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GENERAL

Important Registration Links:

- Feb 2 - FFA Day at the Legislature (Registration due Jan. 16):
<https://forms.gle/HHnrqDR6jdeKa82P8>
- WV FFA Foundation Scholarship App (Due Feb. 15):
[FFA_FOUNDATION_SCHOLARSHIP_APPLICATION.pdf](#)
 - Submission Link: <https://forms.gle/vEkxzYX4c2R3nqQt5>

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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 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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WVAE/NAAE Updates & Opportunities

WVAE is accepting feedback for future convention please complete this brief survey
<https://forms.gle/uASkAzkPK4AsH6BV8>

Now is the time to **join or renew your membership** with the West Virginia Association of Agricultural Educators (WVAE). Membership connects you to a strong network of peers, professional development opportunities, advocacy efforts, and leadership experiences—both at the state level and through the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE). [Join online https://www.wvae.org/](https://www.wvae.org/) Previous lifetime members, do not need to take action at this time.

Types of Membership Available:

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- **Active** - anyone who is professionally qualified to teach agriculture in K-12 or postsecondary public or private schools or state staff. This is where ag teachers, state staff, WVU, and WVSU staff would be.
- **Lifetime Active Membership** – NEW option! Just \$78/month for 10 months and you're a member for life – no annual renewals required.
- **Associate** - anyone engaged in agricultural education who is not professionally qualified to teach agriculture
- **Retired** - anyone qualified to be an active or associate member who has retired from the profession — Life active members who retire will automatically be moved to Retired Life membership without any additional payment
- **Student** - undergraduates or full-time graduate students training for careers related to agricultural education

One of the benefits to joining WVAAE are the benefits through NAAE including

\$100,000 in-dues professional liability insurance coverage. In-dues coverage does not include job protection benefits. For all benefits check out

<http://naae.org/members/get-involved/member-resources-and-benefits/>

Please remit NAAE dues nationally to

<https://www.naae.org/members/membership/join-renew/>

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

The Latest National FFA News

WLC Large Group Registration Deadline Approaching The deadline for WLC preliminary [group registration](#) is Friday, Jan. 16. For this form, you will need to know the week you plan to attend, along with the number of student and advisor packages. A separate form will be required for each week. [Register](#) today! All questions can be directed to wlc@ffa.org.

Tribal Agricultural Fellowship (TAF) Offers WLC Scholarships TAF is partnering with FFA to sponsor Native American high school students to attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., during week 5 (July 6-11). If you have a student who is 15 years or older by the beginning of WLC and of Native descent, encourage them to [apply](#). The application deadline is Monday, Jan. 12.

National Teacher Ambassadors for FFA: 2026-27 Application Open Applications are now open for the 2026-27 National Teacher Ambassadors for FFA cohort. Applications close on March 1. The National Teacher Ambassadors for FFA are selected and provided training from the National FFA on various educator resources and experiences

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offered by the organization. Once trained, teacher ambassadors serve in their home state by being a resource for other agricultural educators and answering questions related to the educator resources and experiences. [Apply today!](#)

Ag Day Essay Contest Students in grades 9-12 are invited to enter the [National Ag Day Video Essay Contest](#). This year's theme is American Agriculture: Imagining the Next 250 years. All entries must be received by midnight on Feb. 6, 2026.

NCCER to Offer Funding for Agriculture/Construction CTE Programs

The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) is offering special, limited-time funding for those interested in starting a new agriculture/construction CTE program at their high school. NCCER's [High School Builder Program](#) is designed to help lay the foundation for a successful agriculture/construction education program by providing curriculum, resources, and expert guidance through every step of the process. Students will earn industry-recognized credentials through this program! [Apply](#) now!

Minutes of the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo Delegate Business Sessions Now Available The [minutes](#) of the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo Delegate Business Sessions have been finalized and approved by the 2024-25 National Officer Team. They are also available in the [2025 Convention Proceedings](#).

Last Week's National FFA News

None due to holidays.

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.

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2026 State Fair of WV - Chapter Pictures Submission (up to three). Submit your pictures here: <https://forms.gle/AJVybjDdzwTnyyt48>

WVU & AGEE Updates

Other Upcoming Deadlines & Dates:

- **FFA Day at the Legislature** - February 2, 2025
- **National FFA Week** - Feb. 21-28, 2026
- **WV State Ham, Bacon, & Egg Show & Sale** - March 8-9, 2026
- **WV FFA Ag. Ed. Summit** - Stonewall Resort - April 12-14, 2026