

# Bend FFA Chapter

## Program of Activities

2018 - 2019

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## **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.

To accomplish this mission, FFA:

- \* Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
- \* Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well being.
- \* Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
- \* Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
- \* Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs.
- \* Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community
- \* Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
- \* Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
- \* Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
- \* Promotes healthy lifestyles.
- \* Encourages excellence in scholarship.

# **The FFA Creed**

**E.M. Tiffany**

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds, achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from us and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so, for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

*The creed was written by E. M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. It was revised at the 38th Convention and the 63rd Convention.*

## **FFA Chapter Standing Committees**

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#### **Executive Committee**

**Chair: Sydney Pike**

The Executive Committee's responsibilities include making sure all other committees are working efficiently. The committee will consist of all members of the chapter officer team including the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Historian, Community Service Chairman, and all of their assisting officers.

#### **Community Development Committee**

**Chair: Teegan Wallace**

Committee members will assist and encourage members to participate in community service events throughout the year. The committee will plan all of the activities and establish connections within the community and make a positive impact in other's lives.

#### **Financial Development & Fundraising Committee**

**Chair: Chelsea Buhmann**

Committee will develop annual chapter budget. Monthly reports will be made during scheduled chapter meetings to keep membership informed of financial standing of chapter. All members will participate in decisions for expenditures. A co-chair will be appointed to help organize fundraising activities.

#### **Chapter Recruitment Committee**

**Chair: Alea Minar**

Committee will conduct activities that will increase the enrollment in Agriculture Education classes and FFA membership. Activities will include eighth grade visitation and FFA Week activities.

#### **Public Relations Committee**

**Chair: Morgan Hoisington**

Committee members will work to keep school, community and members informed of chapter activities. A monthly newsletter will be created and distributed to members. Articles will be submitted to local newspapers to advertise chapter's accomplishments. Chapter scrapbook and technology scrapbook will be completed every year.

## **Social Committee**

**Chair: Kailei Oullette**

Committee members will focus on organization of chapter social events to increase member participation and inclusiveness within the chapter. The committee will develop seasonal activities throughout the year.

# **CONSTITUTIONS AND BYLAWS OF THE BEND FFA CHAPTER**

*As amended 10/8/18*

## **ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE**

### *Section A:*

The name of this organization will be the “Bend FFA Chapter”.

### *Section B:*

The purposes for which this chapter is formed are as follows

1. To develop competent agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a passion for community and service.
3. To strengthen the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of production of agriculture.
5. To encourage members in the development of agriculture field and establishment towards career direction.
6. To encourage members to improve their home, community and surroundings.

## **ARTICLE II: ORGANIZATION**

### *Section A:*

The Bend FFA Chapter is a charters local unit of the Oregon FFA Association that is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

### *Section B:*

This chapter accepts, in full, the provisions in the constitution and by-laws of the Oregon FFA Association and the National FFA Organization.

## **ARTICLE III: STANDING OF CHAPTER AND MEMBERS**

### *Section A:*

The Bend FFA Chapter will be considered to be in good standings with the Oregon State FFA Association , when the following general conditions are met:

1. All current reports will be submitted to the National Organizations as requested by the National Board of Education.
2. No provisions of the local association constitution is in conflict with the State FFA Constitution or Public Law 740. Activities will be in harmony with the ideals

and purpose of the National FFA Organization.

### *Section B:*

1. They attend local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity. They must attend at least one community service activity, and one chapter fundraiser activity each year.
2. They show an interest in and take part in all aspects of the organization including student, chapter, and community development.
3. They pay their dues.
4. They maintain at least a 2.0 accumulative GPA and are passing all classes to participate in school day activities.
5. They abide by school rules and the FFA Code of ethics. If a student violates the code of ethics or exhibits and/or is convicted of unlawful behavior, a one-month suspension from all FFA activities will result.

## **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

### *Section A:*

Membership in this chapter will be of the three kinds:

1. Active
2. Alumni
3. Honorary

### *Section B:*

Active Membership: Any student who is enrolled in at least one semester of agricultural sciences and/or metal fabrication is entitled to become an active member of the Bend FFA Chapter. Members may retain his/her active membership continuously throughout his/her entire high school career and for three years after the first national convention after graduation for high school or leaving high school, whichever length of time is greater.

A member who is in good standing at the time he/she is inducted into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during the period of his/her induction without further more payment of dues or attendance of meetings. Time spent in the armed forces shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of three years after the first national convention following graduation from high school or leaving high school. Members may make use of this waiver of service for application for advanced degrees.

Members not attending high school are unable to hold an office at the chapter level.



### *Section C:*

Alumni membership: Following the termination of active membership status, a member automatically becomes an alumni member upon payment of annual alumni dues.

### *Section D:*

Honorary Membership: Farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, businessmen, and others who are helping to advance agricultural technology and the FFA, and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

### *Section E:*

The active members will carry out the regular work of this chapter.

### *Section F:*

Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member will be considered in good standing when:

1. They attend local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity. They must attend at least one community service activity, and one chapter fundraiser activity each year.
2. They show an interest in and take part in all aspects of the organization including student, chapter, and community development.
3. They pay their dues.
4. They maintain at least a 2.0 accumulative GPA and are passing all classes to participate in school day activities.
5. They abide by school rules and the FFA Code of ethics. If a student violates the code of ethics or exhibits and/or is convicted of unlawful behavior, a one-month suspension from all FFA activities will result.

### *Section G:*

Member Roster shall be filed with the FFA Advisor by November 1st. Membership forms will be filed with the chapter secretary and all dues will be paid to the chapter treasurer at this time.

## **ARTICLE V: ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP, DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES**

### *Section A:*

There will be four degrees of active membership, upon achievement, they are:

1. Greenhand FFA Degree
2. Chapter FFA Degree
3. State FFA Degree
4. American FFA Degree

### *Section B:*

Greenhand Degree: Upon meeting the following minimum qualifications, Greenhand degrees may be conferred if the member:

1. Is regularly enrolled in an Agriculture science and/or metal fabrication class and has satisfactory and acceptable plans for a supervised agriculture experience program.
2. Is familiar with the purpose of the FFA and the program of activities of the local chapter.
3. Is familiar with the FFA Creed.
4. Submit an application to the chapter president.

### *Section C:*

Chapter FFA Degree: Upon meeting the following minimum qualifications, the Chapter FFA Degree may be conferred by the chapter:

1. Must have the degree of Greenhand and have a record of satisfactorily participation in the activities of the local chapter.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least a year of instruction in Agriculture Science and Natural Resources, have an operation in improved supervised agriculture optional experience program and be regularly enrolled in an Agriculture Science and Natural Resource class.
3. Be familiar with the purpose and programs of activities for the State Association and National Organization.
4. Be familiar with Parliamentary Procedure.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for fifteen minutes.
6. Must have earned at least \$50 by their own efforts in their Supervised Agriculture Experience program.
7. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting.
8. Submit an application to the chapter president.

