



# National FFA Alumni Affiliation Program Agreement



## **The FFA Alumni Vision:**

The vision of the National FFA Alumni Association is to be the premier champions for agriculture, agricultural education and FFA.

## **The FFA Alumni Mission:**

The mission of the National FFA Alumni Association is to support and advocate for agricultural education and FFA through gifts of time, talent and financial resources at the local, state and national levels.

## **The FFA Alumni Values:**

- We value the integral nature of FFA and agricultural education.
  - We value agriculture as an essential part of society.
  - We value diversity in serving all populations.
  - We value the impact of a teacher on a student's life.
- We value the impact and involvement of parents/guardians and communities on a student's life.
  - We value the community's support of agricultural education teachers and programs.

*For assistance or questions, please contact The National FFA Organization membership team at 317.802.6060 or email [membership@ffa.org](mailto:membership@ffa.org)*

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## What is the Affiliation Program?

The membership affiliation program is designed to easily mobilize volunteers to support local agricultural education programs and their FFA chapters. This program allows affiliates to provide membership, services and benefits to an unlimited number of volunteers/supporters for one fee while keeping the rest of their funds right at home for their local programs. This program will also assist the National FFA Alumni in their strategic goal of having an active alumni affiliate in every FFA chapter in the country and dramatically increasing the number of advocates and supporters with time, talent and resources at the local, state and national level.

## Program Highlights:

- Yearly fee of \$100 per local affiliate (plus any state dues that may apply) for the LOCAL affiliate program providing basic support to all volunteers at the LOCAL affiliate. (State-At-Large, Corporate and State Officer Affiliates are excluded from participating in this program) New lifetime members will still pay \$160 per person (plus any state dues that may apply).  
\*fee subject to change with approval from the National FFA Alumni Council and advance notice local affiliates
- Annual fee will be waived if the local affiliate has at least 25 life members (as of the end of the preceding membership year). Membership year for the National FFA Organization and FFA Alumni year is September thru August.
- A minimum of 10 local affiliate members must be in place for the affiliate to be considered active.

## What are the benefits of Program Affiliation?

- **EVERYONE CAN BE ALUMNI** - Makes it easy for individuals to join and less work for local volunteers and affiliates to obtain national membership and receive benefits. Helps to solidify that previous student membership is not required.
- **COMMUNICATION TO ALL** - Provides an option for those who want to offer their support both in volunteer hours and financial contributions to the local level and still have the ability to communicate on a national level. Allows members to receive key information keeping the local programs strong.
- **ACURATE DATA COLLECTION** - Mobilizes a larger network of local volunteers and supporters for local, region, state and national needs. Collects and reports their contributions in time, talent and support and be recognized for their efforts at the local, state and national levels.
- **NATIONAL PROGRAMMING** - National Alumni Association provides membership services and benefits directly to all members that are offering their support both in volunteer hours and financial contributions.
- **UNIFIED NATIONALLY** - Current booster clubs not seeing the value of national alumni membership become involved utilizing key information, promising practices and provided services.
- **STENGTH IN NUMBERS** - Increases the active national affiliates and combined support of alumni keeping an increased number of local FFA chapters and agricultural education programs strong and sustainable at all levels.
- **INEXPENSIVE MARKETING** – One low fee provides ALL members/supporters/parents with regular electronic marketing pieces directly from the National FFA Alumni Organization.

## What affiliates and their members receive.

- Ability to use the National FFA Organization tax reporting benefits as a National Alumni affiliate.
- Access to National FFA Alumni resources and programs to provide information, store resources, report data, report and process membership, search for career opportunities and discover promising practices to grow the affiliate, the local agricultural education program and its members.
- Key alumni and FFA Organization updates, information and all sponsor supported benefits available.
- Electronic “New Visions” alumni newsletter and FFA “New Horizons” magazine.
- New supportive resources for the local alumni affiliate and their members to become stronger advocates.
- The tools needed to work with school and community based partners to sustain and grow support for local agricultural education programs and FFA chapters, ensuring the success and experience for future generations.
- To be part of a national network united to support agriculture, agricultural education and FFA. Each local affiliate’s actions and support adds to the support of the state and the national level as there is increased support and benefits in numbers.



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## Affiliation Program Agreement

Affiliate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliate ID: \_\_\_\_\_ State Association \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures below indicate that parties involved have an understanding of timelines, policies and expectations associated with affiliation including:

### Affiliation Policies for Local FFA Alumni Affiliates:

- Program affiliation fees are for one year (September 1 – August 31).
- States must declare affiliated chapters by the **January 5** cutoff unless prior authorization is obtained by the National FFA Organization. This is to ensure correct invoicing is completed, and other possible issues may be resolved.
- Affiliates will submit roster(s) with required information including, but not limited to, address, email, gender, high school graduation year, etc. This information will be gathered in accordance with current state FFA membership processes.

The affiliation rosters will include unduplicated individual names and addresses of the following:

- All members identified as REGULAR
- All members identified as LIFETIME
- Under the Affiliation Program Collegiate and Associate membership will not be available
- Participation in the affiliation fee program is designed to be **ongoing**. Affiliates that sign up must remain in the affiliation program unless approval is received from the state association and national organization. If an affiliate chooses to leave the affiliation program, they must wait until the next membership year to opt in again.
- **Affiliation Program Fee = \$100 per year**  
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Affiliate President (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliate Membership Chair Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Local FFA Advisor Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Keep a signed copy of this agreement for your records.
- 2) Return a signed copy of this form by **January 5** to your state FFA alumni office or membership contact (or earlier depending on your state deadline).

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