



# National FFA Alumni Association

## 100% State Affiliation Program 2.0 Agreement

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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 FFA alumni chapters 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 FFA alumni chapter 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 FFA alumni chapter (plus any state dues that may apply) for the LOCAL FFA alumni chapter program providing basic support to all volunteers at the LOCAL level. 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 FFA alumni chapters.*
- Annual fee will be waived if the local FFA alumni chapter 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 FFA alumni members must be in place for the FFA alumni chapter to be considered active.
- Eliminate dues collection. One fee covers all members. Please note that affiliation on the local and state levels is designed to eliminate individual dues. As a part of this program, local and state annual dues should not be collected. Donations may be collected by the FFA alumni chapter but should not be required for participation/inclusion.
- Save time. Save time in persuading individuals to join, collecting individual dues, writing receipts and handling money from members. This is a waste of many hours of valuable time that could be spent working to engage members.
- Alumni membership is for EVERYONE. This repositions alumni membership as an important benefit for our volunteers. Every volunteer is a member, providing the affiliate the option to engage all members in their programs, activities and communications.
- No money changes hands. Eliminates handling money several times by everyone involved in the process.
- Easy to budget. Allows ability to budget affiliation fee in advance for local programs and states.
- Missing individuals. No longer will you have to worry about missing an individual that has donated valuable time and energy toward the work of your FFA alumni chapter.



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### 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 FFA alumni chapters 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 FFA alumni chapters 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 FFA alumni chapters and their members receive.

- Ability to use the National FFA Organization tax reporting benefits as a National FFA Alumni chapter.
- 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 FFA alumni chapter, 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. Individual members can order paper copies of both for \$10 a year.
- New supportive resources for the local FFA alumni chapter 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 FFA alumni chapter's actions and support adds to the support of the state and the national level.



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State FFA Alumni Association Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State FFA Alumni Association ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Affiliation Policies for Local FFA Alumni Chapters:

- Program affiliation fees are for one year (September 1 – August 31).
- State FFA alumni associations must provide this agreement to their national membership contact prior to any of their local FFA alumni chapters begin submitting their membership in order to have 100% of their FFA alumni chapters be a part of this program. This is to ensure correct invoicing is completed, and other possible issues may be resolved.
- Local FFA alumni chapters and State FFA alumni associations will submit roster(s) with all required information. This information will be gathered in accordance with current state FFA alumni membership processes.

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

- All members identified as ASSOCIATE
- All members identified as ANNUAL
- All members identified as LIFETIME

- Participation in the affiliation fee program is designed to be ongoing. States that sign up must remain in the affiliation program unless approval is received from the national organization. All FFA alumni chapters in a 100% membership state are considered 100% affiliated FFA alumni chapters and are not allowed to individually opt-out of affiliation.
- Affiliation Program Fee = \$100 per year *\*fee subject to change with approval from the National FFA Alumni Council and advance notice local FFA alumni chapters.*

State FFA Alumni Association President (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State FFA Alumni Association Membership  
Chair Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State FFA Advisor  
or Executive Secretary Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Keep a signed copy of this agreement for your records.
- 2) Return a signed copy of this form prior to any of your FFA alumni chapters submitting membership to your National FFA alumni membership contact.

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