### *Section D:*

State FFA Degree minimum qualifications for election:

1. Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the National FFA Organization.

### *Section E:*

American FFA Degree minimum qualifications for election:

1. Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the National FFA Organization.

### *Section F: Bend FFA Varsity Letter Requirements*

To earn a varsity letter, a member must meet one of the following conditions:

1. Place in the top eight or top three in a State or National event as part of a team.  
Placing in the top ten at a state or National event as an individual.
2. Being an executive officer and/or being an active member showing continued support with approval by the executive officer team.
3. Reach the Champion Drive at State Fair in market, breeding or showmanship.

### *Section G: Point Award System*

The top 15 that have been the most active in the Bend FFA chapter will be decided by the current Agricultural Instructors/ FFA advisors at Mountain View High School.

## **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### *Section A:*

The officers of the local chapter shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Historian and Community Service Chairman. An assistant may be elected for offices of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Historian and CSC.

### *Section B:*

Duties of the chapter officers shall be those listed in the official FFA manual. Not excluding additionally assigned duties for activities and/or special chapter projects.

### *Section C:*

Executive Committee: The six primary officers (as stated in the National Constitution) and the Historian and CSC of the chapter will constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. The executive committee will have full power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with actions taken at the chapter meetings and various regulations or by-laws adopted from time to time.

### *Section D:*

Officers will be elected annually by the first meeting in April by the process explained in Article VII.

### *Section E:*

Installation of officers shall be at the spring awards banquet. The officers will assume the duties of their respective offices as prescribed in the official manual upon completion of said installation.

### *Section F:*

An assistant will fill any vacated office. If that assistant declines their appointment to an office nominations will be accepted. The Vice President will fill the office of President.

### *Section G:*

The advisors of the chapter will be the Agricultural Science and Metal Fabrications instructors.

### *Section H:*

No member will hold an office unless they hold a Greenhand degree and are in progress of attaining their Chapter Degree. In addition they must be passing all classes with a "C". Before running for President, you must have held another primary office.

### *Section I:*

Officers failing to obtain a "C" grade in all classes shall be placed on a thirty-day probation period to improve their grades. Failure to improve shall result in a reassignment, or a removal of office.

### *Section J:*

An officer will be on probation for one month following an unexcused absence from a chapter or officer's meeting. If that officer has a second unexcused absence during his or her one-year term he or she will be expelled from that office upon a vote of the executive committee. The advisor will decide the validity of an excuse.

### *Section K:*

Officers will be required to wear official dress at all chapter meetings and all FFA functions unless the executive committee deems casual dress more appropriate.

### *Section L:*

Leadership Camp, Ag Leadership class all year long (unless approved by instructor), Annual Chapter Banquet, Officer Retreat(s), and the Greenhand Ceremony shall be require activities for all chapter offices from the time they enter office.

### *Section M:*

Officers that fail to adhere to their responsibilities and duties will be placed on a Chapter Officer's Probation Contact. Officers who fail to meet the specific requirements of said contact will be removed from office by a majority vote of the Chapter Executive Committee. All officers are required to adhere to the FFA Code of Ethics AT ALL TIMES during the duration of office. Officers who fail to meet the specific requirements of the FFA Code of Ethics will be removed from office by a majority vote of the Chapter Executive Committee.

### *Section N:*

If an officer has a book, they must meet a specified deadline on progress of their book, as set by the president and approved by the executive committee, effective immediately.

## **ARTICLE VII: PROCEDURES FOR ELECTING CHAPTER OFFICERS**

### *Section A:*

All members of the Bend FFA Chapter who wish to become executive officer candidates, must submit an application with a page biography to the nominating committee, take a 20 question test on basic FFA knowledge, interview before the nominating committee, and must obtain their Greenhand FFA Degree. The nominating committee will slate the candidates. They are to recommend two candidates for President, one for Secretary, one for Treasurer, one for Reporter, one for Sentinel, one for Historian, and one for Community Service Chairman.

### *Section B:*

Election of Chapter Officers; the election of executive officers will be held annually. At the meeting, the slate will be revealed to the members. The candidates will say a speech for their election. There will be a secret ballot at the April Chapter Meeting. The point value for one vote of President is worth eight points; Vice President, seven points; Secretary, six points; Treasurer, five points; Reporter, four points; Sentinel, three points; Historian, two points; and Community Service Chairman, two points also. Points tallied from the membership's vote and the points totaled from the test, interview, and slate will be put together. The candidate with the most amount of total points will have first pick of the office they want until all the offices are filled. The candidates that did not receive an office will automatically be eligible for an Assistant officer position.

### *Section C:*

Members who want to run for an Assistant Officer position must turn in an application to

the executive committee. They will go through the same election process as an Executive Officer candidate, with the exception of presenting a speech. The executive officer team will then decide the appointments of the candidates.

### *Section D:*

When an officer's position becomes vacant, an assistant officer will fill that office or, if no assistant is available, a secret ballot election may be held at the next meeting or at a special meeting called by the executive officers.

## **ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS**

### *Section A:*

Regular chapter meeting will be held on the second Monday of each month or as needed during the school year and as needed during the remaining months of the year. Meetings may be called at any time with one-week notice.

### *Section B:*

Standard meeting paraphernalia will be used at each meeting. All regular meetings will open and close with the official ceremony. Parliamentary procedure, as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, revised edition, will be used in transacting all business at each meeting.

### *Section C:*

Delegates, as specified by the State Constitution, will be elected annually from the active membership to represent the chapter at the State Convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various FFA meetings within the state.

### *Section D:*

The active members present at any regularly scheduled meeting or one-third of the active members listed on the Secretary's membership roll present at a special meeting will constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present at any meeting in which business is transacted or a vote is taken committing the chapter to any proposal or action.

### *Section E:*

All officers must wear official dress. Members must wear a FFA jacket, white shirt, tie or scarf, and clean black slacks or skirt when accepting any awards, as according to state, district and local rules.

### *Section F:*

In order to implement any activity must present all information at a regular chapter meeting. If the chair is unable to be present at the meeting, they must present all pertinent information to the chapter president and chapter advisor, the activity will not take place.

## **ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES**

### *Section A:*

The Chapter President of the FFA will appoint two regular committees annually. Committees must be approved by the house: The nominating committee and community service committee. Other committees may be appointed as necessary.

