



ALUMNI'S TOP 10

(questions asked about Alumni Membership)

1. Who can become an Alumni member?

- ❑ **Anyone can be an Alumni member; membership is open to anyone who is interested in supporting and promoting agricultural education and the FFA on the local, state and national level. (pg. 13 in FFA Alumni Manual)**

2. How much does an Alumni membership cost?

- ❑ **Annual membership - \$10; you will receive the FFA Alumni *New Visions* newsletter and a voice in alumni business; for an additional \$2, you can receive the National FFA *New Horizons* magazine.**
- ❑ **Annual Collegiate membership - only \$5 to collegiate students who are dues paying members of the Collegiate FFA. Now that's a bargain!**
- ❑ **LIFE membership - \$150 per individual – one time payment; you will receive a membership card, certificate, life subscription to *New Visions* newsletter and *New Horizons* magazine as well as a voice in alumni business.**
- ❑ **Corporate membership - \$300; this membership is extended to businesses and corporations. (see FFA Alumni Manual on pg. 13 for further details)**

3. How do you establish a new FFA Alumni affiliate?

- ❑ **State FFA Alumni Association – have at least 50 members who have paid National FFA Alumni dues; have bylaws in harmony with the National FFA Alumni Bylaws; have an executive group with a designated membership chairperson. (pg. 17 in FFA Alumni Manual)**
- ❑ **Local FFA Alumni affiliate – have at least 10 members who have paid National FFA Alumni member dues and State FFA Alumni dues; have a constitution/bylaws in harmony with the National FFA Alumni Bylaws; have a council of elected members; complete the application for Local Charter; submit the completed Application for Local Charter, the Constitution/Bylaws, completed roster, and national and state dues for at least 10 members to your State FFA Alumni Association. (pg. 17 in FFA Alumni Manual)**

4. How do I (affiliate) re-activate an Alumni affiliate?

- ❑ **Update your constitution and bylaws; elect officers; pay state and national dues; must submit Application for Updated Local Affiliate, submit a copy of updated constitution/bylaws, listing of elected officers, and state and national dues for at least ten members to your State FFA Alumni Association. (pg. 17 in FFA Alumni Manual)**

5. Where do I (affiliate) get the Constitution and By-Laws?

- A "recommended" constitution and bylaws can be located on the website (www.ffa.org/alumni) under the Membership tab; scroll to the bottom of the page for these documents.

6. How can having a local FFA Alumni Affiliate benefit me, my school and my community?

- An FFA Alumni Affiliate provides a means to further agricultural education; facilitates involvement and support of former members and others interested in FFA and agricultural education; promotes and maintains an appreciation of the American Free enterprise system; enhances the personal development aspect of FFA; serves as advocates for FFA and agricultural education on local, state and national levels; utilizes volunteer management tools provided by National FFA Alumni. (pg. 17 in FFA Alumni Manual)

7. Where do I (affiliate) get a GEN number and why do I need it? (group exemption number)

- First, as an affiliate you must file for your EIN number; this is generally required to open bank accounts or other investments that generate interest or dividends for the local or state FFA Alumni. Once you apply for and receive the EIN number, you would contact the National FFA Alumni Association at which time our accounting department will contact the IRS to have their EIN linked to the National FFA Organization EIN. Affiliates must remain active on the national to maintain this information. (pg. 15 in FFA Alumni Manual)

8. Where/why must I apply for an EIN number? (employee identification number)

- Again, this is typically needed for you to establish bank accounts, other investments and to file for the IRS Form 990. (pg. 15 in FFA Alumni Manual)

9. If a 990 form is received from the IRS, is it returned?

- Yes, if this form is received it must be returned to the IRS. When gross income is more than \$25,000 a year for a period of two years or more, the affiliate must complete the entire form. If the income is normally less than \$25,000 you are only required to answer the questions at the top of the form. You should also visit the IRS website for more information. (pg. 15 of the FFA Alumni Manual)

10. Where is additional information regarding FFA Alumni?

- You will find the FFA Alumni Manual at www.ffa.org/alumni; go to "Alumni" and on our website there is a wealth of information regarding membership, services, suggested activities, awards, activities, etc.