and Carhartt. Chapters and Alumni in Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin were invited to conduct food drives to benefit their community and compete for prizes and state and national recognition.

National FFA Alumni, as part of Campbell Soup Company's "Help Grow Your Soup" campaign, restored five barns. Each project engaged the barn owner and their family, the local FFA chapter(s) and FFA Alumni as well as numerous other community members. In 2009 the following barns were restored: The Riordan Barn, Reddick, IL; The Cotterill Barn, Cherryvale, KS; The Old Hickory Barn, Nashville, TN; The Reynolds Barn, Corfu, NY; Sabin-Schellenburg Barn, Clackamas, OR.

- 2010** The National FFA Alumni changes the name of the annual Alumni summer conference from State Leaders Conference to FFA Alumni Development Conference to more accurately describe the purpose of the event.
- National FFA Alumni, as part of Campbell Soup Company's "Help Grow Your Soup" campaign, restored five barns. Each project engaged the barn owner and their family/school, the local FFA chapter(s) and FFA Alumni as well as numerous other community members. In 2010 the following barns were restored: The Just Wait and See Farm, Union Bridge, MD; Providence Grove High School Farm, Climax, NC; The Augie Fudala Farm, Bark River, MI; The Dull Family Farm, Thorntown, IN; The Bowers School Farm, Bloomfield Hills, MI.
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- 2011** National FFA Alumni celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by issuing a membership challenge to each state to increase their affiliates by 11% in 2011 and set a goal to increase total membership by 11%. In 2011 Frank Saldaña resigned as the Executive Director of the National FFA Alumni Association.
- 2012** Julie Tesch is selected as the new Executive Director.
- Associate Membership introduced to recruit high school graduate members to FFA Alumni
- 2013** National FFA Convention moves to Louisville, KY through 2015.
- 2013** Julie Tesch resigned as the Executive Director of the National FFA Alumni Association.
- 2014** Tony Small is selected as the new Executive Director
- Alumni Affiliation Program started allowing alumni affiliates to submit unlimited numbers of alumni members for a national fee of \$100 + state fees.
- Alumni revenue and expenses become accounted for as a divisional profit/loss center through the National FFA Organization's annual budget.
- 2015** FFA reveals new website and new branding initiative. FFA emblem and FFA Alumni emblem are refreshed.
- Non-Traditional Alumni affiliates were created for groups, businesses and corporations as a means of providing their members/employees an opportunity to individually and collectively help support Agricultural Education programs and FFA chapters as a unified alumni chapter without being tied directly to a local FFA chapter.

First three Non-Traditional Chapters were:

1. ADM
2. John Deere
3. AGCO

Tony Small resigns as the Executive Director of the National FFA Alumni Association (March)

Joshua Bledsoe, National FFA Chief Operating Officer is appointed the "interim" Executive Director of the National FFA Alumni Association (March)

Joshua Rusk is appointed Executive Director of the National FFA Alumni Association (October)

## **2016**

National FFA Convention moves to Indianapolis, IN.

Terminology change from Alumni Affiliates to Alumni Chapters occurs to reduce confusion and better reflect consistency within the organization.

National FFA Alumni Mentor Program was created and piloted with the John Deere Non-Traditional FFA Alumni Chapter and students from Illinois.

Volunteer Management Program was created from the work of the Mobilizing Volunteers Task Force because more volunteers with specific skills are needed in the larger enterprise of school based agricultural education for the purpose of maintaining and improving local programs and improving the life/work balance of agricultural education teachers.

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity becomes the largest FFA alumni chapter after submitting an initial roster of 50,843 members.

All graduating FFA members have alumni membership automatically activated for them for the first time in FFA's 89 year history.

Alumni membership sky rockets to 225,891 alumni members in 1,934 alumni chapters which was an increase of 163,187 alumni members and 201 alumni chapters from the previous year.