1. The nominating committees composed of all senior officers, at least 1 community supporter, and at least 1 school administrator.
2. The community service committee will be appointed by the electoral community service chair.
3. The fundraising committee will be appointed by the treasurer.

### *Section B:*

The Bend FFA will maintain the following standing committees:

1. Executive
2. Community Service
3. Fundraising
4. Membership Recruitment
5. Nominating

## **ARTICLE X: DUES**

### *Section A:*

The dues of the Bend Chapter shall be \$25 annually approved by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, and shall be payable by November 1, or the person will be unable to attend FFA functions until \$25 dues are paid.

## **ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS**

### *Section A:*

The constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the Oregon FFA Constitution or that of the National FFA Organization. Each year the new officers will review and revise the constitution as needed and bring any changes to the chapter for approval.

### *Section B:*

By-Laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such by-laws do not conflict with the constitution and by-laws of either the Oregon FFA Association or the National FFA Organization.

## **ARTICLE XI: ACTIVITIES**

### *Section A:*

Each member participating in a competitive activity (i.e. C.D.E., Fair, or Convention) must attend at least two practices.

### *Section B:*

Members shall wear official dress at all appropriate activities. Show dress shall be worn at all shows and judging C.D.E.'s. Casual dress is at the discretion of the advisor.

### *Section C: State Convention*

All participants:

1. Must be in good standings with the chapter.
2. Must have participated in at least three chapter activities within the calendar year of State Convention.
3. Must have an established Supervised Agricultural Experience.
4. Must turn in an application to advisor for the advisor selection.

### *Section D: National Convention*

All participants:

1. Must be in good standings with the chapter.
2. Must have attended at least five chapter activities.
3. Must be an active member.
4. Must turn in an application to the Chapter Advisor for selection by the advisory committee.

### *Section E: Fair Requirements*

All participants:

1. Are required to achieve a minimum of twenty (20) points by the following point



system:

Participation in a CDE or LDE event: 4 points awarded

Participation in a fundraiser or community service event: 3 points awarded

Attendance of a chapter meeting or FFA convention: 2 points awarded per attendance

Miscellaneous Events: 1 point awarded per attended event approved by Bend FFA advisors (examples of events include committee meetings, Bend FFA social events, and attending a CDE competition but not competing)

2. Must complete and enter an updated fair record book.
3. Must participate in showmanship, herdsmanship, and livestock judging
4. Must attend either pen set up or decoration.

**Bend FFA Chapter Calendar  
2018-2019**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Activity</b>                   | <b>Location</b>              |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sept 17     | Welcome Back BBQ                  | Ag Room                      |
| Sept 26     | Dist. Tractor Driving             | Jefferson County             |
| Oct 8       | Chapter Meeting                   | Ag Room                      |
| Oct 10      | Dist Soil CDE                     | Crook County                 |
| Oct 15      | State Soil CDE                    | Union County                 |
| Nov 1-2     | State Officer Visit               | Ag Room                      |
| Nov 5       | Chapter Meeting                   | Ag Room                      |
| Nov 7       | Dist Ag Sales CDE                 | Crook County                 |
| Nov 9       | Greenhand Conference              | Redmond                      |
| Nov 17      | State Sales & Vet Sci             | Redmond                      |
| Dec 7       | Awbrey Glenn Valet                | Awbrey Glenn<br>Golfcourse   |
| Dec 10      | Chapter Meeting                   | Ag Room                      |
| Jan 14      | Chapter Meeting                   | Ag Room                      |
| Jan 28-29   | Central OR District<br>Convention | Deschutes Co.<br>Fairgrounds |
| Feb 11      | Chapter Meeting                   | Ag Room                      |

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| Feb 16-23 | National FFA Week              | Ag Room                      |
| Mar 11    | Chapter Meeting                | Ag Room                      |
| Mar 22-25 | State Convention               | Deschutes Co.<br>Fairgrounds |
| Apr 4     | Chapter Officer<br>Interviews  | Ag Room                      |
| Apr 8     | Chapter Meeting –<br>Elections | Ag Room                      |
| Apr 20    | State Floriculture             | Silverton                    |
| Apr 24-26 | Dist. Leadership Camp          | *Suttle Lake                 |
| May 6-7   | CDE Days Contests              | OSU                          |
| May 17    | Chapter Banquet                | MVHS Cafeteria               |
| May 29    | Dist. Shop Skills              | Redmond                      |
| June 10   | Chapter Fair Meeting           | Ag Room                      |

## **Bend FFA Chapter History**

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|--------------------------|---|
| American FFA Degree      | 2018- Emma Rooker   |
| Honorary Chapter Degrees | 2018- Krista Baker<br>Wendy Puller  |
| Distinguished Service    | 2018- Katie Legace  |
| State Degrees            | 2018- Josiah Cruikshank<br>Alyssa Minar<br>Mandy Swenson<br>Sydney Pike<br>Hallie Utter   |
| American FFA Degrees     | 2017- Madi Anderson<br>Shea Booster   |
| Honorary Chapter Degrees | 2017- Tami & Dave Pike<br>Janae & Scott Cruikshank  |
| Distinguished Service    | 2017- Bill Schumacker   |
| State Degrees            | 2017- Austin Baker<br>Kendyl Puller<br>Emily Penington<br>Ellie Johnson<br>Holly Silvey<br>Katie Duggan<br>Mariah Jarvis<br>Wraivyn Jones |
| American FFA Degrees     | 2016- Lindsey McPeake<br>Megan King<br>Delaney Hood   |
| Honorary Chapter Degrees | 2016- Doug Booster<br>Judy Duggan<br>Dan Gage<br>Kelly Rooker<br>Randy & Megan Silvey<br>Ted Tesconi                                      |
| Distinguished Service    | 2016- Christian Life Center<br>Springtime Landscape   |
| State FFA Degrees        | 2016- Wendi Gage<br>Emma Rooker<br>Mallory Silvey   |

Liliana Newman

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|--------------------------|--------|---|
| American FFA Degree      | 2015-  | Jamie Kelly   |
| Honorary Chapter Degrees | 2015-  | Rick & Christin Barber<br>Javan Shull<br>Scott Olszewski<br>Sean Corrigan<br>Aaron Schrader<br>Duane & Betty Christensen<br>Hayden Bush |
| Distinguished Service    | 2015-  | Wilco Farm Stores<br>Deupree Auctioneers<br>MVHS Leadership   |
| State FFA Degrees        | 2015-  | Shea Booster<br>Payton North<br>Madi Anderson<br>Brett Penington<br>Will Johnson  |
| American FFA Degrees     | 2014-  | Katie Cramer  |
| Honorary Chapter Degrees | 2014-  | Traci Dulany<br>Teresa & Andy Hood<br>Earl Bowerman<br>Kristin King<br>Gigi Cramer<br>Nancy North<br>Suzy McPeake                       |
| Distinguished Service    | 2014-  | David Tacy Construction   |
| State FFA Degrees        | 2014-  | Delaney Hood<br>Jake Buehner<br>Roslynn McGhehey<br>Makenzie Stieber  |
| Honorary Chapter Degrees | 2013 - | Jennifer Anderson<br>Celia Tacy   |
| Distinguished Service    | 2013 – | Les Schwab Tire Center  |
| State FFA Degrees:       | 2013 – | Molly Coehlo<br>Jamie Kelly<br>Meghan King<br>Jesse Lynch<br>Lindsey McPeake<br>Cody Simpson<br>Shannon Tacy                            |
| American FFA Degrees:    | 2012-  | Ryan Kelly  |

