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March 10, 1930.

Mr. Henry C. Groseclose,  
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Blacksburg, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Groseclose:

On February sixth last year a meeting was held in Bozeman and officers elected for a Future Farmers of America organization for Montana. At that time the following officers were elected: President, Major Dansie, Dillon, Montana - Vice President, Dallas Ferry, Moccasin, Montana - Secretary, Austin Sutton, Cascade, Montana - Treasurer, Ralph Price, Kalispell, Montana and Advisor, J. E. Border, Helena, Montana. Nothing further was done to perfect the organization until this fall.

At the present time we have chapters in - Missoula, Polson, Kalispell, Browning, Valier, Conrad, Joplin, Chinook, Glasgow, Big Sandy, Cascade, Choteau, Simms, Belt, Moccasin, Lewistown, Harlowton, Miles City, Red Lodge, Big Timber, Bozeman, Manhattan, Whitehall, Dillon and Deer Lodge. Most of the chapters have paid dues for the year had have paid a charter fee.

The check for nine dollars enclosed is for the state charter and ten each of Greenhand and Future Farmers pins. We have not had samples of pins and I want these to send out as samples to the various chapters.

Please give me information regarding procedure in getting local charter. I want them as soon as possible as we want all chapters chartered before our state convention April 30.

Can you give me any idea just when we could get a supply of Future Farmers Manuals, cuts of emblem and other material we should have? I realize your place is a hard one in an organization as young as this one but we need help in this field.

Yours truly,

*J. E. Border*  
J. E. Border, Advisor  
Future Farmers of America,  
State of Montana.

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Blacksburg, Virginia  
March 17, 1930

Mr. J. E. Border, Advisor  
Future Farmers of America  
State of Montana  
Department of Vocational Education  
Helena, Montana

My dear Mr. Border:

This is to acknowledge your letter of March 10th and your money order for ~~five~~ \$10.00 dollars. I am delighted to learn that the Future Farmer organization is ~~organizing~~ <sup>organizing</sup> in Montana.

The state charter will be sent you as soon as the national board of trustees authorizes me to issue it to your state. It will, in all probability, take me about a week or two to get replies from the members of this board, as these boys are widely scattered over the country. Meantime, will you please fill out the application blank which we are enclosing and send it to me along with the material called for on the blank.

I am asking the L. G. Balfour Company of Attleboro, Massachusetts to forward you ten Green Hand pins and ten Future Farmer pins.

The Welch Manufacturing Company of Chicago has been making up the local charters for the state advisors. If you will write Mr. M. W. Welch in care of this company, he will submit samples of local charters which may be used by you in your state.

The Farm Journal of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is printing the Future Farmers Manual. The first edition will, in all probability, be ready for distribution in about three weeks. I think the price will be fifteen cents per copy.

In order to save time we are sending you under separate cover a cut of the Future Farmer emblem which is suitable for magazine work. The price of this cut is \$1.75, and additional cuts can be had from the Central Publishing Company, Richmond, Virginia. Felt goods of all kinds are made up by the Beverley Manufacturing Company at Staunton, Virginia. They make a Future Farmer banner size three by six feet which they sell for \$5.50. You should have one of these to take around as you visit the schools in your state, and to hang in your office. They certainly look good, and can be used for window displays, parades, fair exhibits, and for hanging in the meeting place of the chapter.

If there is anything that I can do to help the work along out there, please call on me.

Cordially yours,

Henry C. Groseclose  
Executive Sec.-Treas., FFA

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THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

To-  
Henry C. Groseclose  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Future Farmers of America  
Blacksburg, Virginia

We Major Dansie, President, Austin Sutton, Secretary;  
and J. E. Brindley, Adviser, officers of the State organization  
known as Future Farmers of Montana..... a State organization  
for students of vocational agriculture, having at present 13.....  
chapters and 335 <sup>This is about 1/2 what we will have in a week.</sup> members, and being empowered to act for this  
number  
organization, do hereby make application to be chartered as branch of  
the "Future Farmers of America".

We are attaching to this application (1) the proposed State constitution  
and by-laws under which we desire to work; (2) a copy of our State program  
of work for the year; (3) a list of all local chapters and a statement of  
the total membership of each; and (4) a check for \$5.00, to cover cost of  
issuing charter.

The names and addresses of our State officers are as follows:

	name	address	grade of membership
President	<u>Major Dansie</u>	<u>Dillon Mont.</u>	<u>Future Farmer</u>
Vice-Pro.	<u>Dallas Ferry</u>	<u>Missoula</u>	<u>FF</u>
Secretary	<u>Austin Sutton</u>	<u>Cascade</u>	<u>FF</u>
Treasurer	<u>Ralph Price</u>	<u>Helispell</u>	<u>FF</u>
Reporter	.....	.....	.....
Adviser	<u>J. E. Brindley</u>	<u>Helena</u>	.....

