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Good Afternoon,

I hope that everyone's New Year is off to a great start! State Staff has many irons in the fire, including the release of Ag. Education Incentive Grants! Congratulations to all of the schools that received funding! We look forward to hearing about all of the great projects and hope that this helps those new and in the process programs get over some hurtles. Below are several important updates. Please reach out to us if you have specific questions.

AG ED/Professional Development Updates:

Congratulations to the 84 schools that received agricultural education incentive grants. Be sure to submit the vendor information no later than January 17th at 5pm so we can begin payment processing.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P6HV3MC>

June 17-20th NYAAE conference for all NY Agricultural Educators. Registration and Scholarship Applications are **LIVE- Submit a conference request to your school today to ensure that funds will be available for you in June.** Complete the online registration and an invoice will be provided for you to submit to your school. Cost to attend will \$495/participant. <http://www.nysffa.org/nyaaeconference>

SUNY Cobleskill Research Foundation, CTE Technical Assistance Center, NYAAE and Farm Credit East have each expressed their continued support of agricultural education and professional development. Each organization has committed resources to support additional scholarships for teachers to attend a 2018 CASE institute. Scholarships will range from \$1000-\$2500 each, and applicants can apply for both a Farm Credit East CASE Scholarship and NY CASE Scholarship.

NY CASE SCHOLARSHIP: \$1250-\$2500
APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 30, 2018
[APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS SIGNATURE PAGE](#)

FARM CREDIT EAST SCHOLARSHIP: \$1000
APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 2, 2018
[APPLICATION](#)

Please visit <http://www.nysffa.org/case> to learn more about each of these scholarships.

Do you need help? Just have a agricultural content specific question? Could you benefit from a few new lessons or ideas from an agricultural education colleague? NYAAE has expanded its agricultural education-mentoring program. **Please visit the [NYAAE mentoring portal](#), click on a mentor's name and reach out for assistance.**

Hello Ag Teachers, Oswegatchie Educational Center has openings this winter for your students to retreat to the Adirondacks! Join us for a weekend filled with comradery, fresh air, and your choice of activities such as snowshoeing, cross country skiing, winter survival and campfires.

Openings in Sutliff Lodge include <http://www.oswegatchieretreats.org/sutliff-lodge.html>

March 23-25

March 30-1 (Easter)

Openings in Foster Lodge include <http://www.oswegatchieretreats.org/foster-lodge.html>

Many Weekends! Contact us if you have a group of less than 24!

If you would like more detail about winter retreats at Oswegatchie request information from rwaite@oswegatchie.org

New! Earn \$100 for your FFA chapter by referring other groups to Oswegatchie. For more information and a flyer please visit the Camp Oswegatchie website: <http://www.oswegatchie.org/>.



New York FFA / New York Farm Bureau Membership Drive

New York Association of FFA Updates:

Below are some updates and reminders for the multiple events and activities coming up the next couple of months.

212/360, January 27-28: Registration is closed. If a chapter needs to make a change to their registration you must contact the state office. Chapters are responsible for the number of registrations you registered for. We will help you find a replacement if you have a student dropout. You can also send an email out to the FFA list serve letting others know but check with us first because we have a wait list.

Reminders:

- Payment must be postmarked to the FFA Office by January 12th with attention to Nancy Grossman.
- No room changes will be accepted after January 19th. Up until the January 19th you are able to switch students as long as they are of the same gender and are attending the same conference. **Please make sure you notify Catie Rowe ahead of time if you make a change so that we can update our records and know who is in attendance.**

State Convention: Plans for the 2018 state convention are well underway. The official hotel of the 2018 convention has had a name change, it is now the Rochester Riverside Hotel. This facility is ideally located to all convention venues with direct access via skywalk to the convention center with a short walk to the Blue Cross Arena. Most workshops and LDE/CDE's will be held in either the Rochester Riverside Hotel or Convention Center. Please visit our website for more information about reserving rooms for your chapter: <http://www.nysffa.org/state-convention-hotels>. **You are now able to make reservations.** You can now reserve up to five rooms at a time on the new online portal that the hotel has provided us. Please limit the number of excess rooms you reserve so all schools have the opportunity to join us at this location.

The convention planning sheet is now posted on our website for you to review and to help aid you in your planning. Please visit the convention website to find out more: <http://www.nysffa.org/state-convention>.

