



**PARENTS GUIDE
TO**

*Collierville
FFA*

WHAT EVERY PARENT NEEDS TO KNOW TO HELP THEIR
CHILD SUCCEED IN THE FFA PROGRAM

AGRICULTURE STUDENT LINGO

TERMS YOU MAY HEAR AGRICULTURE STUDENTS USE

CDE (CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS) – FFA/AGRICULTURE SKILL COMPETITIONS

LDE (LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS) - FFA/AGRICULTURE SPEAKING COMPETITIONS

CREED – THE FFA CREED IS A 5 PARAGRAPH DOCUMENT TAUGHT TO ALL MEMBERS.

DEGREES – AWARD RECOGNIZE STUDENT PROGRESS AND SUCCESS IN LEADERSHIP, AG EDUCATION AND THEIR SAE.

PROFICIENCY - AWARD RECOGNITION FOR STUDENTS WITH AN OUTSTANDING SAE PROJECT.

REGION - OUR FFA REGION CONSISTS OF FFA CHAPTERS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TO THE TENNESSEE RIVER

FFA MOTTO – LEARNING TO DO, DOING TO LEARN, EARNING TO LIVE, LIVING TO SERVE

FFA MISSION –PREMIER LEADERSHIP, PERSONAL GROWTH, AND CAREER SUCCESS

AET – THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF A STUDENT'S SAE, DONE ONLINE THROUGH WWW.THEAET.COM

SAE- (SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE) – INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING THAT TAKES PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM AND IS AGRICULTURE BASED.



Welcome

PARENTS,

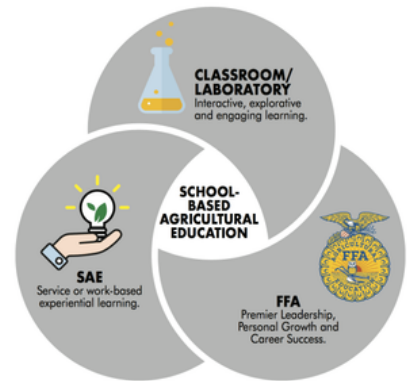
THE FFA ORGANIZATION HAS A LOT TO OFFER YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO KNOW WHAT IS AVAILABLE SO THAT THEY CAN HELP THEIR CHILD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES FFA HAS TO OFFER. THIS SHORT GUIDE IS DESIGNED TO HELP PARENTS NAVIGATE THE FFA ORGANIZATION AT THE CHAPTER LEVEL. HOPEFULLY THIS GUIDE CAN ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS, AND MAYBE STIMULATE SOME CONVERSATIONS.

AGRICULTURE EDUCATION (FORMERLY KNOWN AS “VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE”) IS AN ELECTIVE CREDIT-BEARING COURSE. STUDENTS MUST BE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM TO BE ENROLLED IN THE COURSE. WE OFFER DUAL ENROLLEMENT COURSE FOR TCAT COVINGTON AND UT MARTIN

THE AGRICULTURE EDUCATION COURSES CONSIST OF THREE SEGMENTS:

- CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION
- SUPERVISED AGRICULTURE EXPERIENCE
- FFA

AS A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN AG EDUCATION CLASS AT COLLIERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER IS NOW AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF COLLIERVILLE FFA.



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WHAT IS FFA?

FFA IS A DYNAMIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION WITHIN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION THAT PREPARES STUDENTS FOR PREMIER LEADERSHIP, PERSONAL GROWTH, AND CAREER SUCCESS. FFA WAS CREATED IN 1928 AS THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA; HOWEVER, THAT NAME WAS CHANGED TO THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION IN 1988 TO REFLECT THE GROWING DIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE. TODAY, MORE THAN 700,000 STUDENT MEMBERS ARE ENGAGED IN A WIDE RANGE OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, LEADING OVER 300 CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE, FOOD, FIBER AND NATURAL RESOURCES INDUSTRY. STUDENT SUCCESS STILL REMAINS THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE FFA.

