

June 1, 2026 WV Team Ag Ed Bulletin

GENERAL

June 1 - 11:59 pm -State Deadline for Agriscience Reports, NCA Applications, Proficiency Applications, Honorary State Degree Applications, Proficiency & State Star Videos, "Be the Impact" Essays, State Officer Applications, Nomination Committee Applications and anything else I may have missed but you are well aware of at this point.

June 10 - State Deadline for Honorary American Degree Application

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. completion pathways.
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WVAAE/NAAE Updates & Opportunities

- WVAAE 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/>

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- 2026 WVAAE 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/WVAAE26Officer>

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

The Latest National FFA News Week of May 20, 2026

Congratulations 2026-27 Teacher Ambassadors for FFA

Join us in celebrating the outstanding educators selected as [National Teacher Ambassadors for FFA for the 2026-27 term](#). Learn more about the National Teacher Ambassadors for FFA [program](#) here.

Alumni and Supporter Grants Deadline Approaching

The next [2026 National FFA Alumni and Supporters grant application](#) deadline is June 1. The [Nutrien Ag Solutions grant](#) can be used to fund FFA student chapter affiliation fees or supplies and materials for local agricultural education programs. The Legacy Grants, sponsored by Tractor Supply Company, can be used to [create](#), [improve](#) or [partner](#) with FFA Alumni and Supporters Chapters. Apply today!

Student Workshop Facilitator Application Now Open

Student workshops offer high-quality educational experiences for FFA members at the National FFA Convention & Expo, and we are looking for energetic, committed individuals to join our team of workshop facilitators! If you know alumni or past state officers who would be a great fit for this role, let them know to [apply here](#). The application will be open through June 19 at 11:59 p.m. EDT, and final selections will be made in July.

American FFA Degree Status Report

Forty-two state associations have submitted over 4,800 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 phases. 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](#).

When the review process is complete for all early submission applications from a state, an official notification is sent to the state staff with a deadline for revised versions to be submitted. The deadline will give at least two weeks for revisions to be submitted back to NFFA. The June 15 due date does not apply to resubmissions.

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American Star Award Application Submission Details

Applications for the American Star Award must be submitted by 8 p.m. EDT on June 15. Please note that American Star Award candidates must be submitted twice, in two separate processes. All Star Award candidates must also be American FFA Degree candidates, which means they must submit their American FFA Degree Application. They will then need to submit their application for [the American FFA Degree with Star](#) through a separate process. Each state may submit a maximum of one star candidate in each of the four star categories. Review the [American Star Awards](#) webpage for information and category descriptions.

Plant the Moon: A National FFA Endorsed Activity

[Plant the Moon: Summer Lab](#) was created as a more flexible spinoff of the official [Plant the Moon Challenge](#). While the flagship program is more structured and competitive for use in classrooms, Summer Lab is about getting anyone and everyone involved in this citizen science experiment. You set your own pace and timeline, choose your group size, and run your project your own way, which is what makes it an ideal fit for a wide range of settings.

Calling All Judges: National FFA Finalist Selection Registrations Now Open

We are currently seeking judges for the [National Finalist Selection \(application judging\)](#). This round of judging will take place virtually from July 6-15. By giving your time and knowledge to this round of judging, you help us recognize excellence in the students who have devoted countless hours to their projects and research, gaining incredible, life-changing skills in the process. Visit our [volunteer site](#) to learn more. Create your profile today and sign up for an award that interests you. Know someone who would make a great judge? Feel free to spread the word!

Last Week's National FFA News

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!

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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>

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.
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.

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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.