## **2018**

National FFA Board of Directors realigns FFA Alumni to align with the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws as a form of membership within the organization.

1. Change the Alumni Association Bylaws to Operational Policies.
  - a. The National FFA Board of Directors will maintain authority and responsibility of alumni membership, along with student membership.
  - b. Operational policies controlled by the National FFA Board of Directors will be guided by the recommendations of National FFA staff and the National FFA Alumni Advisory Committee.
2. Rename the National FFA Alumni Council to the National FFA Alumni Advisory Committee.
3. Rename the National FFA Alumni Association to National FFA Alumni and Supporters.

4. Discontinue using the alumni emblem and begin using the FFA emblem with the words "National FFA Alumni and Supporters" to the right of it.
5. Eliminate the alumni delegate process.
  - a. Change the current council election process to the advisory committee selection process below:
    - i. Applications are submitted to the advisory committee's nominating committee.
    - ii. The nominating committee (made up of at least three regional representatives, one organizational representative and one past National FFA Officer representative) recommends members to the National FFA Board of Directors.
    - iii. The National FFA Board of Directors appoints members to the advisory committee.
  - b. Annual dues will be voted on electronically by all active FFA Alumni members.
  - c. Life dues will be set by the National FFA Board of Directors.
6. Add a third past National FFA Officer to the advisory committee to represent better the more than 650,000 future alumni members and the more than 300,000 18-24-year-old alumni members.

Effective beginning with the 2018-19 Membership Year:

1. Realign alumni to National FFA Regions instead of NAAE regions.
  - a. Eastern, Central, Southern and Western Regions.
2. Change the makeup of the National FFA Alumni Advisory Committee to include, but not limited to:
  - a. 4 - Regional representatives (one from each of the FFA regions).
  - b. 2 - At-large members.
  - c. 3 - Organizational representatives.
    - i. 1 - American Association for Agricultural Education (AAAE).
    - ii. 1 - National Association of Agricultural Education (NAAE).
    - iii. 1 - National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education (NASAE).
  - d. 3 - Past national officers (one appointed each year).
3. Remove the positions of president, past president and president-elect from the advisory committee.
  - a. The advisory committee will appoint one member to serve as committee chair annually.
4. Continue with advisory council terms of three years.

Associate members were given full membership benefits and privileges.

Student delegates approved constitutional amendments at the National FFA Convention and Expo changing the types of membership within the organization to two types by:

1. Renaming "Active" to "Student"
2. Removing "Collegiate" membership
3. Renaming "Alumni" to "Adult"
4. Removing "Honorary" membership



**2019**

National FFA Alumni and Supporters Advisory Committee recommends to the National FFA Board of Directors to go 100% affiliated moving to a Alumni and Supporters Annual Fee structure at the beginning of the 2020-2021 membership year.

- The National FFA Board of Directors approved the recommendation during their October 2019 board meeting.
- i. All FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters must pay annual state + national fee and maintain an annual membership roster with a minimum of 10 annual/life members to be considered ACTIVE.
  1. Removes 25 life member exemption.
- ii. Annual fee covers chapters ability to:
  1. Use NFFA's trademark emblems under NFFA's Trademark Policy
  2. Use NFFA's 501c3 status (application required, not automatic)
  3. Use NFFA's membership management system
  4. Provide individual members/volunteers with NFFA's Forever Blue Benefits program
  5. Create a local chapter network within the Forever Blue Network to help network and engage alumni and supporters from around the world
  6. Use NFFA marketing materials/educational trainings/member opportunities and events

**2020**

National FFA retires use of the old "FFA Alumni Shield" emblem for all state associations and local chapters completely.

Forever Blue Network is launched.