Honorary Chapter Degrees 2012 - Kara Palacio  
Tammy Penington  
Distinguished Service 2012 - Taylor NW  
Bobcat of Central Oregon  
State FFA Degrees: 2012- Kaylee Streeter  
Katie Cramer

## **Bend FFA Chapter Officer Roster**

President: Sydney Pike

Vice President: Josiah Cruikshank

Secretary: Mandy Swenson

Treasurer: Chelsea Buhmann

Reporter: Morgan Hoisington

Sentinel: Alea Minar

Historian: Kalei Oullette

Community Service Chairman: Teegan Wallace

# OREGON FFA ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

*Approved by The Oregon FFA Delegates – March 2016*

## ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Oregon FFA Association, a chartered member of the National FFA Organization. Recognized units of the Oregon FFA Association may officially use the letters “FFA” and/or the words “Future Farmers of America” to designate the Organization, State Association, their units and/or members.

## ARTICLE II. AIMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

The objects of the organization shall be consistent with Section 3 of the Organization’s federal charter, Public Law 105-225. The National Organization and the State Association shall cooperate with national and state government agencies and officials for Career & Technical Education in accomplishing the following objectives:

1. Oregon FFA and National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.
2. To be an integral part of the organized instructional programs in agricultural education which prepares students for a wide range of careers in agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience, and other agriculture-related occupations.
3. To strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and in their work by developing desirable work habits and the effective use of their time; by learning to assume responsibility; and by developing competencies in communications, human relations, and other social abilities leading to the intelligent choice of a career and successful employment or entrepreneurship in the agriculture industry.
4. To provide agriculture-related programs and activities which will develop occupational pride, responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, patriotism, thrift, and which will improve the economic, environmental, recreational, and human resources of the community.
5. To encourage and recognize achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs, scholarship, leadership, and other individual and group activities by providing awards to deserving members and chapters.
6. To provide agriculture-related programs and activities which support the state mandated diploma requirements.

## SECTION A.

## ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATION

The Oregon FFA Association is a state organization of, by, and for students enrolled in agricultural education programs. It shall consist of a minimum of four chartered local

chapters and an active membership of not less than 125 members. (More than one chapter may be chartered in a school when deemed appropriate by the State Executive Committee.)

#### SECTION B.

Chapters of the Oregon FFA Association shall be chartered only in such schools where recognized systematic instruction in agricultural education is offered under the federal Career & Technical Education legislation. Such chapters shall operate as an integral part of the instructional program of agricultural education.

#### SECTION C.

Students enrolled in agricultural education may meet at State Convention, adopt a constitution, which shall not conflict with that of the National Organization, elect officers, develop a Program of Activities, and apply to the National Organization for a state association charter. Upon receipt of a charter from the National Organization, the state association shall be part of the National FFA Organization and shall be empowered to charter local chapters.

#### SECTION D.

Collegiate chapters may be chartered by the State FFA Association in two or four-year post-secondary institutions where agricultural courses are taught. Each chartered collegiate chapter may adopt a constitution that shall not conflict with that of the State or National Organization, elect officers, and establish a Program of Activities. Collegiate chapter members shall pay State and National FFA Organization dues.

### ARTICLE IV. PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING STANDING OF LOCAL CHAPTERS

A local chapter shall be considered to be in good standing with the Oregon FFA Association according to the membership policy.

1. All annual state and national dues have been paid.
2. All reports have been submitted as required by the State Association.
3. Provisions of the chapter constitution do not conflict with the State or National FFA Constitutions and chapter activities are in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.
4. The Official Chapter Advisor(s) shall be the Agriculture Teacher(s) licensed in Agricultural Education and employed by the school district where the FFA chapter resides. The school district's licensed agriculture instructor(s) shall teach state approved Agriculture Education courses. Supervision of members at all FFA Activities shall be under the direct control of the Chapter Advisor(s) as determined by the Board of Directors



5. The Board of Directors of the Oregon FFA Association shall have power to suspend the charter of any chapter that violates the State or National FFA Constitution and Bylaws.
6. In the event a local department of agricultural education is discontinued, its chartered FFA chapter may officially operate for a period not to exceed three years (36 months) from date of the discontinuance, provided supervision is given by a person having the approval of the local school administrator and the State FFA Advisor / State FFA Executive Secretary.
7. Oregon FFA Association will approve FFA Charters to private schools if they meet and maintain program approval status with program approval being renewed every 3 years (as initiated by the current chapter advisor).

#### SECTION A.

#### ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Oregon FFA Association shall be of four kinds: (1) Active; (2) Alumni; (3) Collegiate; and (4) Honorary.

#### SECTION B.

To be eligible for active membership in a chartered FFA chapter, a student must be enrolled in a secondary agricultural education program. Secondary agriculture education programs shall be considered approved programs grades 7-12.

#### SECTION C.

Alumni Membership shall be open to anyone interested in and supportive of the FFA.

#### SECTION D.

Collegiate membership shall be open to students who are enrolled in agricultural courses or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture at a two or four-year post-secondary institution having a Collegiate FFA chapter.

#### SECTION E.

Farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, business people, and others who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA, and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting or convention.

Honorary membership shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA degree in the local chapter, Honorary District FFA Degree at the district level, Honorary State FFA Degree in the State Association, and the Honorary American FFA Degree in the National Organization.

## SECTION A.

### ARTICLE VI. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

There shall be five degrees of active membership based on individual achievement. These are the Discovery FFA Degree, the Greenhand FFA Degree, the Chapter FFA Degree, the State FFA Degree, and the American FFA Degree. The National Organization shall set the minimum qualifications for each degree. All degrees will be awarded as outlined in the Oregon FFA Bylaws ARTICLE XII. Degree Requirements and Eligibility.

