

The Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. As you know, the situation is very fluid so we are making decisions one week at a time. Thank you to those who have kept us updated on your school policies and procedures. We are taking all of this information into account when making decisions and are doing our best to provide quality educational programming.

As you are aware, there are several looming deadlines that we would like to address. Please read below for more information:

**Due March 15**

*Spring CDE Registration* - Despite any travel bans that might be in place at your school, please register your chapter for any and all Spring Career Development Events as you would have prior to COVID-19. While Spring CDEs are currently scheduled to happen in-person at Rutgers, we are prepared to shift the events to an online format if the need presents itself. Also, we will waive the cancellation fee this year. It is important to know that only chapters who registered by the March 15 deadline will be eligible to compete regardless of how the events are administered.

*State/American Degrees & Proficiency Award Applications* – Applications are still due March 15, but we will accept State Degree Applications without the signature page until schools are back in session. The application will be evaluated; but acceptance will remain pending until receipt of the signature page. HOWEVER, state degree applications CANNOT be evaluated without the Manual Review Sheet. It is imperative that this form is still uploaded accordingly by the March 15 deadline.

*Nominating Committee Applications* – Applications are still due March 15. The advisor key needed to submit the nominating committee applications is [NJ928a010z](#)

We will inform you of the plans for Winter CDEs in the coming days.

As are you, we trying hard to make the best out of this situation. We appreciate your cooperation, understanding and guidance during this time.