If granted a charter, we promise to comply with the national constitution and by-laws of the Future Farmers of America and to work for the success of the organization.

We certify that the information given in this application and attached hereto is correct.

Signed: Major Dansie.....  
State President  
Austin Sutton.....  
State Secretary  
J. E. Brindley.....  
State Adviser



By-Laws

for

Future Farmers of Montana.

I. Duties of State Officers.

- A. The President. It shall be the duty of the President of the Future Farmers of Montana to preside over all meetings of the State Organization and preside over all meetings of the Executive Board. It shall be his duty to call a meeting of the Future Farmers of Montana at least once a year. He shall call special meetings of the Executive Board. He shall appoint all committees and serve as an ex-officio member of these committees. The President is a member of the Executive Board and chairman of this Board.
- B. First Vice President. The First Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the event that the office of President becomes vacant. He shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President and shall assume such other duties of the President as are assigned to him by the Executive Board. The Vice President shall be a member of the Executive Board.
- C. Second Vice President. In case the office of President becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise the First Vice President shall become President and the Second Vice President shall be First Vice President.
- D. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all annual meetings, meetings of the Executive Board and meetings of Special Committees. The Secretary is a member of the Executive Board.
- E. Reporter. The Reporter shall make a complete report of all items of interest concerning the activities of the Future Farmers of Montana and see that such reports are sent to the various newspapers of the State where they will give the most favorable publicity. The Reporter is a member of the Executive Board.
- F. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect all State and National dues, keep a record of all money received and all money paid out. He must make a financial report at each State Meeting. (All money paid out must have the o.k. of the Adviser) The Treasurer is a member of the Executive Board.
- G. The Adviser. The Adviser is a member of the Executive Board and an ex-officio member of all committees. It is his duty to advise the Board and committees on matters of policy, and assist state and local officers in conducting meetings and programs. The Adviser reviews all applications for the "State Farmer" degree and prepares a brief of qualifications of the candidates to be submitted to the Executive Board.

- H. Method of Electing State Officers. The Executive Board shall constitute a Nominating Committee, whose duty it will be to nominate candidates for state officers. The report of this committee must be made at the time of election of state officers. Other nominations for any office may be made from the floor of the Convention and if no such nominations are made the Committee's report may be adopted as a whole. In case of other nominations the vote must be by ballot and for each officer at a time.
- I. Time of Holding Office. Each State Officer shall be elected for a period of one year. The year shall be from May 31 to May 31 of the next year.
- J. Qualifications of Officers. No one shall be elected to an office in the Future Farmers of Montana unless he holds the degree of "State Farmer" or higher. In local chapters the officers must have the rank of "Future Farmer" or higher.

## II. Methods of Issuing Local Charters.

- A. Secretaries of local chapters must submit with application for charter the following information.
  - 1. Proof that the local chapter has adopted the State Constitution.
  - 2. List of elected officers.
  - 3. Program of work for the year.
  - 5. A charter fee of \$1.00 should accompany the application.
  - 6. A copy of the By-Laws of the Local Chapter should be on file with the State Secretary.
- B. The local charter may be revoked by the State Organization if the local chapter infringes on provisions of the State Constitution. Such revocation shall be made upon presentation of evidence at a regular State Meeting.

## III. Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the "State Farmer" Degree. All applications for the "State Farmer" degree must be made to the State Adviser at least thirty days prior to the State Meeting and should give the following information:

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| 1. Name of Candidate  | 9. Is he familiar with Parliamentary Procedure?            |
| 2. Age of the Candidate   | 10. Can he lead a Group Discussion for Forty Minutes?      |
| 3. Number of yrs. in Smith-Hughes Work  | 11. What School Teams Has he been on?                      |
| 4. Kind of Project Work Carried   | 12. Give Grades received in all School Subjects            |
| 5. Amount of money invested   | 13. Give detail of outstanding supervised practice program |
| 6. Amount of money in Bank  |  |
| 7. Offices held in Chapter  |  |
| 8. What Places of Leadership has he held in connection with student and Chapter activities? |  |

The State Adviser must review these recommendations for the "State Farmer" degree and make recommendations to the State Executive Board and they shall nominate the number of candidates for the "State Farmer" degree to which the state is entitled. This number will be ten in case the membership of the State is below five hundred and two percent of the membership when it is more than five hundred.

