

## How to Join FFA



The FFA is an integral part of the Agricultural Education program. To join the FFA you **must be enrolled in an Ag Science Education course in your local school**. Contact Mrs. Crown or any FFA Officer to enroll in Ag Ed and join the FFA.

FFA is not a "club." It is one of three integral components of an agricultural education program: classroom instruction, supervised agricultural experience and life skills. Students between the ages of 12 and 21 who are enrolled in a systematic course of instruction in agricultural education are eligible for membership.

Membership dues for the UGHS FFA Organization are \$15 each year. Of this total cost, \$4 goes to the UGHS FFA Chapter and \$11 for the National and State FFA Organizations publication and distribution of FFA New Horizons, the FFA member magazine---***BUT IF YOU JOIN FFA BEFORE AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup>, Chapter Dues will be waived and FFA membership is \$11! Complete the membership info form at the end of this packet and return it to Mrs. Crown with your dues. If dues are a financial hardship, see Mrs. Crown for alternatives to financial dues.***

### ***FFA New Horizons*** magazine

With your FFA membership, you receive six issues of *FFA New Horizons*, the organization's member magazine. With entertaining and informative feature articles on everything from famous athletes to career spotlights to important FFA News, the award-winning *FFA New Horizons* is a cool benefit for members.

View current [FFA New Horizons](#)

### **Career Advice and Hands-On Training**

Do you know what you want to do after you finish school? FFA can help you develop the skills



you need to get there. Don't have a clue? FFA can help you figure out which of agriculture's 300 exciting career options match your interests and skills. If you're like the 73 percent of FFA members who already plan to pursue a career in agriculture, you know that there are options for almost any interest, whether you want to work indoors or outside, at a desk or in the lab, in the city or on a farm, with other people or on your own. Even if you don't choose a career in agriculture, the skills and training you gain through FFA will lead to success in any industry.

Visit our [Ag Career Explorer](#).

## Leadership



Leadership, none of us are born leaders, but the FFA can help you become one. FFA members strengthen their personal skills, learn to manage their time, and discover how to respect themselves and gain respect from others. Leadership skills are developed throughout the FFA program from a local Chapter's programs of activities, special local, state and national projects, leadership conferences/workshops and career development events.

Visit [Washington Leadership Conference](#)

## Competitions



FFA offers so many opportunities for recognition at the local, state and national levels, you can hardly avoid being a winner! In addition to the satisfaction of knowing your stuff and doing your best, you could walk away with money for school, cash prizes and exciting trips, not to mention plaques, ribbons and trophies.

Each year the [National FFA Convention](#) is held for the highest level of recognition for our students, teachers and state leaders.

Check out our [Programs and Awards](#).

## Money for College



The National FFA Organization awards more than \$1 million in scholarships to more than 800 FFA members each year. And that's just the beginning. Many local and state businesses also offer FFA scholarships, and FFA experience and skills give members an edge over the competition for scholarships from other groups and schools.

Learn more on [Scholarship Opportunities](#)

## Earning Power

How would you like to get paid for learning? Many FFA members start their own businesses or work for an agricultural company throughout high school. Some FFA members have earned hundreds of thousands of dollars by the time they graduated from college by reinvesting their profits in their business! While most members don't earn quite that much, their experience still puts them way ahead of their classmates when it comes to applying for college or finding a job.