## State FFA Alumni Association Charter Dates

Alabama	May 10, 1972	Nebraska	April 20, 1972
Alaska	February 28, 1983	Nevada	October 13, 1972
Arizona	October 4, 1972	New Hampshire	May 6, 1972
Arkansas	August 23, 1973	New Jersey	May 12, 1972
California	May 5, 1972	New Mexico	October 1, 1973
Colorado	November 3, 1975	New York	October 10, 1973
Connecticut		North Carolina	May 4, 1972
Delaware	May 12, 1972	North Dakota	May 11, 1972
Florida	May 5, 1972	Ohio	August 30, 1971
Georgia	May 4, 1972	Oklahoma	October 13, 1971
Guam		Oregon	October 12, 1971
Hawaii		Pennsylvania	May 1, 1972
Idaho	1972	Puerto Rico	
Illinois	March 9, 1972	Rhode Island	1975
Indiana	August 18, 1972	South Carolina	October 11, 1972
Iowa	April 24, 1972	South Dakota	May 9, 1971
Kansas	July 12, 1971	Tennessee	October 14, 1971
Kentucky	April 27, 1972	Texas	October 13, 1971
Louisiana	August 12, 1971	Utah	October 31, 1975
Maine	October 7, 1972	Virgin Islands	
Maryland	May 5, 1972	Vermont	September 3, 1973
Massachusetts	1972	Virginia	March 27, 1972
Michigan	May 10, 1972	Washington	April 27, 1973
Minnesota	October 6, 1972	West Virginia	April 20, 1972
Mississippi	May 10, 1972	Wisconsin	May 4, 1972
Missouri	October 5, 1972	Wyoming	June 8, 1971
Montana	April 24, 1972		

## National FFA Alumni Presidents/Advisory Committee Chairs

1972-74	Gus R. Douglass, W. Va.	1997-98	Linda Story, Ky.
1974-75	James P. Clouse, Va.	1998-99	Barry Anderson, Neb.
1975-76	Richard C. Waybright, Pa.	1999-00	F. Mac Hodges, N.C.
1976-77	David C. Thomas, Mo.	2000-01	Jim W. Allsup, Texas
1977-78	Arthur R. Kurtz, Wis.	2001-02	Cindy Ettestad, Ore.
1978-79	Odell C. Miller, Ohio	2002-03	Pam Jumper, Ark.
1979-80	Floyd J. Doering, Wis.	2003-04	Dale M. Beaty, Wis.
1980-81	Phyllis J. Sokolosky, Okla.	2004-05	Sonny Deke, Iowa
1981-82	Harold D. Lineberry, Tenn.	2005-06	Norman Gay, Ga.
1982-83	Kenneth G. Seering, Wis.	2006-07	Monte Ladner, Miss.
1983-84	Eldon E. Witt, Ill.	2007-08	Ronnie Ansley, N.C.
1984-85	Jay Householder, Ohio	2008-09	Sam Atherton, Kan.
1985-86	Gary L. Maricle, Neb.	2009-10	Diane Amera, Wis.
1986-87	Larry Reese, Fla.	2010-11	David Miller, Md.
1987-88	Rick L. Metzger, Ohio	2011-12	Bob Barton, Ore.
1988-89	James L. Sipiorski, Wis.	2012-13	Anita Schneider, Kan.
1989-90	Josiah Phelps, Ga.	2013-14	Jim McCray, Ill.
1990-91	Roxann Sommers, Ohio	2014-15	Dan Classen, Iowa
1991-92	Virgil O. Martinson, Wis.	2015-16	Dr. Larry Case, Va.
1992-93	Mark A. Williams, Fla.	2016-17	Ron Lynch, Ill.
1993-94	June Dean, Okla.	2018	Robert Schmidig, Ore.
1994-95	Ken Natzke, Wis.	2019	Taylor McNeel-Wiseman, Ark.
1995-96	Ray Herren, Ga.	2020	Chandler Vaughan, Va.
1996-97	Shirley Carte, Fla.	2021-22	Tom Rutledge, Ore.

## Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients

1974	Jerry Litton, Miss. William Kuhfuss, Ill. Orion Samuelson, Ill.	1981	Terry Horn, Tennessee David C. Thomas, Missouri Wes Watkins, Oklahoma
1975	Phillip Alampi, N. J. Dana Bennett, Vt. O.W. Randolph, Ill.	1982	Raymond W. Bernhardt, Missouri David L. Thornton, Ohio Eleanor G. Mayfield, Kansas
1976	William Paul Gray, Va. Donald McDowell, Wis.	1983	Ozzie S. Gilbertson, Nebraska Odell C. Miller, Ohio Floyd J. Doering, Wisconsin
1977	Ralph E. Bender, Ohio H. Neville Hunsicker, Va. Webster Tenney, Fla.	1984	Donald D. Dolezal, Nebraska Harold D. Lineberry, Tennessee Ruth Anderson, Ohio
1978	Lawrence L. Augenstein, Calif. Paul Findley, Ill. Jay Benham, Ohio	1985	Phyllis Sokolosky, Oklahoma Monte Reese, Kansas
1979	Howard R. Bradley, Kan. Gus R. Douglass, W. Va. James W. Guilinger, Ill.	1986	Arthur R. Kurtz, Wisconsin Ted D. Ward, Nebraska Layton G. Peters, Minnesota
1980	J. Lamar Branch, Ga. James P. Clouse, Va. Thomas E. Stine, Mo.	1987	Virgil O. Martinson, Wisconsin Kenneth G. Seering, Wisconsin LaVerne Nelson, Washington

1988	Duane A. Van Sickle, Ohio Gary W. Bye, Washington Robert Schumacher, Wisconsin	2005	Diane Amera, Wisconsin Robert Clausen, Nebraska Dick Myers, Illinois
1989	Gary L. Maricle, Missouri Alan Mazna, Wisconsin Ralph Barnett, Tennessee	2006	Dale Beaty, Wisconsin Wally Leander, Kansas Myra Palmer, Mississippi
1990	Ralph R. Dreessen, Oklahoma Eldon E. Witt, Illinois Arnold B. Cordes, Wisconsin	2007	Paul Hazaert, Wisconsin Bruce Miller, North Carolina Rhonda Wethal, Wisconsin
1991	Rick L. Metzger, Ohio Thomas Wolfe, Ohio Ken Natzke, Wisconsin	2008	Cindy Ettestad, Oregon Dan Monson, Wisconsin Darlene Arneson, Wisconsin
1992	James L. Sipiorski, Wisconsin Darell Birnschein, Wisconsin Wallace Shilberg, Wisconsin	2009	Eric Trembl, Wisconsin Marilyn Mason, Ohio Jerry Maurer, Wisconsin
1993	Roger "Duff" Fanning, Wis. Donald "Porky" Burmeister, Iowa John Croft, Illinois	2010	John Barnes, Georgia Wallace Beggs, Georgia Karen Ericson, Kansas
1994	Gerald L. Frederick, Wisconsin Dennis Engelke, Texas Ray Brown, Iowa	2011	Gary Lee, Florida William Lott, Georgia Jeff Nofziger, Ohio
1995	Earl H. Cheek, Georgia David Still, Illinois	2012	Luther Wilkes, Georgia Dean Olson, Illinois Donna Meller, Ohio
1996	Josiah Phelps, Georgia June Dean, Oklahoma Donald Noack, Wisconsin	2013	Jim East, Georgia James T. Grasee, Wisconsin Sherry Kiel, Michigan
1997	R.D. Johnson, Illinois Kathleen L. Kent, Iowa John D. Kent, Iowa	2014	Virginia "Virgie" Damp, Wisconsin Jason Damron, Ohio Amy Stoddard, Wisconsin
1998	Jim Spath, Nebraska James Allen Shiflet, Virginia Marie Salzsieder, Wisconsin	2015	Norman Gay, Georgia Ron Tilford, Ohio Dennis Ettestad, Oregon
1999	Sonny Deke, Iowa Phyllis Weber, Ohio Marilyn Madsen, Wisconsin	2016	James Shelby, Illinois Phyllis Wagnon, Mississippi Roland Fisher, Ohio
2000	Patrick Curl, Iowa Charlie Hamilton, Kentucky Rod Stewart, Kansas	2017	Archie Lewis Matthews, Florida Jodie Callahan, Maryland David A. Miller, Maryland
2001	Shirley Carte, Florida Monte Ladner, Mississippi Linda Story, Kentucky	2018	Ed Beeler, Ohio John H. Arneson, Wisconsin Greg Lincicum, Wisconsin
2002	Dale Glass, Kentucky F. Mac Hodges, North Carolina Joyce Sayre, Missouri	2019	Jodi Hassan, Ohio Mark Olsen, Wisconsin Janet Schneider, Wisconsin
2003	David Bishop, Ohio Raymond Cockrum, Oklahoma Patrick Igl, Wisconsin	2020	Justin Sharpless, Florida Robert Schmidig, Oregon Candi Lehto, Wisconsin
2004	Scott Gimler, Wisconsin Mary Lou Ladner, Mississippi Anita Schneider, Kansas	2021	Melanie Huchthausen, Wisconsin Jeremy Krerowicz, Wisconsin