The delegates present must elect to the degree of a "State Farmer" those nominated by the Executive Board.

- IV. The Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be made up of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Adviser and three other members, elected by the delegates at the State Convention.

The President shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall keep records of all business transacted by this Board. The Adviser shall be a member of this Board in an advisory capacity only and shall attend all meetings of this board.

- V. Committees. The President shall appoint all committees. All committees shall be composed of three members, one acting as chairman.

Standing Committees Shall Be

- A. Program of Work. This committee shall prepare a program of work for the year and submit it to the delegates at the regular annual meeting.
- B. Auditing Committee. The auditing committee shall examine the books and records of the Treasurer and submit a report at the regular annual meeting.
- C. All committees are appointed for one year.
- D. Adviser shall be an ex-officio member of all committees


- VI. Contests. All contests held in the name of Future Farmers of Montana shall be under the control of the Executive Board, who will have the power to specify the rules of the contest, place where it is to be held, officials, judges, prizes and qualifications of contestants.

Rules.

- 1. All contestants must be active members in good standing of a local chapter of F. F. A.
- 2. Must be enrolled in class in Vocational Agriculture and have a project.
- 3. Must be making passing grades in at least fifteen prepared recitations per week.

In all in Montana we have organized all the Smith-Hughes departments but up-to-date only thirteen chapters have sent in dues and a list of members. The following are the chapters in Montana that are in good standing.

Cascade-----	17
Glasgow-----	30
Joplin-----	22
Conrad -----	32
Browning-----	12
Polson-----	45
Chinook-----	39
Lewistown-----	37
Missoula-----	20
Big Timber-----	19
Simms-----	17
Miles City*****	26
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State Adviser for Montana

# FUTURE FARMERS OF MONTANA

## ----- CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

### Constitution

#### Article I

##### Name and purpose of the organization.

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Future Farmers of Montana. Members and local chapters are hereinafter referred to as the F.F.A.'s.

Section B. The purpose for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To promote vocational education in agriculture in the public schools in Montana.
2. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
3. To create and nurture an love of country life.
4. To encourage recreational and educational activities for students in vocational agriculture.
5. To promote thrift.
6. To encourage cooperative effort among the students of vocational agriculture.
7. To strengthen the farmer boy's confidence in himself and his work.
8. To promote scholarship among students of vocational agriculture.
9. To develop rural leadership.

#### Article II

##### Organization

Section A. The Future Farmers of Montana is a state organization of affiliated local organizations or local chapters composed of students of agriculture in schools having organized instruction the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Act.

Section B. Local chapters of the Future Farmers of America shall not be established in schools where organized instruction in vocational agriculture is not given under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Act.



**Section C.**

Local chapters shall meet, organize and adopt a constitution, not in conflict with the state constitution, elect officers, set up a program of work and then make application to the state organization for a charter. Upon receipt of the charter the local members will there after be known as Future Farmers of America

**Article III    Membership**

**Section A.** Members in this organization shall be active, associate, and honorary.

**Section B.** Active membership Any student of vocational agriculture who is regularly enrolled in a part-time, day-unit or all-day class, is entitled to active membership in Future Farmers of America organization upon receiving a majority of the votes of the members present at any regular chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership for three years after he has completed his systematic instruction in vocational Agriculture.

**Section C.** Associate Membership. Any former student of vocational agriculture may be elected to associate membership upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any regular chapter meeting. Any former active member of the Future Farmers of America may be elected to associate membership upon receiving a majority of the votes of the members present at any regular chapter meeting.

**Section D.** Honorary Membership. Instructors, school principals, superintendents, business men, and others who are helping to promote vocational agriculture may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular chapter meeting.

**Article IV    Membership Grades and Privileges**

**Section A.** There shall be ~~four~~ grades of membership based on achievement. These grades are (1) Green hand, (2) Future Farmer, (3) State Farmer (4) American Farmer

**Section B.** "Green hand" Qualifications for election

1. Must be fourteen years of age or over.

2. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture.

