

FFA Fun Facts

Membership

- Today, there are 500,823 FFA members, aged 12-21, in 7,358 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
- 38% of FFA members are female; women hold more than 47% of state leadership positions.
- 81% of FFA membership is Caucasian, 12% is Hispanic and 4% is African-American.
- 89% of FFA members are in grades 9-12, 6% are in grades 7-8 and 5% are high school graduates.
- 27% of FFA members live in rural farm areas, 40% live in rural non-farm areas and the remaining 33% live in urban and suburban areas.
- FFA chapters are in 15 of the 20 largest U.S. cities, including New York, Chicago and Philadelphia.
- The 2006 National FFA Convention was host to 54,489 FFA members, advisors and supporters.

Education

- More than 10,000 agriculture teachers deliver an innovative, cutting-edge and integrated curriculum to students.
- 92% of agricultural education programs offer agriscience, 71% offer advanced agriscience and biotechnology, 59% offer agricultural mechanics, 49% offer horticulture, 43% offer animal science and 24% offer environment-related courses.
- 23% of agriculture teachers have five or fewer years of teaching experience.
- The shortage of qualified agriculture teachers is the greatest challenge facing FFA and agricultural education.

Career Exploration

- FFA members participate in hands-on work experiences, allowing them to apply knowledge learned in class.
- Collectively, FFA members earn \$4 billion annually through their hands-on work experiences.
- Members participate in and learn advanced career skills in 49 national proficiency areas based on their hands-on work experiences ranging from food science and technology to agricultural communications to wildlife management to production agriculture.
- According to the student magazine readership study, 87% of our students are interested in learning about career exploration, 81% about college preparation and 81% about technology.
- Through 23 national career development events and one activity, FFA members are challenged by real-life, hands-on tests of skills that prepare them for career success.

Industry Support

- Agriculture is the nation's largest employer, with more than 24 million people working in some area of the industry. FFA prepares members for more than 300 careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.
- In 2006, 1,900 sponsors provided more than \$12.2 million for FFA and agricultural programs, activities and scholarships.
- FFA scholarships have totaled more than \$26million over the last 23 years.
- 1,822 students of agricultural education benefited from FFA scholarships for the 2006-2007 school year.



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FFA makes a difference in member's lives

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 FFA VISION

The National FFA Organization envisions a future in which:

- All agricultural education students will discover their passion in life, and build on that insight to chart the course for their educational, career and personal future.

The National FFA Organization collaborates with teachers, state leaders and others to deliver an integrated program of agricultural education that:

- increases understanding of, and respect for, agriculture
- encourages students to explore opportunities
- supports their discovery of natural talents and interests
- offers meaningful activities in which they can apply their skills and talents

Therefore, the National FFA Organization will:

- Make local agricultural education teacher success its primary focus, through model programs and activities that generate local program success.
- Reaffirm its commitment to the integrated agricultural education delivery model as a synergistic way of delivering academic, technical, professional and youth development content. Within this model, further improve for local students the role of experiential learning, the depth of personal engagement and the breadth of participation opportunities.
- Promote the widespread use of community based planning and support to develop environments that make the integrated agricultural education model successful.
- Develop stronger programs and support for state leaders of agricultural education.
- Offer programs and activities that are attractive to all students of all ages (middle school through college), diverse backgrounds and broad career interests in the agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources industry.

FFA BELIEFS

- We believe that ...
- Students need an environment and experiences that promote their personal growth...
 - The discovery of personal talents, skills and interests leads to personal growth.
 - Academic, technical, career and life skills and values can be learned.
 - All students need to be accepted, experience success and be confident in themselves.
 - Teachers educate and provide personal growth opportunities for individual students.
 - Classroom, experiential and group activities are complementary learning methods.

Within a supportive community, all students can...

- Recognize the benefits of their various communities and actively serve to them.
- Appreciate and embrace individual differences and varied experiences.
- Accept the responsibility for making wise choices about the course of their lives.
- Discover that career work can be inherently valuable and rewarding.
- Strive to achieve worthy, challenging goals.
- Build strong leadership skills.
- Develop positive attitudes and the courage to seek and find meaning in life.
- Integrate their educational, career and personal worlds into a meaningful whole.

This foundation will lead to a lifetime of personal growth and service ...

- Agricultural careers provide opportunities for individuals and benefits to society.
- Lifelong connections within the greater agricultural community create value for all.
- Active participation in civic life promotes citizenship and patriotism.

FFA VALUES

- Self awareness • Learning • Career Success • Integrity • Personal Growth • Service • Achievement • Agriculture • Self-confidence • Diversity • Leadership • Community • Teaching • Responsibility • Optimism • Citizenship



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