



# NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION, INC.

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**TO:** New Jersey Teachers of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and FFA Members

**FROM:** Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist and State FFA Executive Board

**CC:** Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

**RE: Leadership Experience and Development (L.E.A.D.)**

- Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT)
- Leadership and Opportunities Conference (LOC)
- State Greenhand Conference (SGC)

**Friday, October 7, 2016 12:00 pm - Saturday, October 8, 2016, 6:30 pm;**

**NEW LOCATION** Crowne Plaza Monroe South Brunswick (*directions on last page*)

**DATE:** July 12, 2016

The 2016-2017 State FFA Executive Board is excited to announce – **Leadership Experience and Development. (L.E.A.D.)**. L.E.A.D. is a three-conference experience meeting the needs of **ALL** FFA members!

## NEW IN 2016

Farm Credit East FFA Leadership Grant – Due August 1, 2016

Leadership Grants are available for LEAD. For more information, visit

[http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag\\_ed/bulletin/FCE\\_Grant\\_Application.pdf](http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/FCE_Grant_Application.pdf).

The NJ FFA Association welcomes ALL FFA members to attend L.E.A.D. Here's how...



- **State Greenhand Conference (SGC):** All first-year FFA members in 7-10<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY are invited to attend State Greenhand Conference (SGC) where the State FFA Executive Committee will help participants discover FFA opportunities, plan for Supervised Agricultural Experience programs, develop relationship building skills, and develop career, personal and leadership goals. By the end of the conference, participants will be awarded certificates of completion for meeting the requirements of the Greenhand FFA Degree.

- **360°:** Remaining FFA members (including chapter officers) are invited to attend 360° where the state FFA officers will take them full circle through chapter leadership development. The theme for this year's conference is Vision. 360° will have two tracks – Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) and Leadership and Opportunities Conference (LOC).
  - **Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT):** Chapter FFA Officers are invited to participate in three additional workshops exclusive for chapter officers – Officer Challenge, Perspectives, and POA Challenge. State Officers will facilitate these additional workshops and spend time bonding with the participants.
  - **Leadership and Opportunities Conference (LOC):** Members that are not chapter officers are invited to participate in three additional workshops exclusive for growing members. Past state FFA officers will facilitate these additional workshops and help the members unLOCK the possibilities within the FFA.

In addition to enhancing leadership skills, FFA members will meet other members from New Jersey's 36 FFA Chapters and connect with the state officer team, the State FFA Executive Committee and New Jersey FFA Alumni. During COLT, advisors will play an integral role in the team building challenge and in working with the chapter officers to develop the POA activity goals and timeline. Advisor workshops and meetings are scheduled throughout the weekend.

#### CONFERENCE FEES

LEADERSHIP RESOURCES:	\$35.00
MEALS & Other INCIDENTALS:	\$78.00
<b>TOTAL (without lodging):</b>	<b>\$113.00</b> – to be paid to “Treasurer, State of New Jersey”
LODGING (per room):	\$136.85 (inclusive of tax) – to be arranged/paid directly to Crowne Plaza Monroe South Brunswick

The \$35 Leadership Resources fee covers conference materials. The \$78 Meals and Other Incidentals fee covers three meals (Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, and Saturday Lunch), a 2016-2017 state theme t-shirt, conference room fees and other costs to run the conference. Lodging is separate and will depend on the number of rooms needed. **Please make lodging reservations DIRECTLY with the hotel NO LATER than September 15.** Failure to secure rooms by this date may result in the inability to secure lodging rooms and/or a higher room rate. Payment for lodging rooms MUST be made directly to the hotel. **To reserve rooms, please contact Stefanie Przechacki or Kim Tan at 609-655-4775. Please reference “Office of Agricultural Education” when contacting Stefanie or Kim.** Participants can be roomed with up to four individuals per room. **Please submit your Participant List by Thursday, September 15, 2016 by emailing your completed form to [ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us).** PLEASE forward a check in the amount listed on your invoice to: **TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** with “FFA LEAD” identified in the memo section prior to October 7. Payment for lodging rooms will need to be made directly to the hotel. Chapters with Basic Affiliation will receive up to a \$140 discount on LEAD Leadership Resources. Chapters with Basic and Gold Affiliation will receive up to a \$280 discount on LEAD Leadership Resources. These discounts will be taken off on the electronic invoice.

