

## Feb. 24, 2025 WV Team Ag Ed Bulletin

### GENERAL

Thank you for donating to and sharing the link for Give FFA Day!! According to our state page, WV brought in \$10,625 and ranked 9th on the Leaderboard!!!

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Please continue to send Membership Payments ASAP.  
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#### **State Convention Band and Choir Application:**

Deadline: **March 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

Choir application:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYM2r1dLkAxJVmOxnIFh97yFUXChTjJ3u-TL-cR5trjVdS7Q/viewform?usp=header>

Band application:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoMDEq7a1fdRUjBZgs2Qm8FIKoaGtarMaZrA7DhA9KnjMDgw/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 \(wvde.us\)](https://www.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

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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 ConnieDewhurst-Adkins for more details. [connie.dewhurst@wvstateu.edu](mailto:connie.dewhurst@wvstateu.edu)

### **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 @ [aelewis@k12.wv.us](mailto:aelewis@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**

**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.

**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

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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.

**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](mailto: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.

**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](#).

**Nominate a Senior for the DEKALB® Agricultural Accomplishment Award** Bayer Crop Science is proudly sponsoring the 78th annual DEKALB® Agricultural Accomplishment Award. This is awarded to one FFA member per chapter who exemplifies scholarship, commitment, work ethic and passion for pursuing a

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career in agriculture. Students must be high school seniors and be nominated by their FFA advisors. [Submit nominations](#) by Friday, March 14.

**Application Deadline for Next Gen: Agricultural Education Approaching** Do you have students interested in pursuing a career in agricultural education? Next Gen provides an opportunity for them to explore pathways through informational sessions, industry roundtables and tours. Applications for Next Gen: Agricultural Education are due March 15. Visit [here](#) for more information and to apply.

**Apply for Alumni and Supporters Grants** Thanks to Nutrien Ag Solutions and Tractor Supply Company, FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters and state associations can apply for \$1,000 grants to create and improve alumni and supporters chapters, \$2,500 to partner adults and students on projects, and \$5,000 to fund plant science-based projects. [Apply by Saturday, March 1.](#)

## [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](#)

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### Other Upcoming Deadlines & Dates:

- **Summit Professional Development Scholarship** - Due Feb. 28 (ExtendedDeadline)  
<https://forms.gle/yS3VhEP33JPa7ZbA7>
- **Farm Bureau Day/FFA Day at the Capitol** - March 3, 2025  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGmQPwyaHm-hOaFmGEQgGBhFYp8UVm1FVmYueWybEr3hwaMA/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
- **WV State FFA Convention** - July 9-12, 2025
- **WV CTE Conference** - July 29-30, 2025 - Charleston, WV (Details TBA)