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GENERAL

If you have student memberships still sitting at the local level that need to be submitted to state, please submit them today!

Please continue to send Membership Payments ASAP. West Virginia FFA Association must be paid in full by May 15 to ensure our 5 state delegates are eligible to participate in the business that occurs at the National Convention.

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WV FFA Advisory meeting minutes: [WV FFA Advisory Meeting Minutes](#)

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The WVDE website has been updated.

[How to access WV Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Content Standards:](#)

- Link: [Career Exploration & Student Engagement - West Virginia Department of Education \(wvde.us\)](#)
 - Scroll Down to Blue Box - "CTE Programs & Standards," click View Standards (you may have to request access)
 - Then "Program Standards" to the left...
 - Then click the "AFNR" tile to access all ag. completion pathways.
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WVA AE/NAAE Updates & Opportunities

Please remit NAAE dues nationally to
<https://www.naae.org/members/membership/join-renew/>

Don't miss out on early bird registration discounts
<https://www.naae.org/convention/registration/>

Please refer all WVA AE inquiries to Allyson Lewis @ alewis@k12.wv.us

The NAAE Region VI Conference 2025 is available for registration! Please visit the website below for details on housing, potential workshops, industry tours, etc... We have a fun filled and professionally engaging event planned. Thank you to Darla Romberger and PAAE members for facilitating this event!

<https://s2.goeshow.com/naae/2025NAAERegionVI/index.cfm>

National FFA News

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

In January, the board of directors approved sending a constitutional amendment to the delegates of the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo. The amendment would remove the barrier of individual membership dues and move the organization to a full affiliation model. To learn about the amendment and find resources for states and chapters regarding full affiliation, visit the Removing Barriers page on FFA.org. The link is also available at the top right of the website, in the teacher, state staff and state officer dashboards, and on the delegate experience page.

Celebrate your state through the #SpeakAg Showcase!

Start thinking about how to tell your state's story through the #SpeakAg Showcase program! #SpeakAg Showcase allows FFA members to tell their states' agriculture story to a broader audience. Click [here](#) for more information on the program. While the deadline isn't until Wednesday, Oct. 1, we know it takes time to garner the video footage you may need to make your project successful! Chapters that submit videos will also be able to present their submissions on the Student Showcase Stage. Winners will be announced during the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo.

Student Engagement & Travel Assistance Grants - Accepting Applications!

Applications are open for Next Gen Ag Education, New Century Farmer, State Officer Summit, and Next Gen Emerging Technology. Visit <https://www.ffa.org/student-engagement-and-travel-assistance-grants/> to apply today! Applications for Next Gen: Ag Education close on Tuesday, April 15!

Seeking Judges for Grants for Growing

FFA is looking for individuals interested in judging [Grants for Growing \(G4G\)](#) applications. Serve as a judge and help us highlight the deserving chapters. Judging will take place May 29-June 27. You will be asked to score approximately five applications during the judging window. [Visit our volunteer site](#) to learn more and register. Registration closes Thursday, May 15, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

New! Careers in Power, Structural and Technical Systems: Lesson Plan

Introducing a new 8-lesson series with each lesson building upon each other. It is in partnership with John Deere and dives into the careers needed to take a new product from idea to finished product and beyond through a unit-long project that puts them into the shoes of various careers at John Deere.

Agricultural Education/FFA Annual Report Update National FFA will not require the 2024-25 annual agricultural education/FFA report to be submitted in 2025.

American Star Awards Judge Recruitment

FFA is seeking qualified volunteers from every state association to serve as judges for the American Star Awards. Individuals need a solid understanding of the SAE program, the Star and/or Agricultural Proficiency Award application, and pertinent industry

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knowledge. Judges can be teachers, state staff, teacher educators, corporate partners, and supporters of all kinds and have the foundational knowledge necessary to understand the document, including the financial pages. Please review the [American Star Judge Expectations document](#) to learn more. To express your interest or suggest other qualified judges, please email the information below to [Brett Evans](#), SAE Based Awards & Degrees Program Specialist, by April 18.

Name:

Email Address:

Affiliation/Background (*i.e., state staff, current or past ag teacher, teacher educator, supporter, etc.*)

Career and Leadership Development Events The 2024 exams and practicums have been posted to the relevant events "Past Tests and Practicums" folders. These are easily accessible from the [CDE/LDE webpage](#). Note: The agronomy and horse evaluation exams/answers are provided by outside certifying sources and are not available.

Career and Leadership Development Events Resource Now Available Webinar minutes of the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians and Parliamentary Procedure Event are now available. Click [here](#) to access the Parliamentary Procedure LDE resource.

Career and Leadership Development Events The 2026 Career and Leadership Development Events Planning Guide can be found on the [Program Updates](#) website on FFA.org. Handbooks for the 2025 events have been uploaded to the [CDE/LDE webpage](#) on FFA.org. For a detailed summary of changes for 2025 events, click [here](#).

2026 and 2027 Awards and Recognition Program Updates The 2026 and 2027 Awards and Recognition Program updates can be found on the [Program Updates](#) website on FFA.org. Documents will continue to be added to this website as details are solidified. [Subscribe](#) to receive emails when this webpage is updated.

National Chapter Award The 2025 Handbook and Rubrics are available on the National Chapter Award webpage of [FFA.org](#). A summary of the 2025 updates can be found [here](#). Please email nationalchapter@ffa.org with questions.

Give the Gift of Blue Do you want to apply or nominate someone for an FFA Official Jacket who would not otherwise be able to own their own? Visit <https://www.ffa.org/giveblue/> to learn more.

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Mark Your Calendars for the Washington Leadership Conference Registration for the 2025 Washington Leadership Conference will open at 6 p.m. EST Wednesday, March 5. More information on WLC can be found [here](#).

[News from West Virginia FFA](#)

New Advisors-If you need access to your chapter's FFA account, you must follow these steps, so we can get you approved. You need to do this ASAP, so we can ensure you are able to enter membership! [Request administrative access to a chapter - FFA Help Center](#)

State Officer Request Form Link- <https://forms.gle/ZRLbLkJytNpFXpHG9>

***Don't forget to email kari.brown@k12.wv.us when you submit!

WV FFA Chapter Voting Delegate Allotment - 1 Delegate per 25 members.

[WVU & AGEE Updates](#)

[Other Upcoming Deadlines & Dates:](#)

- **WV Envirothon** - April 16-17, 2025 - Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV
- **WV FFA & 4 H Horse Judging** - April 26, 2025 - WVU Horse Farm
- **Spring LDES -, Agriscience, and Agronomy** - May 6, 2025 - WVSU
- **State Officer & Nom Com** apps due - June 1 - [Programs](#)
- **Honorary State Degree-Teacher** apps due - June 1
- **National Honorary Awards & Honorary American Degree Applications** - (By Nomination Only) - Due to Nationals June 15
- **WV State FFA Convention** - July 9-12, 2025
- **WV CTE Conference** - July 29-30, 2025 - Charleston, WV (Details TBA)
- **State Fair of WV** - Aug. 7-16, 2025
- **Fall CDEs** - Sept. 25-26, 2025 - WVU
- **Fall Leadership Conference** - Oct. 1-3, 2025

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