## **Outstanding Chapter Award Recipients**

1976	Evansville, Wisconsin	2000	Milton, Wisconsin
1977	Marysville, Ohio	2001	Denmark, Wisconsin
1978	Denmark, Wisconsin	2002	Denmark, Wisconsin
1979	New Lexington, Ohio	2003	Miller County, Georgia
1980	New Lexington, Ohio	2004	Pine Ridge, Florida
1981	New Lexington, Ohio	2005	Denmark, Wisconsin
1982	East Butler, Nebraska	2006	Denmark, Wisconsin
1983	Denmark, Wisconsin	2007	Cherryvale, Kansas
1984	Denmark, Wisconsin		Park County, Montana
1985	Bushnell-Prairie, Illinois	2008	Suwannee, Illinois
1986	New Lexington, Ohio	2009	Denmark, Wisconsin
1987	Denmark, Wisconsin	2010	Denmark, Wisconsin
1988	Denmark, Wisconsin	2011	Stoughton, Wisconsin
1989	Milton, Wisconsin	2012	Homer, Michigan
1990	Denmark, Wisconsin	2013	West Rowan, North Carolina
1991	Milton, Wisconsin	2014	Williston, Florida
1992	Milton, Wisconsin	2015	West Rowan, North Carolina
1993	Milton, Wisconsin	2016	Washington County, Kansas
1994	LeRoy, Illinois	2017	Miller County, Ga.
1995	Milton, Wisconsin	2018	West Rowan, N.C.
1996	LeRoy, Illinois	2019	Denmark, Wis.
1997	Scott County, Kentucky	2020	Denmark, Wis.
1998	Denmark, Wisconsin	2021	West Rowan, NC
1999	Milton, Wisconsin		

## **Outstanding Collegiate Chapter Award Recipients**

2018	NEMCC, Miss.	2019	Gator Collegiate, Fl.
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## **Outstanding Corporate Chapter Award Recipients**

2021	John Deere, Illinois
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## **Outstanding State Association Award Recipients**

2017	Maryland	2020	Wisconsin
2018	Wisconsin	2021	Wisconsin
2019	Wisconsin		



## NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION

The FFA Vision: Students whose lives are impacted by FFA and agricultural education will achieve academic and personal growth, strengthen American agriculture and provide leadership to build healthy local communities, a strong nation and a sustainable world.

The FFA Mission: FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The Agricultural Education Mission: Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems.

The National FFA Organization is a resource and support organization that does not select, control, or supervise state association, local chapter or individual member activities.

Educational materials are developed by FFA in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education as a service to state and local agricultural education agencies.

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