FFA Membership: The new **FFA roster** year started on September 1st. There have been many updates and changes to the system. Please read **ALL** of the following information carefully so that this transition can be as smooth of a process as possible. We have created a new page on our www.nysffa.org website just for help with FFA membership and help

with rosters. Please visit this link for information and tutorials on how to do your student roster this year: <http://www.nysffa.org/membership/>. As our state continues to see growth in our membership, we are starting to see some overlap with our homeschools and BOCES centers having students in two programs. As a reminder, students can only be members in one chapter. This is a student's choice which chapter they will be a member of. In order to be a member of a chapter students should be receiving instruction from the certified agriculture teacher at that program. **A new policy that took affect September 1st is, 7-12th grade members must be added to the national roster, only 6th graders can be added to the NY Only Roster.**

State Leaders Experience, February 5-6: Congratulations to all of the students and chapters that were selected to attend SLE! We will be sending additional information this week to participants and their advisors directly. **As a reminder the registration fee (\$95) for ALL students must be postmarked by January 22, 2018 to the State FFA Office. Adults attending this event do not have a fee. We highly recommend that students reach out to their county farm bureau for support.**

District President and State Officers Applications and Handbooks: We have updated and posted the DP and SO Handbooks. These can be found at this link: <http://www.nysffa.org/apps/2015/9/23/leadership-awards-applications>. The new application is an online application. Everything will be submitted online except for the DP and SO contracts which can be found in the updated handbooks. Those must be mailed to the state office post marked by the deadline. Our address is 300 Kennedy Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. Letters of intent must be emailed to dhill@cornell.edu by the respective deadlines. The State Officers are developing a proposal to be reviewed by the Governing Board related to the time and location of the State Officer Selection. Therefore, in the updated handbooks it says To Be Determined. Once the Governing Board has made a decision on the timing and location of State Officer selection we will send information out. **District President selection process will still take place at sub-states.**

District President Deadlines:

- Application Due: 2/15/18
- Selection Process will take place at your sub-state

location on 3/17/18

- District Presidents will be elected at State

Convention on 5/18/18 by the delegates from their district.

Students who which to serve on the District President NOM COM should notify their Trustee by March 1st.

State Officer Deadlines:

- Letter of Intent (email to dhill@cornell.edu) Due:

3/1/18

- Application Due: 3/15/18
- Selection Process Location and Date: TBD (Will

announce this by 2/1/18)

- State Officers will be elected at State Convention by

the delegates.

Students who which to serve on the State Officer Selection NOM COM should fill out the application on our website (<http://www.nysffa.org/apps/2015/9/23/leadership-awards-applications>) by 3/15/18.

The National FFA Scholarship application is now LIVE! Applications are due **February 1st**. Students must be on

this year's roster to complete the application. Scholarship signature pages are due postmarked to National FFA by February 8th.

Calling all CDE Lovers!

If you or someone you know has a passion for competition and want to judge at the 2018 State Convention in Rochester fill out this form! <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/45754-Aoe> This link can also be found under the "JUDGE FFA CONTESTS" tab on the State Convention page (<http://www.nysffa.org/state-convention>)

Do you want to be more involved in competitions this year? Do you enjoy seeing students hard work come to life in their favorite competitions? Become a CDE Coordinator! Email Catie Rowe at cmr323@cornell.edu for more information.

CDEs that need Coordinators for 2018:

Jr/ Sr People in Ag
Sr Prepared Public Speaking
Scrapbook/Secretary's Book/Reporter's Award

CDEs that need a Coordinator for 2019:

Jr Prepared Public Speaking

AET Webinars are now posted at this link for you to reference: [http://www.nysffa.org/resources/!](http://www.nysffa.org/resources/)

We will be offering two more opportunities for advisors to learn and ask questions about AET on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 3 and 4pm.

National FFA Updates:

1. New Endowment Established to Support FFA

The National FFA Foundation has worked with donors Julie A. Hardy Ellis and Don Bumgardner to establish a new endowment. The endowment is called the Joseph Allen Hardy and Helen Williamson Hardy Scholarship Endowment. Joseph Hardy worked as superintendent of vocational education in southwest Virginia. When Joseph and Helen were first married, Helen worked for the state of Virginia in a department where she visited the homes of underprivileged families and worked with them to better manage their resources. Later, Helen and Joseph moved to Pulaski, Va., where they worked a 266-acre farm and raised their daughters. The endowment will fund a scholarship for a student from southwest Virginia or northeast Tennessee to attend a university or college and study agriculture.

