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### **GENERAL**

Reminder: American Degrees must be submitted to the state by May 1, 2024. (If your degrees are cleaned up and ready to submit sooner, let me know and I'll push them through) Proficiency Awards must be submitted to the state by May 15, 2024.

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. complete pathways.
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### **WVAEE/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 WVAEE inquiries to Allyson Lewis @ [alewis@k12.wv.us](mailto: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>

## **The Latest National FFA News**

### **Get Ready for the Opening of Convention Housing!**

Are you ready for convention housing to open on Wednesday, May 14? For more information on the process and deadlines, [register](#) to join us for a webinar on Wednesday, April 30, at 1 p.m. EDT.

### **Dates announced for ILSSO 2026**

The 2026 International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO) will be held Jan. 4-16, with Jan. 4 being a travel day. Participating in ILSSO will cost \$5,000, which will cover international airfare, hotel costs, transportation and tours while in the country.

**Students who have traveled on ILSSO before are not eligible to travel again.** The location of ILSSO will be announced soon. Find out [more information about ILSSO](#).

### **Application Deadline for Next Gen: Emerging Technology Approaching**

Do you have students interested in emerging technology? Next Gen provides an opportunity for them to explore pathways through informational sessions, industry roundtables and tours. Applications for Next Gen: Emerging Technology, held in Fargo, N.D., Sept. 9-13, close on Thursday, May 15. [Apply now!](#)

### **Call for Delegate Coordinators**

The delegate experience is guided by a team of adult consultants known as delegate coordinators, who work with National FFA staff. Delegate coordinators guide the process through committee work at the State Officer Summit in July and at the National FFA Convention & Expo this fall. Delegate coordinators serve a three-year term and must meet one of the following requirements to be considered for the position:

- State FFA staff
- Agriculture education teacher
- Teacher educator at the postsecondary level
- Exceptional knowledge of FFA (including current facilitators of National FFA programs/former National FFA Officers, etc.)

Find out [more information](#) about the delegate coordinator position. To be considered for the position, complete this [application](#) by Thursday, May 15

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

Introducing [a new 8-lesson series](#), with each lesson building upon the previous one. 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.

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**Career and Leadership Development Events** The 2025 CDE/LDE General Orientation and overview schedule has been posted on FFA.org. Start planning with the General Orientation guide and review the schedule, which includes dates for competitions, finals, awards programs, and General Session presentations. To access the documents, go to the [CDE/LDE webpage](#) and select Key Resources>2025 Planning, Schedules and Guides.

### **2027 National SAE Award Type and Area Descriptions Posted**

As previously announced, in 2027, when the current Agricultural Proficiency Award and Agricultural Research Proficiency Award programs expand into the SAE Award program, a total of 101 award areas will be offered across the five SAE types. The complete award type and area description list is now posted as the [2027 SAE Award Area Descriptions](#). Please remember these do not go into effect until the 2027 award year.

### **National Center for Education Statistics: 2023-24 School Data**

The 2023-24 school data from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has been released and is now updated in the FFA/School Comparison tab under Association Student/Member Data on your FFA.org State Profile. It now includes grades 5 and 6, where available.

### **Give the Gift of Blue**

Through generous donations, the Gift of Blue program allows members who would not otherwise be able to afford their own official FFA jacket to apply or be nominated to receive a jacket. You can nominate a member to be gifted a jacket or learn more at [ffa.org/give blue](https://ffa.org/give-blue).

## **Last Week's National FFA News**

### **Lift your voice and show your talent!**

Do you know an FFA member with talent, a great voice, or a talented musician? Applications for the 2025 Band, Chorus, and Talent at the National FFA Convention & Expo are now open! [Apply](#) now!

### **Tractor Supply Company Grants for Growing Application - One Month Left to Apply (Due May 15)**

Grants for Growing (G4G) is a competitive grant program for middle and high school FFA chapters developing and improving student project-based or experiential learning opportunities. FFA chapters may apply for up to \$5,000 through the G4G program, sponsored by Tractor Supply Company (TSC). [Apply today](#).

### **Yearlong Living to Serve Grant - Now Open!**

Engage your students in experiential learning that addresses a need in your community! The 2025-26 Yearlong Living to Serve Grant application is available for

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middle and high school FFA chapters to apply for up to \$3,000 to support yearlong service-learning projects that address community needs in one of four focus areas: community safety; hunger, health and nutrition; environmental responsibility; and community engagement. [Resources](#) to help you with the grant are available. [Apply today.](#)

### **Register for Alumni and Supporters Regional Development Conferences**

April 20 is the deadline to register for free to attend a National FFA Alumni and Supporters Regional Development Conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico! Teachers, alumni, and supporters can network and learn more about how volunteers can help at the local, state, and national levels. For more information, visit <https://www.ffa.org/alumni-and-supporters/events/>.

### **2025 National FFA Week Brief**

We surveyed FFA advisors about the activities FFA members hosted and participated in during 2025 National FFA Week. We compiled this [report](#), highlighting examples of FFA Week activities, the National FFA Officer team's travels, Give FFA Day, and resources available for planning an engaging National FFA Week experience.

### **Webinar scheduled for Ag Tech Curriculum and Credential Program**

The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) is hosting a webinar exclusively for state FFA and agricultural education leaders on May 8 at 1:00 p.m. EDT to share information on the newly launched [Ag Tech curriculum and credential program](#) in partnership with Pearson, The National Council for Agricultural Education, and the National FFA Organization. [Register](#) or [contact us](#) for more information. An educator-focused webinar will be held later this summer.

### **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.

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### 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:

- **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