#### IMPORTANT!

**In addition to submitting a participant list, each student attending must submit the Student Code of Conduct Waiver PRIOR to the event. The Student Code of Conduct can be found in the excel LEAD Participant List & Invoice document. You can print as many copies as you need. Advisors/Chaperones are required to complete the Advisor Statement of Assurances (found in the excel document).**

The conference will begin with check-in at 12:00 pm Friday and end at approximately 6:30 pm on Saturday. **Official dress is required for the first session. It is recommended that your students arrive in official dress.**

**IMPORTANT LEAD FACTS:**

1. Conference sign-in is 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch is on your own.
2. LEAD will kick-off with a joint 360° and SGC session promptly at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. LEAD will conclude with an awards ceremony on Saturday. Dinner will NOT be served on Saturday night. Members and advisors must come and stay the entire time.
3. Workshops are designed for dynamic participation where every member will be engaged in discussion, activities and interaction.
4. Awards will be given to recognize leadership skills evident during the weekend. Conference participants will be recognized at the closing session for their achievements.

Awards to be presented are as follows:

<b><u>Chapter Officer Leadership Training</u></b>	<b><u>Leadership and Opportunities Conference</u></b>	<b><u>State Greenhand Conference</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding Chapter Officer Team</li> <li>• Outstanding Leadership Award</li> <li>• Outstanding First Year Officer (1<sup>st</sup> year as Chapter Officer)</li> <li>• Outstanding Chapter Officer (one per constitutional office, plus historian, parliamentarian, and other)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding Member Award</li> <li>• Growing Leader Award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding Creed Speaking Award</li> <li>• Outstanding Greenhand Award</li> <li>• Future Leader Award</li> </ul>

5. Official dress is required during the first session and is optional for the closing session. When not in official dress, appropriate attire is required (NO flip flops). Please see the definition of causal and official dress below. Members will be asked to wear the State Theme t-shirt they receive for Saturday morning's activities.
6. Every member and advisor needs to bring:
  - Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, etc.)
  - FFA Manual (recent)
  - Pen/ Pencil
  - Official FFA Dress (see description of attire below)
  - Recreational clothing for team building challenge (appropriate footwear is mandatory - no flip flops)
  - Other personal items
  - Chapter POA – COLT participants only

*Note: There is no need for iPods, tablets, TVs, or other expensive electronic equipment*
7. Friday night activities include a Halloween dance. Members are encouraged to bring a costume.

8. Teachers are responsible for their students at all times. No student should be in the hotel rooms during L.E.A.D. sessions.
9. Teachers will play an integral role in the conference and workshops will be provided.

### DESCRIPTION of ATTIRE

**Official Dress (OD):** Men: Black dress pants (no jeans – blue or black, leather, pleather, etc.), white dress shirt, official FFA tie, black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe (no boots, sandals, open-toed shoes, tennis shoes), black socks, Official FFA jacket zipped to the top

Ladies: Black skirt (at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom, with a slit no longer than 2 inches above the knee, excluding the kick pleat) or black dress pants, white collared blouse, Official FFA blue scarf, black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe (no boots, sandals, open-toed shoes, tennis shoes), black nylon hosiery, Official FFA jacket zipped to the top

**Business Casual (BC):** Includes khakis type pants, and a polo or button down shirt. No jeans.

**Casual Dress (CD):** Includes everything except tank tops, halter-tops, extremely short shorts or short skirts and cut-offs. NO flip flops! Please use your best judgment. This is not a fashion show.

### DIRECTIONS TO Crowne Plaza Monroe South Brunswick

*390 Forsgate Drive, Monroe, NJ 08831*

#### **Driving Directions**

From the North using the Turnpike: NJ Turnpike South to Exit 8A. Merge onto Forsgate Drive. Destination will be on the right.

From the South using the Turnpike: NJ Turnpike North to Exit 8A. Merge onto Forsgate Drive. Destination will be on the right.

