



## Why Should You Support Kentucky FFA?



**FFA** is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



**FFA** develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success.

Members are future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields.



**FFA** is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agricultural education, which include classroom instruction, FFA, and Supervised Agricultural Experiences.

**Support of Kentucky FFA Foundation funds accomplishing the aims of our vision statement:  
Growing Leaders, Building Communities, Strengthening Agriculture.**

When you donate to the Kentucky FFA Foundation, you can designate which FFA chapters you would like to have first opportunity to receive your gift.

## Growing Leaders



Agriculture is all about growing things, and we believe there's no match for how well FFA can grow young talent. The Kentucky FFA Foundation supports programs that cultivate students' leadership abilities at all levels. From middle school to those exemplary students achieving their State FFA Degree, we ensure that all FFA members have the opportunity to learn & lead.

**Gifts to our Growing Leaders Fund support student access & opportunity in the following areas:**

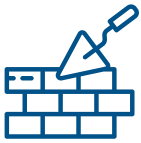
Scholarships for students with financial need to attend the Washington Leadership Conference, Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center and the National FFA Convention

FFA Jacket grants for students with financial need

Leadership development for Kentucky FFA State Officers



# Building Communities



The heart of FFA is the local chapter. Kentucky FFA has more than 165 FFA chapters deeply ingrained in communities across our Commonwealth. When a donor chooses to support local FFA Chapter development, the impact is far-reaching.

## Gifts to our Building Communities Fund accomplish the following:

**Grants for FFA Chapters to provide classroom materials that further agricultural instruction.**

Grants include investments in an aquaculture processing lab at LaRue County High School, a student land lab at Thomas Nelson, and so many other upgrades to technology, construction, equipment & more.

**Fund community service projects and opportunities for FFA chapters.**

This includes our Better Days Better Ways Grant program, which gives \$1,000 to chapters to start a sustainable food production project that benefits a food bank in their community.



**Support agriculture teacher professional development and coaching.**

Kentucky's support of agricultural teachers is one-of-a-kind. This includes our Kentucky Master Ag Teacher Program to develop and encourage veteran teachers to lead their profession, the Teacher Mentoring Program for first year teachers, and even a Program Development Specialist, a veteran teacher consultant who visits with teachers at their schools to help address issues or opportunities specific to their own situations.

# Strengthening Agriculture



The future of the agriculture industry is dependent on the next generation to be better food, fiber and fuel producers than ever before. Kentucky FFA members earned \$19.2 million through their Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects in 2018. They are not only the future of the industry, they *ARE* part of the industry now.

## Support for our Strengthening Agriculture Projects include:

**Grants for students to develop Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects**, like when Olivia Moore was awarded \$5,000 to invest in her produce delivery box business, "Moore Goodness."

**Record keeping and business planning software for students to become better managers and entrepreneurs.**

This software is web based and there's an app on students' phones, giving our members a head-start in entrepreneurship. This app allowed them to earn \$19.2 million in 2018!

**Awards for students SAE Projects**, including proficiency finalists

**Funding Agriscience Fair Research Projects**



A gift to any of the funds mentioned above will support FFA today and tomorrow.

We appreciate all types of gifts. If you are interested in learning more about how to support these program funds and how you can make a difference to FFA. Please contact me at 606-782-4620 or [sheldon.mckinney@kyffa.org](mailto:sheldon.mckinney@kyffa.org).