FFA AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

FFA MEMBERS ARE PART OF A TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT CONNECTS STUDENTS TO EXCITING CAREERS IN THE SCIENCE, BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY OF AGRICULTURE. FFA IS ONLY ONE OF THE THREE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM, ALL OF WHICH WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH LEADERSHIP, ACADEMIC AND CAREER EXPERIENCES ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FFA

FOUNDED IN 1928, THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA BROUGHT TOGETHER STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND AGRIBUSINESS TO SOLIDIFY SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION. IN KANSAS CITY'S BALTIMORE HOTEL, 33 YOUNG FARM BOYS CHARTED A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE. THEY COULD NOT HAVE FORESEEN HOW THE ORGANIZATION WOULD GROW AND THRIVE. SINCE 1928, MILLIONS OF AGRICULTURE STUDENTS - NO ONE KNOWS EXACTLY HOW MANY - HAVE DONNED THE OFFICIAL FFA JACKET AND CHAMPIONED THE FFA CREED. FFA HAS OPENED ITS DOORS AND ITS ARMS TO MINORITIES AND WOMEN, ENSURING THAT ALL STUDENTS COULD REAP THE BENEFITS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION. TODAY, THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT, PROVIDING A PATH TO ACHIEVEMENT IN PREMIER LEADERSHIP, PERSONAL GROWTH AND CAREER SUCCESS THROUGH AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION. NOW, THE ORGANIZATION IS EXPANDING THE NATION'S VIEW OF "TRADITIONAL" AGRICULTURE AND FINDING NEW WAYS TO INFUSE AGRICULTURE INTO THE CLASSROOM.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES (POA)

THE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES (POA) IS THE FOWLER FFA CHAPTER CALENDAR FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. THESE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE JUDGING EVENTS, COUNTY FAIR, CHAPTER MEETINGS, FIELD TRIPS, AND COMPETITIONS. ASK YOUR STUDENT OR AGRICULTURE ADVISOR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING ON SOME OF THE TRIPS AS A CHAPERONE OR DRIVER. A COPY OF THIS CALENDAR WILL BE GIVEN TO EVERY STUDENT AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH YEAR TO HELP PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLAN ACCORDINGLY. YOU WILL ALSO FIND THIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS (POA) IN THIS GUIDE.



Collierville FFA Calendar of Events 2022-2023

Dates are subject to change or added

Contest Practices Mondays with no Faculty meeting, Wednesday and Thursday 2:40-3:40
Officer Meetings Tuesdays 2:40-3:40

August 10 th	First Land Judging, Horse Judging, Ag Sales practice	
August 25 th	Back to School Picnic Pendleton Farm	6:00 PM
September 1 st	FFA Student Interest Meeting	2:40 PM
September 1 st	Parent FFA Interest Meeting.	6:00 PM
September 20 th	Horse Judging UT Martin.	3:30 PM
September 29 th	Land <u>Judging</u> UT Martin.	3:30 PM
October 1 st	Ag Sales. Dyer County	TBD
October 1 st	Greenhand Conference Dyer County	
October 5 th	First Livestock Judging Practice and Ag Issues	2:40 PM
October 6 th	Parent Meeting (FFA Alumni Booster Club).	6:00 PM
October 26 th -29 th	National FFA Convention Indianapolis, Indiana	
November 3 rd	Parent Meeting. (FFA Alumni Booster Club).	6:00 PM
November 8 th	Livestock Judging Contest UT Martin	1:00 PM
November 17 th	Thanksgiving Party Location Bradford House	6:00 PM
Nov. 28 th -Dec. 2 nd	Christmas Float Decoration	
December 2 nd	Christmas Parade	
December 8 th	Chapter Christmas Party	
December 11 th	Officer Christmas Party. Location Sawyers	
January. 19 th	Ag Issues, Ag Communications UT Martin	3:30 PM
February 7 th	State Degree Due, <u>All</u> speaking contest Crockett County High School	3:30 PM
March 7 th	Skills Contest	
March 19 th -22 nd	State FFA Convention. Gatlinburg, Tennessee	
April 6 th	Regional Officer Interview	
April 6 th	Floriculture Contest. Jackson State. Jackson, Tennessee	
April 25 th	West Tennessee Regional Banquet. Jackson, Tennessee	
May 4 th	Collierville FFA Awards Banquet. CHS Cafeteria	



THE SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (SAE)

SAE: LEARNING BY DOING - A SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (SAE) IS A KEY COMPONENT OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION. WHILE WORKING ON AN SAE PROJECT, STUDENTS LEARN TO APPLY THE CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES TAUGHT IN THEIR AGRICULTURE CLASSES TO REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS AND SCENARIOS. A STUDENT SELECTS AN SAE PROJECT BASED ON HIS OR HER INTEREST IN ONE OF FOUR AREAS:

- **EXPLORATORY** - LEARN ABOUT THE BIG PICTURE OF AGRICULTURE AND ITS MANY RELATED CAREERS.
- **RESEARCH/EXPERIMENTATION AND ANALYSIS** - CONDUCT RESEARCH AND ANALYZE INFORMATION TO DISCOVER NEW KNOWLEDGE.
- **OWNERSHIP/ENTREPRENEURSHIP** - PLAN AND OPERATE AN AGRICULTURE-RELATED BUSINESS.
- **PLACEMENT/WORK EXPERIENCE** - WORK FOR A BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL, EITHER FOR PAY OR FOR THE EXPERIENCE.

