



## NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION

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### **THE 92<sup>ND</sup> NEW JERSEY STATE FFA CONVENTION WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON MAY 26-28, 2021**

**TO:** FFA Chapter Advisors, State Executive Board Members and FFA Members

**FROM:** Kristianne M. Goodenough, State FFA Specialist

**CC:** Erin E. Noble, State Program Leader for Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education/State FFA Advisor

**RE:** **92nd State FFA Convention - *The Most Important FFA Event of the Year***

**DATE:** March 2, 2021

#### **ABOUT THE CONVENTION**

*Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, New Jersey State FFA Convention will be held virtually. We have worked to create a fun and engaging virtual convention experience to recognize students, chapters, and supporters. The state officers will share their hard work and inspirational messages to members. All awards will be shipped to chapters. All five sessions will be available through YouTube at the time indicated in this schedule. All session videos will be archived for future viewing.*

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 92ND NJ STATE FFA CONVENTION**

- National FFA Central Region Vice President – Paxton Dahmer
- CDE Awards and Talent Session
- Election of the 2021-2022 State FFA Officer Team

#### **COMPETENCIES**

Student participation in state convention, delegate operations, and career and leadership development events help them gain employability skills necessary for the future. The State FFA Convention becomes an extension of the classroom and a laboratory in action where students learn and develop critical thinking and decision-making skills, as well as enhance interpersonal skills and basic skills in reading, writing and arithmetic. FFA events help students meet New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

#### **DELEGATES**

The New Jersey FFA Constitution **requires two delegates from each chapter** to attend the annual state FFA convention to form the delegate assembly. Delegates should be chosen from the **top level leadership** positions in the chapter. Just as the state association reserves the leadership delegate positions for the president and vice president of the association, so should the chapter select the highest ranking officers to serve as official chapter delegates to conduct state association business. Serving as an official delegate is a prestigious and important experience for chapter members. Delegates will serve on committees, establish policy and elect new state officers.

## CONVENTION

The convention is an educational experience that develops premier leadership, personal growth and career success. FFA members can look forward to being recognized for their achievements, participating in career and leadership development events held at convention and attending motivational workshops and sessions. More than \$31,000 in awards and scholarships will be presented to NJ FFA members at the convention.

Efforts are underway to create an emersive convention experience which will provide leadership and industry experiences for registered attendees. Stay tuned for more updates.

## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021

- State Officer Selection Process – Details will be outlined in a separate announcement

### TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

- State Officer Selection Process – Details will be outlined in a separate announcement
- All Pre-recorded and photographed content needs to be uploaded to Google Classroom by **11:59 PM**.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021

#### 10:00 AM

- Teach Ag Signing Day Event (By Invite Only)
- Leadership Workshop: Facilitated by Paxton Dahmer, National FFA Central Region Vice President

#### 10:00 AM Leadership Development Events

- 3-5 Minute Prepared Public Speaking
- 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaking
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking

#### 1:00 PM Leadership Development Events

- Creed Speaking
- Employment Skills
- Teach Ag (**LIVE IN 2021**)
- Star Interviews

#### 4:00 PM

- Convention Session I – *YouTube*

#### 7:00 PM

- Delegate Orientation

### THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021

#### 10:00 AM

- Delegate Committee Meetings

#### 1:00 PM

- Delegate Business Session I – *YouTube*
  - Election of the 2021-2022 New Jersey State FFA Officers

#### 4:00 PM

- Convention Session II – *YouTube*

### FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021

#### 10:00 AM

- CDE Awards/Talent Session - *YouTube*

#### 1:00 PM

- Convention Session III – *YouTube*

#### 4:00 PM

- Convention Session IV – *YouTube*
  - Instillation of 2020-2021 New Jersey State FFA Officers *will provide the culmination of the 92<sup>nd</sup> annual New Jersey State FFA Convention as part of Session V*

#### 7:00 PM

- 2021-2022 New State Officer Meeting

# SIGNING UP FOR THE CONVENTION

## PARTICIPANT LIST

Please submit participant list including chapter delegates by April 9<sup>th</sup>. Participant list for members and advisors is due by April 9<sup>th</sup>. Refunds are not possible. Please use the online form for state convention - [https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/convention\\_cover\\_page](https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/convention_cover_page). This form can also be accessed on the state website at: [http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag\\_ed/bulletin/](http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/).

## LIVE STREAMING

All sessions will be posted on YouTube at the scheduled session times.

## CONVENTION FEES

### 1. Leadership Package –

1-10 Participants:	\$50.00
11-25 Participants:	\$125.00
26-50 Participants:	\$225.00
51-75 Participants:	\$320.00
75+ Participants:	\$420.00

The Leadership Package fee covers access to the Thinkrific convention platform, convention pins and related leadership experiences. Registration is required for any students participating in the convention experience. **Add \$10.00 per person registered for late participant list (after April 14<sup>th</sup>).** **Chapters who have at least Blue Affiliation will receive up to a \$320 discount on State FFA Convention Leadership Resources and waived CDE assessment fees.**

