

Nebraska FFA Association

Application to charter a new FFA chapter or for chapter reactivation

Please complete this application and submit it to Sarah Heideman, AFNR Career Field Specialist at sarah.heideman@nebraska.gov

Please complete the following:

School Name

School PO Address

School Physical Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

School Phone

School Fax

Agricultural Education Teacher

Certification/Endorsement Status

Has the teacher taught Ag Ed before?

If so, where?

Teacher Email

a temporary or personal email address is acceptable

Principal Name

Principal Email

Superintendent Name

Superintendent Email

Chapter Fee Setup

indicate membership dues OR chapter affiliation fee program

Background Information

What motivation(s) prompted your school to start an Agricultural Education program?

Minimum Program Qualifications for FFA Chapter Participation

Agricultural Education provides instruction through an integrated, intra-curricular model of *direct instruction* in the classroom and laboratory, *experiential learning* through a student's Supervised Agricultural Experience, and *leadership development* through student participation in FFA. This structure provides students the opportunity to be successful in any of the career pathways within the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Field. **Please complete the following regarding verification of these qualifications.**

Minimum program qualifications include:

1. A local FFA Chapter must have a Nebraska Department of Education certified agriculture-endorsed teacher who is responsible for the leadership and curricular delivery of the agricultural education program. If a certified Agricultural Education teacher is not available, and the school hires a non-endorsed instructor on a provisional basis, the teacher must complete their endorsement within three years of assuming the duties of the Agricultural Education teacher. The teacher must provide evidence of enrollment in a certification program and yearly progress toward his/her endorsement.

Verification: This is indicated on Page 1 of this application.

2. The Nebraska certified agricultural education instructor at the school of their employment shall be the official FFA advisor.

Verification: By signing this form the school is indicating such.

3. The school shall provide a minimum of one program of study at the cluster or pathway level AND a minimum of four different semester offerings of agricultural courses; enough courses shall be offered in order that students will have the opportunity to enroll in a minimum of one agricultural course each year of high school, 9-12 grades.

Verification: Using the provided template, attach a three-year course plan that meets this requirement no later than Year 3. (Due with this application)

Note: Only students enrolled in a minimum of one semester of an agricultural education course may become FFA members for that school year of membership.

4. A budget is developed by the teacher and supported by the school in order to facilitate appropriate instructional strategies aligned to the Programs of Study offered by the school.

Verification: Please attach a brief statement regarding how the school has budgeted to start the program (curricular-related expenses). (Due with this application)

5. The agricultural education instructor must be allowed paid time for professional and curriculum development, SAE supervision and management, and FFA administration.

Verification: Extended Contract Days for the teacher: _____ Days

FFA Extra Duty Pay for the teacher: _____

Other / Notes: _____

6. Every student shall have a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program that allows the student to attain technical skills. The SAE can be classified as exploratory, placement/Internship, ownership/entrepreneurship, school-based enterprise, service learning or research and each student shall maintain a record of experience.

Verification: Please attach a brief statement regarding how Supervised Agricultural Experiences will be integrated and promoted within the program. (Due with this application)

7. A minimum of ten members should appear on the FFA roster.

Verification: Verification will occur during the roster process due September 30.

8. The FFA chapter shall meet all requirements to remain an active chapter in good standing.

Verification: The FFA chapter must submit a completed FFA roster, a Program Of Activities (POA), a chapter budget, and a chapter constitution/bylaws by September 30 to the state FFA office. Payment of Membership dues or chapter affiliation fees is due by November 15.

Signed: _____
School Administrator Date Agricultural Education Teacher Date

New Chapter Application: Three Year Course Plan

School:

Year 1, Semester 1

	Local Class Title	NDE Course Title	NDE Course Number	Instructor
Class 1				
Class 2				
Class 3				
Class 4				
Class 5				
Class 6				
Class 7				
Class 8				

Year 1, Semester 2

	Local Class Title	NDE Course Title	NDE Course Number	Instructor
Class 1				
Class 2				
Class 3				
Class 4				
Class 5				
Class 6				
Class 7				
Class 8				

Year 2, Semester 1

	Local Class Title	NDE Course Title	NDE Course Number	Instructor
Class 1				
Class 2				
Class 3				
Class 4				
Class 5				
Class 6				
Class 7				
Class 8				

Year 2, Semester 2

	Local Class Title	NDE Course Title	NDE Course Number	Instructor
Class 1				
Class 2				
Class 3				
Class 4				
Class 5				
Class 6				
Class 7				
Class 8				

Year 3, Semester 1

	Local Class Title	NDE Course Title	NDE Course Number	Instructor
Class 1				
Class 2				
Class 3				
Class 4				
Class 5				
Class 6				
Class 7				
Class 8				

Year 3, Semester 2

	Local Class Title	NDE Course Title	NDE Course Number	Instructor
Class 1				
Class 2				
Class 3				
Class 4				
Class 5				
Class 6				
Class 7				
Class 8				