THE CAREER OR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (CDE OR LDE)

FOR STUDENTS WHO ASK THEIR TEACHERS "WHEN WILL I EVER USE THIS IN THE REAL WORLD?" CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (CDES) AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (LDES) ARE THE ANSWER. SINCE 1928, FFA HAS WORKED TO CREATE CDES THAT DEMONSTRATE THE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND REAL-LIFE SCENARIOS CDES BUILD ON WHAT IS LEARNED IN AGRICULTURAL CLASSES AND THE FFA. THE EVENTS ARE DESIGNED TO HELP PREPARE STUDENTS FOR CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE. CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION COMES ALIVE AS STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS IN A COMPETITIVE SETTING. CDE'S TEST THE ABILITIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS IN OVER 30 MAJOR AREAS OF AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTION.

MEMBERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN:

CREED SPEAKING - PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING - EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING
JOB INTERVIEW - HORSE JUDGING - LIVESTOCK JUDGING - SAE PROFICIENCIES
FLORICULTURE - NURSERY & LANDSCAPE - LAND JUDGING - VET SCIENCE CONTEST



FFA OFFICIAL DRESS (OD)

AS FFA MEMBERS, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT MANY PEOPLE WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH THE ORGANIZATION: COMMUNITY RESIDENTS, BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN, FFA SPONSORS, GUESTS, PARENTS, ETC. THEREFORE, FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE CRUCIAL, AND THAT INVOLVES THE WAY WE DRESS. ALL FFA MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR OFFICIAL DRESS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES.

OFFICIAL DRESS INCLUDES:

- BLACK PANTS OR SKIRT (LADIES)
 - SKIRT IS TO BE AT LEAST KNEE LENGTH, HEMMED EVENLY ACROSS THE BOTTOM, WITH A SLIT NO LONGER THAN 2 INCHES ABOVE THE KNEE, EXCLUDING THE KICK PLEAT.
 - SKIRTS ARE USUALLY RECOMMENDED IN MORE OF THE PROFESSIONAL EVENTS SUCH AS CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING COMPETITIONS.
- BLACK SLACKS OR JEANS MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR TRAVELING AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. (GENTLEMAN)
- WHITE COLLARED DRESS SHIRT/BLOUSE
- OFFICIAL FFA BLUE SCARF OR TIE
- BLACK DRESS SHOES WITH A CLOSED HEEL AND TOE
 - DEPENDING ON THE EVENT BOOTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE RECOMMENDED
- SUN TAN NYLON HOSIERY OR BLACK SOCKS
- OFFICIAL FFA JACKET ZIPPED TO THE TOP



COLLIERVILLE FFA STUDENT LEADERSHIP

COLLIERVILLE FFA EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANIZED AND EXECUTED BY THE FFA OFFICER TEAM AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. ANY FFA MEMBER CAN BECOME A MEMBER OF AN FFA COMMITTEE. ELIGIBLE FFA MEMBERS CAN RUN FOR OFFICE. WE HAVE A JUNIOR OFFICER TEAM (GREENHAND OFFICER TEAM) AND AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CHAPTER OFFICER TEAM), AND SEVERAL SPECIAL AND STANDING FFA COMMITTEES. FFA ADVISORS (TEACHERS) ADVISE AND SUPERVISE STUDENT LEADERS AND FFA MEMBERS. EACH MARCH CHAPTER OFFICER APPLICATIONS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS TO COMPLETE IF THEY DESIRE TO SERVE AS A CHAPTER FFA OFFICER.

2022-2023 CHAPTER OFFICER TEAM

PRESIDENT - MELODY SMITH

VICE PRESIDENT - GAVIN BERRY

SECRETARY - NICOLE BRADFORD

TREASURER - REBEKAH SMITH

REPORTER - LUKE HOPKINS

SENTINEL - ELEA CORSON



DEGREES

STUDENTS CAN EARN DEGREES EACH YEAR THEY ARE ENROLLED IN AN AGRICULTURE COURSE. THEY MUST ACHIEVE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO EARN EACH DEGREE.