## SECTION B.

There shall be four state star awards being: Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, Star in Agriscience, and Star in Agricultural Placement. Procedures will be outlined in the Oregon FFA Bylaws ARTICLE XIV. Star Award Requirements and Eligibility.

## SECTION A.

### ARTICLE VII. EMBLEMS

The official emblem of the FFA Association shall include five symbols, namely: the plow, representing the labor and tillage of the soil; the owl, representing wisdom; the rising sun, representing progress; a cross-section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests; and an American eagle surmounting the cross-section of the ear of corn, representing the national scope of the organization. The emblem shall also include the letters, "FFA" and the words, "Agricultural Education."

## SECTION B.

The emblem shall be uniform in all State Associations and recognized units thereof. All members shall be entitled to display the emblem.

## SECTION C.

Greenhand FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official bronze emblem pin, Chapter FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official silver emblem pin, State FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem charm, and American FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem key.

## SECTION D.

Honorary Chapter FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear either the official silver or gold emblem pin, Honorary State FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem charm, and Honorary American FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem key.

## SECTION E.

Collegiate FFA chapter members and FFA advisors shall be entitled to wear the official gold owl pin.

SECTION A.

ARTICLE VIII. THE STATE ADVISOR AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The advisor of a local district shall elect the district advisor as outlined by the Board policy. The district advisor will be a member of the State Board of Directors and State Executive Committee.

SECTION B.

The State Specialist for Agriculture and Natural Resource Education at the Oregon Department of Education shall be the State FFA Advisor. The State Advisor is an ex-officio member of all committees and of the Board of Directors.

SECTION C.

The State Executive Secretary is an ex-officio member of all committees and the Board of Directors. The State Executive Secretary shall serve as the Secretary for all Board of Director meetings.

SECTION A.

ARTICLE IX. STATE, DISTRICT, AND CHAPTER OFFICERS

The officers of the State FFA Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel. All State FFA Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at any regular convention of the State Association. A state officer shall hold the State FFA Degree and must be an active member for the duration of their term of office. A state officer must have a 2.5 cumulative high school GPA at time of application. Procedures for election of state officers shall be found in the Bylaws.

SECTION B.

1. The officers of the State FFA Districts shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel. Other offices may be elected as deemed appropriate by the District FFA Advisor and District governing body.
2. The district presidents are elected by their respective districts prior to the conclusion of the state convention. A district president must hold at least the Chapter FFA Degree. The District president will be an official member of the State Executive Committee.

SECTION C.

1. The officers of an FFA chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel. Other officers may be elected as deemed appropriate by the local advisor(s) and/or governing body.

SECTION A.

ARTICLE X. MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

The Oregon FFA Association is entitled to send a minimum of two official delegates from its active membership to the National FFA Convention. The state president and the vice president will be designated as the chair and vice chair of the delegation. Additional delegates as authorized by National FFA shall also serve as official delegates.

#### SECTION B.

A state convention of Oregon FFA Association shall be held annually prior to the national convention at a time and place to be determined by the State Executive Committee, except in case of an extreme emergency declared by the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION C.

Each local chapter is entitled to send official delegates from its active membership to the state convention, such delegates to be selected as provided in the local chapter constitution and bylaws. Two official delegates from at least 51 percent of the local chartered chapters will constitute a quorum.

#### SECTION A.

##### ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES

1. The governing body of the Oregon FFA Association, which shall exercise the powers granted in section 4 of Public Law 105-225, shall be a Board of Directors composed of (a) the State Specialist of Agricultural and Natural Resources Education, who shall be ex-officio; (b) one district advisor (licensed agricultural instructor) from each of the FFA districts in the state; (c) up to two state staff members in the Agricultural Education Service who shall be ex-officio, one of which will serve as secretary; (d) one representative from Oregon FFA Alumni; (e) one representative from Oregon FFA Foundation; (f) one representative from Oregon State University Agricultural Education Department
2. The term of office of members on the Board and the methods of selection of such members, other than the ex-officio members, are prescribed in the bylaws.
3. The Oregon FFA Association will indemnify its officers and Board of Directors to the fullest extent allowed by Oregon law.

#### SECTION B.

1. The voting members of the Executive committee of the Oregon FFA Association shall consist of: the Board of Directors, elected state officers, and a district president from each state FFA district. Ex-officio members shall be the President of the Oregon Agriculture Teacher's Association (OATA) or their representative from the OVATA Executive Committee, and a member of the Oregon State University Collegiate FFA Chapter.
2. The executive committee will be chaired by the State FFA President
3. The executive committee shall meet at least three (3) times a year or as called by the State Executive Secretary and/or State FFA Advisor. The executive committee may establish policy, rules and eligibility for the State FFA Association.

## SECTION A.

### ARTICLE XII. DUES

Annual membership dues of the National FFA Organization shall be established by a majority vote of the delegates at the national convention. The National FFA Board of Directors shall submit its recommendation concerning dues to each State Association at least forty-five days prior to the National FFA Convention.

## SECTION B.

The membership year of the National FFA Organization shall be from September 1 to August 31.

## SECTION C.

Annual membership dues of a State FFA Association shall be established by a majority vote of the delegates at the State FFA Convention. The State FFA Association will send to the Oregon FFA Foundation a fee from membership dues of 5% of dues income.

## SECTION D.

The annual membership dues of a chapter shall be established by a majority vote of the members at a regular chapter meeting.

## ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

### SECTION A.

Proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws may be submitted by a State FFA Association, the Board of National FFA Officers, or the National FFA Board of Directors. Proposed amendments from a State FFA Association must be submitted in accordance to the National FFA policy.

### SECTION B.

Proposed amendments to the State FFA Constitution and Bylaws may be submitted by a local Chapter, FFA District, State Officers, State Staff, State Executive Committee, or Board of Directors. Proposed amendments from a local chapter must be submitted in writing to the State FFA Association before the January Executive Meeting of the Oregon FFA Association. A proposed amendment to the state constitution must be approved at the State Executive Committee January meeting prior to, the next State FFA Convention. All approved proposed amendments must be submitted by the State FFA Executive Secretary to the local chapters at least 30 days prior to the next State FFA Convention. All amendment(s) (approved at January Executive Meeting) to the state constitution may be adopted at any state convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, provided they represent a quorum.



NATIONAL  
FFA ORGANIZATION

## National FFA Organization National Constitution

*(As amended at the 90th National FFA Convention, October 2017 and  
ratified by the National FFA Board of Directors, January 31, 2018)*

### **Article I. Name**

The Future Farmers of America organization shall be known and shall do business as the National FFA Organization. Recognized units of the organization may officially use the letters "FFA" and/or the words "Future Farmers of America" to designate the organization, its units and/or members.

