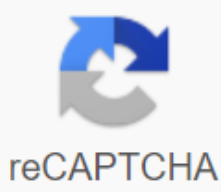




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FFA National OrganizationMottoLearning to do,Do to learn,earn to live,live to serve[1]Formation1928; 92 years ago (1928)TypeYouth organizationTax ID #54-0524844[2]Legal status501(c)(3) non-profit organization[3]PurposeTo make a positive difference in students' lives by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Headquarters U.S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education1410 King Street,Alexandria, VA 223146060 FFA Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278[2]Region served United States Puerto Rico Virgin IslandsPartigine 669,989 (8,630 Chapters in 52 State Associations)National FFA Advisor, Board ChairDr. James Woodard[4]Chief Executive Officer Mark Poeschl[5]Chief Operating Officer[6]National President of FFADoster Harper[7]SubsidiariesNational FFA Foundation, Inc. [2] Revenue (2015) 27,832,251[2]Expenses (2015) 612,465[2]Employees (2015) 232[2]Volunteers (2015) 3,500[2] Websitewww.ffa.orgFormerly calledFuture Farmers of America[7] National FFA Organization is an American youth organization 501(c)(3), specifically a student career and technical organization, based on middle and high school classes that promote and support agricultural education. It was founded in 1925 at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, by agriculture teachers Henry C. Groseclose,[9] Walter Newman, Edmund Magill, and Harry Sanders as Future Farmers of Virginia. In 1928, it became a national organization known as the Future Farmers of America. In 1988 the name was changed to the National FFA Organization, now commonly referred to as the FFA, to recognize that the organization is for students with different interests in the food, fiber and natural resources sector, including science, business and technology in addition to production agriculture. Today, the FFA is among the largest youth organizations in the United States, with 669,989 members in 8,630 chapters[11] in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA is the largest of the technical and career student organizations in schools in the United States. The organization holds a congressional charter under Title 36 of the U.S. Code. [12] Overview The FFA National Organization is a youth leadership organization that makes a positive difference in young people's lives by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The FFA motto is to learn to do, to do to learn, to earn to live, to live to serve. The FFA operates within the three-circle model of agricultural education as a student leadership organization that integrates a student's classroom/lab education and supervised agricultural experience program. FFA members can compete in Career Development Events (CDE) that cover professional skills throughout to mechanics. Some events allow students to compete as individuals, while others allow them to compete in teams. [14] These competitions can take place at local or district level, at the state level, and at the national level. Students are supervised by agricultural education teachers in collaboration with parents, employers, and other adults who help individuals develop and achieve educational and career goals The official colors of the FFA are National Blue and Corn Gold. [15] FFA Structure U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack (3rd from right) is with five former national FFA officers in 2011. FFA is represented at different levels across the nation; The FFA administration can change from state to state. The base levels are the national level, which serves all of the United States of America, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; state level, at the service of a single state association; and chapter level, serving a school or set of schools in an area. By definition, there may be three types of chapters at secondary level, they are average for middle school, junior for ninth grade and elderly people who can be from the tenth to the twelfth or from the ninth to the twelfth depending on the school. Other levels include districts, sub-districts, sections, regions, areas, and federations. The FFA was created to serve high school students and has moved to middle schools where membership can start as early as the age of 12, allowing members to become active earlier and stay active for longer. Each chapter was 31.00. There are also collegiate chapters. Most states hold FFA conventions at least once a year, where members gather to compete, be recognized for awards, participate in leadership workshops, discuss organizational issues in a delegated process, and more. Nationally, the National FFA Convention & Expo is held once a year in the fall. It was held in Kansas City, Missouri, from 1928 to 1998. The convention moved to Louisville, Kentucky, in 1999, before moving again in 2006 to Indianapolis, Indiana. Louisville hosted the national convention again from 2013 to 2015. The FFA announced in July 2015 that the national convention will be hosted in Indianapolis every year from 2016 to 2024. [16] FFA Officers As FFA is a student-led organization intended to serve young people across the nation, electing officers from their diverse membership at certain levels of FFA. These basic constitutional officials complete a basis of parliamentary procedure during meetings and banquets; every official during these procedures you position and recite the office level and what's stationed by, and why the particular location is stationed so. The typical roles of the officers are: Constitutional Officers President - Stationed by the rising sun, sign of a new era in agriculture; chairs the vice president meetings Stationed by the plow, the symbol of work and soil cultivation; presides over meetings in the absence of the Secretary President - stationed from the corn ear, to keep a record of all meetings and correspond with other secretaries wherever corn is grown and FFA members meet the Treasurer - Stationed by george Washington's emblem, to keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements just as Washington has kept its agricultural accounts, with attention and precision Reporter - Stationed by the flag, strives to inform the public so that every man, woman and child can know that FFA is a national organization that reaches from the state of Alaska to the Virgin Islands and the state of Maine to the Hawaii Sentinel - stationed by the door, to ensure that the door is open to everyone, the care for the meeting room and the