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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" file to access all ag. completor 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 Today!**

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 ConnieDewhurst-Adkins for more details. connie.dewhurst@wvstateu.edu

WVAE/NAE Updates & Opportunities

WVAE Leadership Team is excited to see you at **Ag Ed Summit April 6-8, 2025 at Canaan Valley Resort!** As we prepare for this event, we want to share important updates regarding the **WVAE meeting time, membership requirements for voting,**

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officer elections, award opportunities. Please review the details below and take action as needed to ensure you're ready to participate fully.

1. At Ag Ed Summit we will have a WVAAE meeting on Sunday, April 6 at 7pm. We are finalizing details and will share with WVAAE members the exact location. To vote during the meeting, attendees must be members of NAAE (there will not be state dues this year) by Thursday, April 3, 2025. Dues can be paid at <https://www.naae.org/join.cfm>
2. As you will read on the survey, this is not a formal nomination. Prior to the election of new WVAAE officers, voters will be able to see who is willing to serve in the specific office. If you are willing to serve in multiple roles, feel free to check multiple boxes (keeping it to 3 or less would be ideal). Link to the survey <https://tinyurl.com/25WVAAENom>
3. This year we will announce Membership Excellence Awards at the banquet. Applications can be found at <https://www.naae.org/professional-development/naae-awards-scholarships/membership-excellence-awards/> All applications are due by 11:59pm on April 1, 2025 at <https://tinyurl.com/25WVAAEAwards>

2025 Membership Excellence Award Applications

- [NAAE Outstanding Agriculture Teacher Award](#)
- [NAAE Outstanding Early Career Teacher Award](#)
- [NAAE Outstanding Middle/Secondary Agricultural Education Program Award](#)
- [NAAE Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program Award](#)
- [NAAE Teacher Mentor Award](#)
- [NAAE Ideas Unlimited Award](#)

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

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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

State Relations Team-Update We are pleased to share that we have made significant progress in backfilling the open roles on the state relations team and have identified our new representatives! They will start with us next week. The official announcement is coming on April 2; in the meantime, we are finalizing team assignments and preparing to have our state relations support back in full force. Please reach out to Ambra Tennery with any questions: atennergy@ffa.org.

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.

SAE for All Strides We're excited to bring you the March edition of *SAE for All Strides*! This monthly newsletter is a collaborative effort of the National FFA Organization, The Council and NASAE. This month's newsletter introduces the brand-new Foundational SAE resource document, state check-in call sign-ups, upcoming events, state spotlights and more. Explore the newsletter [here](#). Archived issues of SAE Strides can be found [here](#).

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 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.

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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.

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](#).

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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:

- **WV Team Ag. Ed. Summit** - April 6-8, 2025 - Canaan Valley Resort
- **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
- **State Officer & Nom Com apps due** - June 1 - [Programs](#)
- **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)