### 2. Convention Event Costs

a. 3-5 Minute Prepared Public Speaking (per contestant)	\$11.00
b. 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaking (per contestant)	\$11.00
c. Agricultural Issues (per team)	\$44.00
d. Creed Speaking (per contestant)	\$11.00
e. Employment Skills (per contestant)	\$11.00
f. Extemporaneous Public Speaking (per contestant)	\$11.00
g. Individual Demonstration (per contestant)	\$11.00
h. Marketing Plan CDE (per team)	\$33.00
i. Conduct of Chapter Meetings (per team)	\$44.00
j. Parliamentary Procedure (per team)	\$44.00
k. Teach Agriculture Event (per contestant)	\$11.00
l. Team Demonstration (per contestant, up to \$44)	\$11.00

## OTHER CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

### 1. Convention applications are due into the State Office on April 1, 2021 - as listed in Calendar of Events.

#### \*Next business day when date occurs on weekend or state holiday

- a. Ag Awareness Application – 14.020 (online application through JotForm)
- b. NJ FFA Scholarship Application – 14.008 (online application through JotForm)
- c. Advisor of the Year Recognition – 14.009 (online application through JotForm)
- d. National Chapter Evaluation Form I & II (national application – [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org))
- e. Superior Chapter - National Chapter Evaluation Form I (national application – [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org))
- f. Most Improved Chapter – 15.014 (online application through JotForm)
- g. Member of the Year – 5.001 (online application through JotForm)  
*(Student must have received member of the month between May 2020 & April 2021 – updated applications are encouraged)*
- h. FFA Week Application – 15.013 (online application through JotForm)
- i. State FFA Essay Event – 14.024 (online application through JotForm)
- j. Blue Jackets. Bright Futures Application – 14.010 (online application through JotForm)
- k. NJ FFA's 8,000 Hour Challenge/Outstanding Community Service Award – 14.026 (online application through JotForm)
- l. National Convention Scholarship Application – 14.021 (online application through JotForm)
- m. State Talent Application – 14.027 (online application through JotForm)
- n. Hall of States Exhibit Event (Written Plan) – 14.030 (online application through JotForm)

### 2. The following event sign-ups and other items included in the State Convention participant list form due on April 9.

- a. Chapter Scrapbook Event *(sign-up now and submit virtually)*
- b. Chapter Treasurer's Book Event *(sign-up now and submit virtually)*
- c. Chapter Secretary's Book Event *(sign-up now and submit virtually)*
- d. Employment Skills *(MUST upload coverletter and resume to <https://www.jotform.com/NJFFA/EmploymentSkillsLDE>)*
- e. Parliamentary Procedure
- f. Conduct of Chapter Meetings
- g. Public Speaking
  - i. Creed
  - ii. 3-5 Minute Public Speaking *(MUST upload manuscript to convention registration)*
  - iii. 6-8 Minute Public Speaking *(MUST upload manuscript to convention registration)*
  - iv. Extemporaneous Speaking
- h. Agricultural Issues *(MUST upload portfolio to convention registration)*
- i. Marketing Plan *(MUST upload portfolio to convention registration)*
- j. Teach Ag CDE *(MUST upload lesson plan to convention registration)*
- k. FFA Quiz Bowl
- l. Individual Demonstration\* *(MUST upload outline to convention registration)*
- m. Team Demonstration\* *(MUST upload outline to convention registration)*
- n. Portable Exhibit *(sign-up now and submit virtually)*
- o. Art Competition *(sign-up now and submit virtually)*

### 3. Names of Official Chapter Delegates are due April 9<sup>th</sup>. Delegate's packets will be e-mailed to advisors and posted on the state convention section of the website prior to convention. Please review these materials with your chapter and delegates so they are familiar with them. Potential Nominating Committee members must be listed as a delegate in order to be eligible to serve on the committee. Please designate someone as an alternate. **Advisors of standing committees** will be scheduled to meet with delegates on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

4. **All State Officer Candidates must submit their application, Advisors Appraisal Form and \$100 application fee to the State FFA Office by May 1, 2021.** Applications will not be accepted after this deadline or at the state convention. Candidates must attend in official dress. **ONLY online applications will be accepted. State Officer Candidates will complete the writing exercise and social media exercise portions of the selection process via online on May 19, 2021. Additional information will be provided in a letter to the candidates in early May. Newly elected state officers will meet following the close of the convention at 7:00 p.m., on Friday, May 28.**

(Note: **A \$100 refundable application fee per state officer candidate is required from the FFA Chapter.** The State FFA Officer Application will not be considered complete without this application fee. If not elected to a year of service, the chapter will be refunded the \$100. Upon completion of the year of service, the chapter will be refunded the \$100 application fee. If an elected officer does not complete his/her year, the \$100 application fee is forfeited and the fee will be used to cover expenses incurred, such as State Association FFA Jacket, autoclub membership, polo shirts, and planners.)

#### 5. **Day of Service Activity**

Virtual Day of Services are being researched and schools will be updated accordingly.

6. **All pre-recorded and photographed content** must be submitted virtually by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 25. Submission instructions will be distributed closer to the time.

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| • Demonstration (team/individual) | • Parliamentary Procedure | • Conduct of Chapter Meetings         |
| • Agricultural Issues Forum       | • Hall of States Exhibit  | • Art Competition                     |
| • Marketing Plan                  | • Landscape Design        | • Portable Exhibit                    |
| • Secretary's Book                | • Treasurer's Book        | • FFA Quiz Bowl (exam in ClassMarker) |
|                                   | • Scrapbook               |                                       |