DISCOVERY DEGREE - THE DISCOVERY DEGREE IS FOR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED AN AGRICULTURE CLASS, HAVE PARTICIPATED IN AN FFA ACTIVITY OUTSIDE OF THE NORMAL CLASS, ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE FFA OPPORTUNITIES AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS, AND HAVE BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF AGRICULTURAL CAREERS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

GREENHAND DEGREE - THE GREENHAND DEGREE IS FOR FIRST YEAR (FRESHMEN TYPICALLY) HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. TO EARN THE GREENHAND DEGREE MEMBERS MUST HAVE SATISFACTORY PLANS FOR A SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (SAE) AND DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE CREED, CODE OF ETHICS, MOTTO, SALUTE EMBLEM, OFFICIAL DRESS, AND IMPORTANT DATES IN FFA HISTORY. THE GREENHAND DEGREE PIN IS MADE OUT OF BRONZE FOR ITS STRENGTH AND DURABILITY.

CHAPTER DEGREE - THE CHAPTER DEGREE IS THE HIGHEST AWARD A LOCAL FFA CHAPTER CAN BESTOW UPON ITS MEMBERS. TO EARN THE CHAPTER DEGREE, USUALLY AWARDED IN THE SECOND YEAR OF TAKING AG COURSES, MEMBERS MUST HAVE A GOOD SAE, EARNED AND INVESTED \$150 OR WORKED 45 UNPAID HOURS OUTSIDE OF CLASS, LEAD A GROUP DISCUSSION FOR 15 MINUTES, HAVE A GOOD SCHOLASTIC RECORD, AND HAVE EARNED THE GREENHAND DEGREE. THE CHAPTER DEGREE PIN IS MADE OUT OF SILVER.

STATE FFA DEGREE - THE STATE DEGREE IS THE HIGHEST AWARD A STATE FFA ASSOCIATION CAN BESTOW UPON ITS MEMBERS. SOME OF THE REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: HAVE RECEIVED THE CHAPTER FFA DEGREE, HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVE FFA MEMBER FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS WITH AN ACTIVE SAE (COMPLETE WITH RECORDS, EARNED AND INVESTED \$1,000 INTO AN APPROVED SAE, AND WORKED 500 HOURS, GIVE A 6-MINUTE PRESENTATION ON A TOPIC RELATING TO AGRICULTURE OR THE FFA AND HAVE A RECORD OF 25 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

AMERICAN DEGREE - THE AMERICAN DEGREE IS THE HIGHEST AWARD THAT ANY FFA MEMBER CAN RECEIVE. LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF ALL FFA MEMBERS RECEIVE THIS HONOR. IN ORDER TO EARN THE DEGREE, MEMBERS MUST HAVE THEIR STATE DEGREE, HAD AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF AG CLASSES AND ACTIVE FFA MEMBERSHIP, HAVE GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL 1 YEAR BEFORE EARNING THE DEGREE, HAVE AN ONGOING SAE, EARNED AND INVESTED \$10,000 AND HAVE A RECORD OF 50 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Greenhand Degree

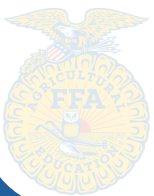


Chapter Degree

State Degree



American Degree



FUNDRAISING

THE FFA CHAPTER HOLDS VARIOUS FUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. FUNDRAISERS PAY FOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE FFA. MAJOR FUNDRAISERS INCLUDE MUMS AND PUMPKINS SALE, BEDSHEETS SALE AND SPRING PLANT SALE.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO ENSURE SUCCESS IN THE COLLIERVILLE AG PROGRAM?

- ASK ABOUT HIS/HER SAE:
 - WHAT ARE HIS/HER SAE GOALS?
 - HOW MANY HOURS IS HE/SHE WORKING? ARE THE RECORD BOOKS UP TO DATE?
- EMAIL OR CALL HIS/HER AGRICULTURE TEACHER.
- COMMUNICATE WITH THE AGRICULTURE TEACHERS ABOUT ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.
- KEEP FFA EVENTS ON YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR.
- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND FFA ACTIVITIES.
- PARENTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND FFA ACTIVITIES
- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO COMPETE. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.
- RETURN ALL PERMISSION SLIPS SO YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND FIELD TRIPS.
- SHARE ANY AGRICULTURALLY RELATED NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINE ARTICLES, OR MEDIA WITH YOUR CHILD.
- ENCOURAGE SPEAKING AND READING AT HOME
- ATTEND THE PARENT CONFERENCES
- JOIN THE COLLIERVILLE FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS BOOSTER CLUB
- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO APPLY FOR FFA DEGREES.

VISIT WWW.FFA.ORG TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FFA OPPORTUNITIES.

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