### **Article II. Objectives of the Organization**

The objectives of the organization shall be consistent with Section 3 of the organization's federal charter, Public Law 105-225 (formerly Public Law 81-740). The organization shall cooperate with national and state government agencies and officials in vocational education to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To be an integral part of the organized instructional programs in agricultural education which prepare students for a wide range of careers in agriculture, agribusiness and other agriculture-related occupations.
2. To strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and in their work by developing desirable work habits and the effective usage of their time; by learning to assume responsibility; and by developing competencies in communications, human relations and other social abilities leading to the intelligent choice of a career and successful employment or entrepreneurship in the agricultural industry.
3. To provide agriculture-related programs and activities which will develop pride, responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, patriotism and thrift; and which will improve the economic, environmental, recreational and human resources of the community.
4. To encourage and recognize achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs, scholarship, leadership and other individual and group activities by providing awards to deserving members and chapters.

### **Article III. Organization**

#### **Section A**

The National FFA Organization is the organization of, by and for students enrolled in agricultural education programs. It shall consist of chartered state associations composed of not less than four chapters chartered by a state association and having a total active membership of not less than 125 members. In the event a state association falls below the 125 members and four chapters, it shall remain as a chartered state association of the National FFA Organization. More than one chapter may be chartered in a school when deemed appropriate by the state governing body.

#### **Section B**

Chapters of the National FFA Organization shall be chartered only in such schools where recognized systematic instruction in agricultural education is offered under the provisions of federal vocational education legislation. Such chapters shall operate as an integral part of the instructional program of agricultural education.

Schools with large enrollments and/or multiple programs in agricultural education may establish subsidiary chapters of the parent chapter. Each subsidiary chapter shall be organized and operated in accordance with all the provisions of the national, state and local constitutions. Subsidiary chapters shall be coordinated by the officers and advisors of the parent chapter.

#### **Section C**

Students enrolled in agricultural education may meet in state convention, adopt a constitution which shall not conflict with that of the national organization, elect officers, develop a Program of Activities and apply to the national organization for a state association charter. Upon receipt of a charter from the national organization, the state association shall be part of the National FFA Organization and shall be empowered to charter local chapters.

### **Article IV. Procedures for Determining Standing of State Associations and Chapters**

#### **Section A**

A state FFA association shall be in good standing with the National FFA Organization when the following conditions are met:

1. All annual national dues or program affiliation fees have been paid to the National FFA Organization or shown by postmark or other reliable evidence to have been mailed to the national FFA treasurer on or before May 15.
2. All reports have been submitted to the national organization as requested by the National FFA Board of Directors.

3. Provisions of the state FFA constitution do not conflict with the National FFA Constitution and association activities are in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.

The National FFA Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend the charter of any state association which violates the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws. A report of all suspensions shall be presented by the Board to the delegates at the next succeeding national convention. In the event a state association is not in good standing at the time of the opening of a national convention, the delegates in session at that national convention shall have the power, upon recommendation of the National FFA Board of Directors, to withdraw the charter and refuse such association official representation at the annual national convention. When such action is taken, the association in question and the chapters and members thereof shall be denied the privileges of membership in the organization. Upon meeting the requirements for good standing, a state association may be reinstated by action of the National FFA Board of Directors.

### **Section B**

A chapter shall be in good standing with the state association when the following conditions are met:

1. All annual, state and national dues or program affiliation fees have been paid by the date determined by the state association.
2. All reports have been submitted as requested by the state association.
3. Provisions of the chapter constitution do not conflict with the State or National FFA Constitutions and chapter activities are in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.

The governing body of the state association shall have the power to suspend the charter of any chapter which violates the state or National FFA Constitution and bylaws. A report on all suspensions shall be presented to the delegates at the next succeeding state convention. In the event a chapter is not in good standing with the state association at the time of the opening of a state convention, the delegates in session at that state convention shall have the power, upon recommendation of the state association governing body, to withdraw the charter and refuse such chapter official representation at the state convention. When such action is taken, the chapter in question and members thereof shall be denied the privileges of membership in the state association. Upon meeting the requirements for good standing, a chapter may be reinstated by action of the state association governing body.

In the event a local department of agricultural education is discontinued, its chartered FFA chapter may officially operate for a period not to exceed three years (36 months) from the date of discontinuance, provided proper supervision is given by a person having the approval of the local school administrator and the state FFA advisor. The chapter's charter must be surrendered to the state advisor at the end of the three-year period if a local department of agricultural education is not in operation in the school at that time.



## **Article V. Membership**

### **Section A**

Membership in the National FFA Organization shall be of three kinds: active, alumni and honorary.

### **Section B**

Active Membership - To be eligible for active 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.

To become an active member and retain membership, a student must:

1. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study; either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program, the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career.
2. Show an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
3. Pay all current state and national dues or program affiliation fee by the date determined by the chapter.
4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.

A member may retain active membership until November 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduation from high school.

A member in good standing at the time of induction into the armed forces of the United States of America or into the FFA international program shall be in good standing during the period of active service without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces or FFA international program shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of four conventions following graduation from high school or leaving high school. Members using this waiver of service time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application for advanced degrees of membership must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from military service or completing their FFA international program and indicate such a desire by paying dues and attending meetings. Members participating in a six-month armed services program or participating in the FFA international program for six months shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership. No individual may retain active membership beyond his or her twenty-third birthday.

### **Section C**

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

### **Section E**

Honorary Membership - Farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, business people and others who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting or convention.

Honorary membership shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree in the local chapter, Honorary State FFA Degree in the state association and the Honorary American FFA Degree in the national organization.

## **Article VI. Degrees and Privileges of Active Membership**

### **Section A**

There shall be five degrees of active membership based on individual achievement. These are the Discovery FFA Degree, Greenhand FFA Degree, the Chapter FFA Degree, the State FFA Degree and the American FFA Degree. The national organization shall set the minimum qualifications for each degree. The Discovery FFA Degree is intended for use in state associations and local chapters where middle school membership is offered. Receipt of this degree is not necessary in order to obtain the Greenhand FFA Degree or subsequent degrees.

### **Section B**

Discovery FFA Degree - To be eligible to receive the Discovery FFA Degree from a chapter, the member must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education class for at least a portion of the school year while in grades 7-8.
2. Have become a dues paying member or included in the program affiliation fee of the FFA at local, state and national levels.
3. Participate in at least one local FFA chapter activity outside of scheduled class time.
4. Have knowledge of agriculturally related career, ownership and entrepreneurial opportunities.
5. Be familiar with the local FFA chapter program of activities.
6. Submit written application for the degree.

