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Please continue to send Membership Payments ASAP.

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State Convention Band and Choir Application:

Deadline: **March 1st**

If there are any questions members and advisors can email Mr. Myers at rlm Myers@k12.wv.us

Choir application:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYM2r1dLkAxJVmOxnlFh97yFUXChTjJ3u-TL-cR5trjVdS7Q/viewform?usp=header>

Band application:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScomMDEq7a1fdRUjBZgs2Qm8FIKogGtarMaZrA7DhA9KnjMDgw/viewform?usp=header>

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

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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 click on "resources" (Yellowish box)...
 - Then "Program Standards" to the left....
 - Then click the "AFNR" tile to access all ag. completer pathways.
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Next Gen Scholarship at WVSU: As you know it is a great opportunity for our West Virginia Agriculture Education completers. We invite Seniors to apply by the Due Date of **March 31, 2025**

Some of the highlights are as follows: NextGen Scholar Benefits, Paid Tuition for a Four-Year Degree, Paid Room and Board for On-Campus Students, Paid Course Fees and Books, 1,500 Hours of Paid Internship with WVDA Agencies, Paid Meal Plan for , Commuter Students

Please see the link for more information and to access the application

<https://wvstateu.edu/nextgen/>

Contact Connie Dewhurst-Adkins for more details. connie.dewhurst@wvstateu.edu

WVAE/NAE Updates & Opportunities

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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 WVAAE inquiries to Allyson Lewis @ aelewis@k12.wv.us

January NAAE Committee Meetings are around the corner, slated to occur virtually, in the last two weeks of January. NAAE Region VI has three open positions that need to fill before the meetings. The committees in need are Advocacy in Ag Ed, Financial Review, and Professional Development. These terms are 2025-2028, beginning with the August 2025 virtual meetings (members selected at the January virtual meeting will be notified and invited to the August meeting). If you are interested in running for committee membership or leadership, you must do three things.

1 – Make yourself aware of the committee purpose and process. Visit:
<https://www.naae.org/about/leadership/naae-committees/>

2 – Complete a Memorandum of Understanding:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/cl/fi/syh9l035luv882urbqn9c/NAAE-Committee-MOU-Fillable-Form.pdf?rlkey=rlaekspxccjbbdstz1uk024fd&e=1&dl=0> This will be uploaded through the application (below).

3 – Complete the online application:
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6779068/NAAE-Membership-Committee-Application>

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

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.

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National Teacher Ambassadors for FFA: 2025-26 Application Open The application is now open for the 2025-26 National Teacher Ambassadors for FFA cohort. Applications close on Saturday, March 1. Teacher ambassadors are selected and provided training from the National FFA on various educator resources and experiences the organization offers. Once trained, teacher ambassadors serve in their home state by being a resource for other agriculture educators and answering questions about educator resources and experiences. [Apply today.](#)

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.

FFA Week Resources Now Available From implementation guides to promotional materials, FFA has everything you need to make this year's FFA Week a success. Click [here](#) for all your classroom needs!

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.

Help Promote National Ag Day Are you looking for resources and a new way to promote agriculture? Sign up to participate in National Ag Day on Tuesday, March 18. More information can be found [here](#).

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.

Give FFA Day

Give FFA Day is Thursday, Feb. 20

New Century Farmer

FFA Alumni ages 18-24 interested in pursuing a career in production agriculture are invited to apply for the 2024 New Century Farmer Conference, held July 20-24 in Indianapolis. Applications to attend or facilitate are open Dec. 15-Feb. 15.

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For more information, visit <https://www.ffa.org/participate/conference/new-century-farmer/>.

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:

- **Give FFA Day** - February 20, 2025 [Give FFA Day](#)
- **Summit Professional Development Scholarship** - Due Feb. 21
<https://forms.gle/yS3VhEP33JPa7ZbA7>
- **WVDA Day at the Capitol** - February 20, 2025
- **Farm Bureau Day/FFA Day at the Capitol** - March 3, 2025
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGmQPwyaHm-hOqFmGEQgGBhFYp8UVm1FVmYueWybEr3hwaMA/viewform?usp=sharing>
- **WV FFA State HBE Show and Sale** - March 9-10, 2025
- **Spring Membership Deadline** - March 15, 2025
- **WV Team Ag. Ed. Summit** - April 6-8, 2025 - Canaan Valley Resort
 - Register Here: [2025 West Virginia Agricultural Education Summit](#)
 - Booking Link: <https://www.canaanresort.com/book-now?pid=38899>
- **WV Beef Expo - Stockman's - Grasslands** - April 11, 2025 - Jackson's Mill
- **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
- **National Honorary Awards & Honorary American Degree Applications** - (By Nomination Only) - Due to Nationals June 15

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- **WV State FFA Convention** - July 9-12, 2025
- **WV CTE Conference** - July 29-30, 2025 - Charleston, WV (Details TBA)