equipment , strives to keep the meeting room comfortable, as well as assisting the president in maintaining the Councilor order - Stationed by the owl, the time honored emblem of knowledge and wisdom Others may include parliamentarian - stationed by a copy of Robert Rules of the Historical Order - Stationed at the roll or scrapbook chapter Student Advisor - Stationed by the owl or the key executive committee /Executive Committee Each officer is an agricultural student. Officials are elected annually by members at their level. National officials At national level, the organization has positions of President, Secretary and Vice President for each of the four administrative regions (eastern, southern, central and western). FFA Official Secretary Mike Pompeo with students at the Iowa FFA in 2019 Odessa Oldham, of Casper College in Wyoming, explained her role in the FFA National Organization to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as part of her celebration of Native American Indian Heritage Month in Washington, D.C., in November 2011. FFA jacket The most recognizable symbol of the organization is the blue ribbed velvet jacket worn by FFA members. The back of the jacket features a large FFA emblem under the member's state name. The name of the FFA chapter, district, region or local area is embroidered under the emblem. The front of the FFA jacket features a smaller FFA emblem on the left chest and the name of the FFA member and sometimes, if applicable, office and year on the right chest. FFA members are required to wear the jacket as part of the official suit while participating in all official activities of the organisation. The FFA jacket was created to be worn by Fredericktown Band of the Fredericktown FFA Chapter by Dr. Gus Lintner. It was adopted in 1933. The colour of the ribbed velvet of the jacket ranged from of blue to shades of purple over the years. In 2004, the FFA National Organization worked with a supplier in North Carolina to for blue ribbed velvet using samples of archived FFA jackets. The standardization of jacket color was accompanied by a restoration of embroidered FFA emblems and fit corrections led by Clemson University's Clothing Research Center. The improved FFA jacket, made in both Van Wert, Ohio and South Vietnam, was first made available in August 2005. Currently, all characters, embroidery and finishing of FFA jackets is completed by Universal Lettering Company in Van Wert, Ohio. [19] Elements of the official FFA members dress are required to wear official FFA clothing while participating in the official activities of the organization. The FFA National Organisation recently updated its regulations, stating that members can choose to identify how they choose regarding official clothing, in order to include transgender and gender non-compliant people within the organization. For females, the official dress consists of a black skirt (black trousers can be appropriate for travel and outdoor activities), a blouse with white collar, an official FFA blue scarf, black dress shoes with closed heel and toes, black nylon stockings and an official FFA jacket zipped upwards. The official men's dress includes black trousers, a white shirt, an official FFA tie, heeled and closed finger shoes, black socks and an official FFA jacket with zip on top. [17] Awards and pins FFA members earn metal brooches indicating success within the organization. These pins can be placed on the front of the FFA jacket.[17] however, official guidelines state that no more than three brooches can be worn at the same time. The breasts must be placed under the name of the FFA member on the right chest and can recognize the highest rank, highest office and/or highest prize in this order from left to right. There are two exceptions within the pin placement guidelines. When an FFA member obtains an FFA or American FFA Degree, prize keys must be worn over the name on their right chest or attached to the FFA jacket with a standard key chain, and no other key should accompany them. [17] Traditions Former FFA emblem in use until February 2015. FFA has many traditions and brands that identify it as an agricultural education organization:[20] The FFA Motto: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve. The FFA Mission: The FFA National Organisation is dedicated to making a positive difference in students' lives by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through Agricultural. [20] The Official FFA Colors: National Blue and Corn Gold (worn on official FFA jackets). The FFA emblem: cross-section of the corn ear: represents unity. Wherever you live in the United States, corn is grown everywhere. Rising Sun: it means progress. It represents that tomorrow will always bring a new day. Plow: means work the crate of the ground. It also shows the historical foundation of our country's strength. Eagle: symbolizes freedom and our ability to explore the new agricultural world. Owl: represents knowledge. Long recognized for wisdom and knowledge. Agriculture education and FFA: symbolizes the combination of learning and leadership. The FFA Creed: The creed was written by Erwin Milton E.M. Tiffany of Lyndon, Kansas and adopted at the FFA's 3rd National Convention. [22] It was revised to the 38th and 63rd FFA National Convention by the assembled governing body. It is recited by new members of the organization to reflect their growing confidence in agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA's creed also needs to be memorized and recited to get the Greenhand Diploma. I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not from words, but from fingers – achievements won by present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, although the best things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of past years. I believe that living and working on a good farm or being engaged in other agricultural activities, is pleasant and demanding; because I know the joys and hardships of agricultural life and I keep an innate predilection for those associations that, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny. I believe in leadership of ourselves and respect for others. I believe in my ability to work efficiently and to think clearly, with the knowledge and skills that I can guarantee, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our fatigue. I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in life abundant wealth and honest enough to help make it so-for others as well as me; in less need of charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends on me. I believe that American agriculture can and will abide by the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and in my community that will be solid for my part in this challenging task. Career Development Events FFA Career Development Events (CDE) are competitions in which members compete to test their skills learned through agricultural education. They vary at different levels of FFA, and some are contested only at certain levels and some states, districts, areas, or federations. [23] Nationally, there are 24 career development events:[23] Ag Business Ag Communications Ag Issues Forum Ag Meccanica Ag Sales Ag Ag (Insects, Seeds, etc.) Dairy dairy cattle valuation Handlers Attività Dairy Foods Environmental & Natural Resources Extemporaneous Public Speaking Floriculture Food Science & Technology Forestry Horse Evaluation Job Intervista Intervista Assessment Land Judging Livestock Evaluation Marketing Plan Meats Evaluation & Technology Nursery/Landscape Parliamentary Procedure Poultry Evaluation Prepared Public Speaking Rangeland Judging Wildlife Management Veterinarian Science Quiz Bowl Other examples of CDEs that may be available at the state level are: Small Animal Care Aquaculture Safe Equipment Operation Opening/Closing Ceremonies Wildlife Website Development Entom Tractorology Operations Greenhand E F.A.R.M education a member must have a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project. [24] The projects provide for the practical application of concepts and principles learned in the agricultural education classroom, with guidelines for SAE projects governed by the AFF state delegation. SAE programmes are grouped into four different areas: Exploratory – learning about the 'big picture' of agriculture and related career Research/Experimentation and Analysis – conducting research or analysis of information to discover new knowledge Property/Entrepreneurship – planning and operation of an agricultural-related business – working for both pay and experience in an agricultural environment, former students in politics Harold Brubaker, North Carolina State Representative, past National Secretary of the Pennsylvania FFA Jimmy Carter, Governor of Georgia, 39th President of the United States Matt Lohr, Head of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, former Representative of the State of Virginia, Past President of the FFA and Vice President of the National FFA Bruce Maloch, Senator of the State of Arkansas, Past President of the FFA and National Secretary of the FFA Rick Perry , former U.S. Secretary of Energy, former Governor of Texas, former FFA district official Jeff Miller (Florida politician), U.S. representative from Florida, past secretary of state FFA Jason Smith (politician), U.S. representative from Missouri Sam Brownback, U.S. ambassador to Large for International Religious Freedom, former Kansas governor, former U.S. senator, former U.S. representative, former FFA president and FFA national vice president Joe Wright, Kentucky Senate majority leader from 1981 to 1992 and founding member of the Kentucky FFA Entertainment Foundation Trace Adkins, country music singer Johnny Cash, country and rock & roll singer/songwriter, actor Chris Colfer, actor best known for Glee Easton Corbin , country music singer/songwriter Steve Doocy, network television personality on Fox News Channel and sales writer. Co-host of Fox & Friends in the morning. Matthew Fox, actor best known for Lost and Party of Five Brantley Gilbert, country singer Henley, intrattenitore musicale Toby Keith, country country singer, actor Lyle Lovett, country music singer Taj Mahal (musician), singer, songwriter, legally Henry Saint Clair Fredericks. He was massachusetts dairy producer Tim McGraw, country music singer Eddie Montgomery, country music singer, half of Montgomery Gentry duo Willie Nelson, country music singer Jim Ross, WWE Hall of Famer, former FFA Vice President Orion Samuelson, radio broadcaster Josh Shipp, Singer-songwriter Taylor Swift, country and pop singer/songwriter, actress Craig Morgan, Country singer/songwriter A-AP Rocky, rapper, songwriter, record producer, actor John Mellencamp, recording artist, Farm Aid Arts co-founder Jim Davis, garfield comic book creator Jared Hess, Napoleon Dynamite director Nicholas Kristof, Pulitzer Prize winner, past Oregon State Officer Other Dean of Mormon History, former National FFA vice president Howard Warren Buffett, grandson of famed American investor and philanthropist Warren Edward Buffett, former FFA chapter president Bo Jackson, American athlete and former multi-sports professional in American football (NFL) and Baseball (MLB) Sterling Marlin, NASCAR driver Brad Meester, American football center for the Jacksonville Jaguars of the National Football League, former ffa chapter president Retired American basketball player for the Vancouver Grizzlies Carroll Shelby, American automotive designer, driver and entrepreneur Chris Soules, The Bachelorette contestant and The Bachelor star, former Iowa FFA member Harry Stine, founder and owner of Stine Seed, former Iowa FFA member Mark Tauscher, American Football Offensive Tackle for the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League Historical events and milestones commemorating the 25th anniversary. 1953 1928: FFA is established. 1929: National Blue and Corn Gold are adopted as official colors. 1930: FFA official creed adopted. 1944: FFA Foundation formed. 1950: Congress granted the FFA a Federal Charter, recognizing the importance of the FFA as an integral component of school-based agricultural education. 1953: U.S. FFA postage stamp issued by the United States Postal Service. 1965: FFA desegregated; FFA absorbed the New Farmers of America organization for black students. 1969: FFA membership becomes available to female students. 1988: Change of official name from Future Farmers of America to National FFA Organization. 2006: The National FFA Foundation received its first \$1 million contribution from Ford Motor Company. 2010: FFA members earn a record 3,449 US FFA degrees. 2011: The Alumni FFA National Association celebrates its 40th anniversary. 2015: The National AFF celebrates 50 years of desegregation following the FFA and NFA. 2017: The national FFA elects the first African-American national president, Mrs. Breanna Holbert from the State of California. 2019: FFA celebrates 50 years of leading women in the organization. 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