



How FFA Alumni and Supporters Talk About Their Own FFA Experience



FFA advisors and members across the country rely on FFA Alumni and Supporters to help support their chapters through the gifts of time, talent, and resources. How did FFA Alumni and Supporters' experiences in FFA make them want to give back to the organization? The following findings are from a survey conducted in Spring 2023 through the Forever Blue Network.

Alumni and Supporters attribute skills learned in FFA to their career success.

Top Five Skills Extremely Influenced by Alums' FFA Experiences

1. Developing leadership skills, 63%

2. Public speaking, 59%

3. Building relationships, 53%

4. Social skills, 49%

5. Career preparation, 43%

Did you know?

- 93% of surveyed FFA Alumni and Supporters report that FFA positively affected their career.
- 84% have worked in agriculture.
- Nearly 60% of those surveyed reported they are currently in a senior-level position or higher at work.*

What FFA Alumni and Supporters Say About FFA...



"FFA has been the sole powerhouse behind my lifelong commitment to personal and professional growth and has granted me a life full of happiness and love I would have never expected. Because of this, FFA has meant the world to me."

"I was constantly surrounded by supporters of agriculture. We all shared one love and passion for agriculture, whether we were working on the farm or in the lab or teaching the next generation. This support system allowed me to pursue my career dreams without looking back."



"The leadership skills learned and exercised through FFA allowed me to advance successfully in my career, ultimately being appointed to senior leadership positions by two governors and one U.S. president."

*59% of respondents selected senior level, executive level, supervisory level, management position or director.



FFA Alumni and Supporters value giving back to the next generation of leaders who will change the world.

How FFA Alumni and Supporters Support FFA**

Time, 40%

Talent, 30%

Financial resources, 26%



"I have found a great community in the FFA Alumni and Supporters. It's encouraging to be a part of this group of diverse individuals who have pulled together and worked hard to support our students in FFA and agriculture education teachers. I enjoy meeting others around the state who are passionate in their drive to provide opportunities for students to reach their full potential through agriculture education and the FFA. Being a part of my local FFA Alumni and Supporters chapter is something I am very proud of."

Start, continue or resume your FFA journey.

As of the writing of this report, there are **722,363** FFA Alumni and Supporters in **2,131** chapters. **Anyone wanting to support FFA, agricultural education and agriculture is welcome to join FFA Alumni and Supporters.** For more information or to join, visit ffa.org/alumni or email alumni@ffa.org.

Over 500 registered users of the **Forever Blue Network** responded to this survey to tell us about their FFA experience as well as provide other feedback; the feedback provided by respondents will impact future decisions for the FFA Alumni and Supporters.



There are many paths to FFA Alumni and Supporters membership.

- While the majority (84%) of FFA Alumni and Supporters surveyed identified themselves as **former FFA members**, 16% identified themselves as **supporters**.
- Types of supporters included **current parents of FFA members, parents of previous student FFA members, and other affiliations, including corporate partners, spouses of FFA advisors, or state or national FFA staff.**
- **It's never too late or too early** to join FFA Alumni and Supporters. A little more than one in three survey respondents (36%) indicated they have been involved in FFA for over 20 years, while others have been involved for just one to three years (4%).
- Most respondents (58%) say their FFA involvement spans **four to 19 years.**



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****Five percent (N=53) say they do not support FFA in any form. Forty-seven of the 53 reported they want to support FFA.**