### Section C

Greenhand FFA Degree - To be eligible to receive the Greenhand FFA Degree from the chapter, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
2. Learn and explain the FFA Creed, motto, salute and FFA Mission Statement.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
4. Demonstrate a knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
5. Demonstrate a knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter Program of Activities.
6. Personally own or have access to the *Official FFA Manual* and the *FFA Student Handbook*.
7. Submit written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

### Section D

Chapter FFA Degree - To be eligible to receive the Chapter FFA Degree from the chapter, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least 180 hours of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program and be enrolled in an agricultural education course.
3. Have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the chapter Program of Activities.
4. A student after entering agricultural education must have:
  - a. earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the member's own efforts; or
  - b. worked at least 45 hours in excess of scheduled class time; or
  - c. a combination there of and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. Have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
6. Have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
7. Show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.
8. Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Have participated in at least 10 hours of community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid SAE hours.
10. Submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

Other requirements may be established by the chapter and/or the state FFA association.

## Section E

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

1. Have received the Chapter FFA Degree.
2. Have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree.
3. While in school, have completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, which includes a supervised agricultural experience program.
4. A student after entering agricultural education must have:
  - a. earned and productively invested at least \$1000; or
  - b. worked at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time; or
  - c. a combination there of, in a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
  - a. Performing 10 procedures of parliamentary law.
  - b. Giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA.
  - c. Serving as an officer, committee chairperson or participating member of a chapter committee.
6. Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local agricultural education instructor and the principal or superintendent.
7. Have participated in the planning and completion of the chapter Program of Activities.
8. Have participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level.
9. Have participated in at least 25 hours of community service, within at least 2 different community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid SAE hours.

The percentage of the total state membership which may receive the State FFA Degree and other requirements may be established by the state FFA association.

Written records of achievement of all requirements, verified by the chapter FFA advisor, shall be submitted to the state association at least one month prior to the state FFA convention at which the State FFA Degree is to be received. The state advisor shall provide for review of the records and submit a recommendation to the state association governing body, which shall nominate at the state FFA convention the candidates who have been found worthy to receive the honor. The State FFA Degree will be conferred upon the candidates subject to approval by the delegates at the state convention.

## **Section F**

American FFA Degree - To be eligible to receive the American FFA Degree from the National FFA Organization, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Have received the State FFA Degree, have been an active member for the past three years (36 months) and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities on the chapter and state levels.
2. Have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years (540 hours) of systematic secondary school instruction in an agricultural education program or to have completed at least the equivalent of 360 hours of systematic secondary school instruction in agricultural education and one full year of enrollment in a postsecondary agricultural program or have completed the program of agricultural education offered in the secondary school last attended.
3. Have graduated from high school at least 12 months prior to the national convention at which the degree is to be granted.
4. Have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program through which a member has exhibited comprehensive planning, managerial and financial expertise.
5. A student after entering agricultural education must have:
  - a. earned at least \$10,000.00 and productively invested at least \$7,500.00; or
  - b. earned and productively invested \$2,000.00 and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. Any combination of hours, times a factor of 3.56, plus actual dollars earned and productively invested must be equal to or greater than the number 10,000. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree.
6. Have a record of outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement and have achieved a high school scholastic record of "C" or better as certified by the principal or superintendent.
7. Have participated in at least 50 hours of community service, within at least 3 different community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid SAE hours.

## **Article VII. Procedure for Selecting American FFA Degree Recipients**

### **Section A**

Applications for the degree must be approved by the state advisor or representative(s) thereof and be received by the national organization not later than midnight of June 30 or show by postmark or other reliable evidence to have been mailed to the national organization on or before June 15, prior to the national convention at which the degree is to be received.

## **Section B**

Applications must be submitted on the official form provided by the National FFA Organization.

## **Section C**

The National FFA Board of Directors shall review the American FFA Degree applications and recommend those candidates meeting the minimum qualifications. Final approval of the candidates shall be given by the delegates present at the national FFA convention.

## **Article VIII. Emblem**

### **Section A**

The official emblem of the National FFA Organization shall include five symbols, namely: the plow, representing labor and tillage of the soil; the owl, representing wisdom; the rising sun, representing progress; a cross-section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests; and an American eagle surmounting the cross-section of the ear of corn, representing the national scope of the organization. The emblem shall also include the letters "FFA" and the words "Agricultural Education."

### **Section B**

The emblem shall be uniform in all state associations and recognized units thereof. All members shall be entitled to display the emblem.

### **Section C**

Greenhand FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official bronze emblem pin; Chapter FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official silver emblem pin; State FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem charm; and American FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem key.

### **Section D**

Honorary Chapter FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear either the official silver or gold emblem pin; Honorary State FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem charm; and Honorary American FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem key.

### **Section E**

FFA advisors shall be entitled to wear the official gold owl pin.

## **Article IX. National Officers and Procedures for Election**

### **Section A**

The elected officers of the National FFA Organization shall be a president, four vice presidents (one from each of four regions of the United States established in the bylaws) and a secretary.

### **Section B**

The elected officers shall constitute the board of student officers. It shall be the duty of this board to advise and make recommendations to the National FFA Board of Directors with respect to the activities and business of the organization.

### **Section C**

A state FFA association may recommend one candidate for national office each year. The state's candidate shall be approved by the state advisor on a nomination form submitted to the national executive secretary on or before August 1. All candidates shall be notified as to their eligibility on or before August 15. Those declared ineligible may file an appeal with the national advisor not later than September 1. The FFA Governing Committee shall vote on any appeal and formally notify the candidate of their decision no later than September 15.

### **Section D**

The national officers shall hold the American FFA Degree at the time of their election and must be active members for the duration of their term in office. They shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled at the national convention. A member cannot hold a national office and a state office at the same time.

### **Section E**

A nominating committee consisting of nine official national convention delegates—one chairperson selected at large and two from each of the four regions—shall study and review the qualifications of each eligible candidate. This committee shall submit its nominations to the delegates assembled at the national convention.

## **Section F**

The president and the secretary shall be elected from the candidates at large. The position of the vice presidents shall follow a four-year rotational cycle. The region from which the second vice president is elected during the current year shall be entitled to the first vice president the next succeeding year and so on for the other offices.

## **Section G**

National FFA officers shall serve from one national convention through the next succeeding national convention and shall not be re-elected, nor eligible for election to another national office. In the event a national convention is not held in any given year, the National FFA Board of Directors shall make provisions for the appointment of national officers for the next succeeding year. The National FFA Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint a qualified member to fill any office which becomes vacant between national conventions.