2. Semester-Long Living to Serve Grant Now Open

To promote literacy, the Cambridge FFA in Illinois designed, built and installed free "Little Libraries" throughout their community. The libraries are designed as large birdhouses, and community members are encouraged to take a book and replace it with one of their own. FFA members continue to maintain the book supply. To help chapters like Cambridge FFA continue to serve their communities, we are offering a Semester-Long Living to Serve Grant to support service projects like this one. Applications are due Feb. 1. Visit FFA.org/LivingToServe/Grants to apply.

3. Requesting SAE Projects

Know an FFA member who has a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) project making and selling smaller, nonperishable, nonfood products that could be used as gifts? National FFA is looking for products that are easy to ship and distribute as a way to showcase our members to FFA supporters. We know our students do exciting things; what better way to share their accomplishments! If you have a student in mind, send their name, email and chapter name to Casey Zufelt, czufelt@ffa.org. If national staff reaches out to a student to discuss a project, they will also be in touch with the student's advisor.

4. FFA Alumni Legacy Grants

The 2017 FFA Alumni Legacy Grants have now been awarded to more than 30 chapters to create an alumni chapter, improve an existing alumni chapter or partner with a local FFA chapter. A big thank you to FFA sponsor Tractor Supply Company; they supported these grants by donating the proceeds of their convention T-shirt sales. These grants impacted 22 states! The 2018 grant applications are now open. The first round of applications is due March 1. Anyone is welcome to apply; visit our [alumni grants and scholarships webpage](#) for more.

5. How Will We Feed 9 Billion People by the Year 2050?

FFA has partnered with Nutrien on Journey 2050, a STEM program that has lesson plans, videos and interactive games. Students virtually farm and learn to balance their social, economic and environmental footprint locally and globally. Farm families across the world guide students through a virtual farm simulation, career avatar and more. We encourage you to check it out: Journey2050.com.

Farmers 2050 is the newest farm game to hit the Apple and Google Play stores. This free farm game doesn't have any ads or in-app fees. It's a great educational game to show the innovation and best practices in agriculture. Download it from the App Store or Google Play. www.Farmers2050.com

The app was launched at the National Association of Agricultural Educators convention, and we would love to get 50,000 downloads before the end of the month for our friends at Nutrien.

Quick links:

- [View on App Store](#)
- [View on Google Play](#)
- [View Video](#)

6. Apply Now: Grants for Growing

The successful Grants for Growing Chapter Grant Program is back, thanks to Tractor Supply Company (TSC). Advisors can complete a grant application on FFA.org now until Feb. 14. Eligibility is based on how the grant money will be used plus volunteer hours and promotional activities during the fundraising period. This is a competitive grant process; any volunteer hours or promotional activities during the fundraising period do not guarantee an award.

The fundraising period in 2018 will be Feb. 16-25, incorporating National FFA Week, and includes paper emblems sold at TSC checkouts. Every dollar raised in a state stays in that state, and 10 percent of all funds raised go to the state FFA foundation. Last year, TSC and its customers raised \$731,345 to award more than [300 FFA chapter](#) and 48 state FFA foundation grants. Visit FFA.org/GrantsForGrowing for more information.

7. Heartfelt Thanks

As we've said before, our sponsors and donors are the backbones of our organization, and we're thankful for their endless hours of support and financial commitment. One such supporter is the 2015-17 Chair of the National FFA Individual Giving Council and past national officer Corey Rosenbusch. Now serving as the council's immediate past chair, Corey continues to be a leading force in our individual giving efforts and

last week, was honored during a thank-you lunch.

8. Intern at the USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers semester-long paid internships each semester (spring, summer and fall) located in all 50 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C. Collegiate students (sophomore status and above) or students having completed one full year of college, professional program, trade school, or other, with a direct interest in agriculture (production, law, communications, business, technology, etc.) can apply. The summer 2018 internship application period is Jan. 22-26. Visit www.USAjobs.gov and look for One USDA Internships. Applications should include one PDF document with a resume and cover letter and an official transcript. Applicants will be notified on or around Feb. 23. The fall 2018 internship application period will open in April 2018. The spring 2019 internship application period will open in September 2018.

9. Proficiency Award and American Degree Updates

Please see the attached form for all of the 2018 updates.

10. Reminder that John Deere Offers Scholarships for FFA Members

Students have the option to contact their local John Deere dealership as part of a National FFA Scholarship program for scholarship support. Please visit this link for more information:

https://www.ffa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/localengagement_john_deere_2016_commitment_form.pdf.

Stay warm out there!



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