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June 1 Deadline for Agriscience Reports, NCA Applications and Proficiencies

As you are completing your regional competitions, please submit all results to this spreadsheet: [📄 2025-2026 Regional Contest Results](#)

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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 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

- WVAEE is open to individuals involved in agricultural education, including K-12 and postsecondary **teachers, state staff, student teachers, and retirees.** We have over 100 people who fall in this category and less than 30 members. Aside from the benefits provided by NAAE <https://www.naae.org/members/get-involved/member-resources-and-benefits/#IndividualMembers>, we are an organization who strives to support one another through professional development, recognition and social events.
- Ready to join? Visit <https://www.wvae.org/>
- 2026 WVAEE Officer Election - Officers have a 2 year term. This year secretary and reporter will be elected. Please share if you interested at <https://tinyurl.com/WVAEE26Officer>

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

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The Latest National FFA News

Submit Your Delegate Proposals Today!

FFA stakeholders may now propose items for consideration by the national FFA delegate. Please read the [delegate proposal submission document](#) and submit proposals by using [this form](#). State FFA Associations, National FFA staff and members of the National FFA Board of Directors may submit proposals. All proposals must be submitted by 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, July 3.

American Heroes Student Art Contest

To help celebrate the 250th Birthday of America, the National Endowment for the Humanities invites students to participate in the [American Heroes Student Art Contest. Submissions](#) for the contents are due on Monday, June 1. Final awardees will win a trip to Washington, D.C., in July to see their arts and essays exhibited at the Great American State Fair. They will be recognized in an awards ceremony.

National Center for Education Statistics

The 2024-25 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.

Culver's Scoops of Thanks Day

Thursday, May 7, is the 12th annual [Scoops of Thanks](#) Day at Culver's. Guests of Culver's who donate \$1 to a local FFA chapter will receive a scoop of fresh frozen custard. This year, the day will feature a brand-new, agricultural-inspired flavor of the day: Blue Barn Brownie.

Share Your Ideas at the National FFA Convention!

Do you have an engaging activity, an innovative classroom strategy, a leadership lesson, or a student-focused experience worth sharing? Consider presenting a student or teacher workshop at the National FFA Convention & Expo! If you're interested in leading an interactive session and making an impact on attendees from across the country, [submit your proposal today!](#)

Awards and Recognition Historical Awards Database

Are you looking to confirm your chapter's historical records? You can access the Awards and Recognition Historical Database through FFA.org. State staff and teachers may use [this article](#) to navigate to the database through Profile. If you have questions, please reach out to Carol Herl, cherl@ffa.org.

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American FFA Degree Submission and Monitoring

41 states have submitted more than 4,400 American FFA Degree applications and are now being reviewed. The review process occurs in order of submission, so some states may have applications in multiple review states. State staff are encouraged to check the status of American FFA Degree applications frequently as the national review process continues. [Review the status interpretation key here](#). We highly encourage early notification to rejected applicants. The final submission deadline is June 15 at 8 p.m. [Review the submission instructions here](#).

Explore.Act.Tell. Program: A National FFA Endorsed Activity

The [Explore.Act.Tell. Program](#) is a no-cost, standards-aligned service-learning program that challenges middle and high school students to become community leaders. By focusing on food insecurity and civic engagement, the program provides educators with resources to foster student-led projects with measurable impact. Additionally, teams can enter the Challenge to win a grant of up to \$5,000.

Last Week's National FFA News

Lift your voice and show your talent!

Do you know an FFA member who has talent, a great voice, or is a talented musician? Applications for the 2026 Band, Chorus, and Talent at the National FFA Convention & Expo are now open! [Apply](#) now!

Scholarship Recipients Announced Tomorrow!

Scholarship recipients for this year's National FFA Scholarships will be announced tomorrow, Thursday, April 23 at 8 a.m. EDS. All recipients will receive an email at that time, as will state staff. All recipients will be listed on the [National FFA Scholarship webpage](#).

National FFA's 100th Anniversary

As we prepare to celebrate the National FFA's 100th anniversary, we are developing a variety of events to highlight key locations that have shaped the organization's history, and we would love your input, as well as that of your past state officers and other alumni. Let us know what would excite you to attend one or more of our celebration events by filling out this [brief survey](#). Please also share this link with past state officers and other stakeholders in your state.

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2026-27 Annual FFA Tee

We've received some questions regarding the placement of the emblem on our [2026-27 Annual FFA Tee](#). Our design guidelines for apparel are less restrictive when it comes to applying the emblem over a background, provided the emblem is not altered and remains clearly distinguishable. We approve these designs from licensed vendors and ShopFFA. Guidelines for most brands are generally more flexible for apparel for a few key reasons: physical constraints, wearability and aesthetics, contextual use and audience engagement. Core elements like emblem integrity and brand appropriateness are still protected in the context of apparel. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to branding@ffa.org.

Judging Season Is Fast Approaching—Volunteers Needed

FFA is looking for volunteers to help continue providing life-changing opportunities for our members. If you could share the following with potential judges, we'd be most appreciative!

“Judging season at National FFA is quickly approaching, and we need dedicated volunteers to make it possible. By volunteering as a judge, you directly support youth leadership, career readiness, and agricultural education nationwide. Get involved today by [creating a profile on the National FFA volunteer site](#). It's quick and opens the door to judging opportunities throughout the year. Your expertise truly makes a difference in the experience of our FFA members.”

[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.

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

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WVU & AGEE Updates

Other Upcoming Deadlines & Dates:

- **State Officer & Nom Com Applications** - Due June 1 - [Programs](#)
- **“Be the Impact” Essays** Due emailed to KB-S by June 1 (details below)
- **WV FFA State Convention** - July 8-11, 2026

2026 4th Annual “Be the Impact” Advisor Appreciation Competition

West Virginia is home to some of the best agriculture teachers and FFA Advisors in the country. Our students are fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from teachers that genuinely care about their success. To recognize these hard-working individuals, we are holding the annual essay competition called, “Be the Impact.”

Competition Rules and Procedures:

1. West Virginia FFA members may submit an essay using the prompt, “How has your agriculture teacher/FFA Advisor positively impacted your life?”
2. More than one member of a chapter may submit.
3. Essays must be in Times New Roman, 12-point font, and should not exceed 500 words.
4. The essay should include the name of the advisor, the chapter, and the name of the student submitting the essay.
5. Essays are due to Kari Sampson at kari.brown@k12.wv.us by June 1.

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6. Advisors who are the subject of a member's essay will be formally recognized at the State FFA Convention and presented with a framed copy of the essay.
7. Essays will be judged by an outside individual(s). One essay will be chosen as the "Be the Impact" award winner and will receive special recognition at the State FFA Convention.