## **Article X. The National Advisor, Executive Secretary and Treasurer**

The national advisor shall be the senior program specialist for agriculture, agribusiness and natural resources, United States Department of Education, successor in office to the chief of the Agricultural Education Service. The executive secretary shall be a member of the agricultural education staff at the United States Department of Education. The national treasurer shall be an employee or member of a state agency that directs or supervises a state program of agricultural education under the provisions of federal vocational education legislation and shall be designated by the National FFA Board of Directors.

## **Article XI. State and Chapter Officers**

### **Section A**

The officers of the state FFA associations shall be: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and sentinel. Other officers may be elected as deemed appropriate by the state advisor and/or state FFA governing body. The state supervisor of agricultural education shall be the state FFA advisor. An executive secretary, executive treasurer, executive secretary-treasurer and/or other state FFA officials may be named by the state advisor subject to the approval of the state FFA governing body. All state FFA officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at any regular convention of the state association.



### **Section B**

The officers of an FFA chapter shall be: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and sentinel. Other officers may be elected as deemed appropriate by the local advisor and/or governing body. The teacher(s) of agricultural education shall be the FFA advisor(s). Chapter officers shall be elected annually or semi-annually by the members present at any regular meeting of the chapter.

### **Section C**

If a state association has been chartered for two years or more, all state officers shall have attained the State FFA Degree. If a chapter has been chartered for two years or more, all chapter officers shall have attained the Chapter FFA Degree.

## **Article XII. Meetings and Conventions**

### **Section A**

Except in case of an extreme emergency declared by the National FFA Board of Directors, a convention of the National FFA Organization shall be held annually. The purpose of the national convention shall be to conduct the business of the national organization and to recognize outstanding achievements of FFA members and chapters. The time and place of the convention shall be determined by the National FFA Board of Directors.

### **Section B**

At the national convention an official delegate assembly limited to 475 delegates will convene. This delegate body will consist of two official delegates from each state association to be designated as chair and vice chair of the state delegation, plus additional official delegates based on the individual state association's percentage of national FFA membership. The delegates shall be selected by the state FFA association. A quorum shall exist when both the following conditions are met at the time business is conducted: a majority of the official delegates registered at the national convention are present and at least twenty-six (26) state associations are represented by official delegates. Business items shall only be considered when approved by a delegate committee or by a two-thirds vote of the delegate body, except for proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws meeting the requirements outlined in Article XVII.

### **Section C**

Except in case of extreme emergency, a convention of the state FFA association shall be held annually prior to the national convention at a time and place to be determined by the governing body of the state FFA association. The state association shall determine the number and method of selection of delegates to the state convention.

### **Article XIII. Committees**

The president of the National FFA Organization shall appoint three regular committees annually: the Nominating Committee, which shall place in nomination the candidates for the board of student officers; the Auditing Committee, which shall review the auditors' report(s) on all FFA financial accounts; and the National Program of Activities Committee, which shall establish the annual goals and objectives of the national organization. Other committees may be appointed as deemed necessary.

### **Article XIV. National Board of Directors**

#### **Section A**

##### Governing Body

1. The governing body of the organization shall be the National FFA Board of Directors, which shall consist of: the national FFA advisor, who shall serve as chairperson; four state supervisors of agricultural education; and four staff members of the United States Department of Education with expertise and job duties in agricultural education. The national FFA executive secretary and treasurer shall serve as ex-officio members of the National FFA Board of Directors.
2. The terms of office of members of the National FFA Board of Directors and the method of selection of such members, other than the ex-officio members, shall be prescribed in the bylaws.
3. The National FFA Board of Directors shall meet at least once each year at such time and place as may be prescribed by the board and shall present an annual report.

#### **Section B**

##### Governing Committee

The chairperson and two members of the National FFA Board of Directors shall be designated by the board to serve as the Governing Committee and shall have the power to deal with items of business of the national organization. All official actions of the Governing Committee shall be reported to the National FFA Board of Directors.

### **Article XV. Dues**

#### **Section A**

Annual membership dues and program affiliation fees of the National FFA Organization shall be established by a majority vote of the delegates at the national convention. In the event the annual national convention is not held and/or the official delegates fail to set dues and program affiliation fees, the annual membership dues and program affiliation fees of the national organization will remain the same as the previous year. The National FFA Board of Directors

shall submit its recommendation concerning dues and program affiliation fees to each state association at least 45 days prior to the National FFA Convention.

#### **Section B**

The membership year of the National FFA Organization shall be from August 1 to July 31.

#### **Section C**

Annual membership dues and program affiliation fees of a state FFA association shall be established by a majority vote of the delegates present at the state FFA convention.

#### **Section D**

The annual membership dues and program affiliation fees of a chapter shall be established by a majority vote of the members at a regular chapter meeting.

### **Article XVI. Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the National FFA Organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution and bylaws, any special rules of order the National FFA Organization may adopt and any statutes applicable to this organization that do not authorize the provisions of this constitution and bylaws to take precedence.

### **Article XVII. Amendments**

#### **Section A**

Proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws may be submitted by a state FFA association, the board of student officers or the National FFA Board of Directors. Proposed amendments from a state FFA association must be submitted in writing to the national organization by January 1 for review by the National FFA Board of Directors. All proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws must be submitted by the national advisor to the state FFA associations by March 1. The board of student officers shall present their recommendations concerning each amendment to the delegates at the national convention.

**Section B**

An amendment to the National FFA Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates at the national FFA convention. An amendment to the bylaws shall require a majority vote of the official delegates at the national FFA convention.

**Section C**

Amendments to the bylaws must not conflict with the National FFA Constitution.

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## 2018-2019 Bend FFA Budget

| <b>Event</b>            | <b>Income</b>    | <b>Expense</b>  |                 |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Banquet                 | 950              | 930             | 20              |
| CDE days                | 0                | 375             | - 375           |
| Chapter Shirts          | 0                | 400             | - 400           |
| COD-district dues       | 0                | 250             | - 250           |
| Contest registration    | 0                | 150             | - 150           |
| Donations               | 1500             | 0               | 1500            |
| FFA week                | 0                | 100             | - 100           |
| Greenhand week          | 0                | 130             | - 130           |
| Leadership camp         | 0                | 1500            | - 1500          |
| Meetings                | 0                | 925             | - 925           |
| Membership              | 1500             | 0               | 1500            |
| National FFA            | 0                | 0               | 0               |
| Printing                | 0                | 100             | 100             |
| Rodeo Programs          | 700              | 0               | 700             |
| State Convention        | 1200             | 1400            | - 200           |
| State Fair              | 0                | 400             | - 400           |
| Chapter officer retreat | 0                | 60              | - 60            |
| Fundraising             | 7,000            | 0               | 7000            |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>12,850.00</b> | <b>6,720.00</b> | <b>6,130.00</b> |