3. Possess facilities for and have a satisfactory program of supervised practice.

4. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

**Section C. "Future Farmer" Qualification for election**

1. Satisfactory completion of at least one year in vocational agriculture, including a program of supervised practice.
2. Earn and deposit in a bank, or otherwise productively invested, at least \$25.
3. Be regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture with an amplified supervised practice program.
4. Recite from memory the Future Farmer's Creed.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for ten minutes.
6. Receive a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

**Section D. "State Farmer Degree" Qualifications for election.**

1. Shall have had at least two years systematic instruction in vocational agriculture with an outstanding program of supervised practice in operation.
2. Earn and deposit in the bank, or otherwise productively invested at least \$200. This may include the \$25 saved while advancing to the grade of a Future Farmer.
3. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure by having held office in the local chapter, or by having passed a satisfactory test in parliamentary procedure.
4. Be able to lead a group discussion for forty minutes.
5. Make the school judging team, debating team, or some other team representing the school.
6. Show marked attainment in scholarship in all school subjects. (An average of 85 or over in all subjects)
7. Possess qualities of leadership as shown by having held responsible positions in connection with student and chapter activities.
9. Each state shall be entitled to elect ten

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qualified individuals but where the state membership exceeds 500, not more than two per cent of the total state membership may be elected, fraction counted to the nearest whole number. Only copies of written records of achievement verified by the local advisers shall be submitted to the state adviser by the local executive committee at least one month prior to the state convention. The adviser will then review the records and submit his findings to the State Executive Committee. This committee will nominate, at the regular State Convention the candidates who have been found most worthy to receive the honor. Copies of these records must be made by the adviser and a copy placed in the hands of the delegates at the time that the records are read before the convention and the candidates are nominated. The delegates shall then proceed to elect to the "Third Degree" the number of candidates to which the state is entitled.

**Section E. American Farmer. Qualifications for election.**

1. Hold the degree of "State Farmer".
2. Be engaged in farming occupation or have definite plans for becoming a farmer.
3. Possess demonstrated ability to farm by having conducted an outstanding program of supervised practice throughout the period of vocational training.
4. Earn and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$500.  
Note. In cases where the applicant had assisted in the support of dependents the amount so expended, in the good judgement of the Federal Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.
5. Possess demonstrated ability to work with others by having participated in some agricultural cooperative enterprise or movement.
6. Be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a National Congress of Future Farmers of America.

**Section F. Associate and honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold a office except that of adviser in local and state chapters, and that of Executive Secretary- Treasurer and Advisor in the National Organization. Exceptions to this provision are permitted during the first two years of a chapters existence.**

**Section G.** Only members who have been elected to the grade of "American Farmer" are eligible to hold National offices after 1930. In Montana all members holding offices in the state organization must hold the rank of a State Farmer after 1930. In a local chapter all officers must hold the rank of Future Farmer or higher after the organization has been established in any given school for one year or longer.

**Section H.** Associate and honorary members are eligible to election to any degree provided they have done outstanding work in promoting vocational agriculture and the organization of Future Farmer of America.

## **Article V. Officers**

**Section A.** The officers of the Future Farmers of Montana shall be; president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, adviser, reporter and watch-dog. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular meeting or state convention of Future Farmers of Montana.

**Section B** Each local chapter shall be entitled to two delegates to the state convention.

**Section C.** Officers of local chapters may be elected annually or bi-annually according to the wishes of the chapter.

## **Article VI Meetings**

**Section A.** The State Convention of the Future Farmers of Montana shall be held at the time of the State Livestock Judging Contest and high school week in Bozeman. A change of meeting place may be made by the State Executive Committee.

**Section B.** Local chapters shall hold their meetings monthly or oftener throughout the calendar year and at such time and place as may be decided upon by the Executive Committee of the local Chapter.

## **Article VII. Dues**

**Section A.** The state dues of the Future Farmers of Montana may be fixed by the delegates assembled at the state convention. It is the duty of the

executive board to make recommendations regarding state dues but a majority vote of the delegates is necessary to fix the state dues for the year. The dues will remain the same from year to year unless changed by the state convention.

Section B. Local dues in the local chapters shall be fixed by a majority vote of the members present at any regular chapter meeting.

## Article VIII Amendments

Section A. Any amendments to the state organization must be made in writing at the annual meeting, and submitted to the executive board before or during the convention. Amendments may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

## Article IX. Insignia

### Section A.

The insignia of the Future Farmers of America shall be made up of four Symbols, namely (1) The plow representing the tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture. (2) The owl representing wisdom, (3) The rising sun, representing progress, (4) cross section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests, since corn is distinctively American and grown in every state. The insignia shall carry the three letters F.F.A. The state farmer insignia shall be the gold insignia on a key.

### Section B.

All active, associate, and honorary members shall be entitled to wear the insignia. All "Green Hands" are entitled to wear a bronze insignia. All Future Farmers are entitled to wear a gold insignia. All members elected to the State Farmer degree are entitled to wear the gold insignia on the key.



## F. F. A. Program of Work

1929----- 1930

1. Organize a chapter of F.F.A. in every Smith-Hughes school in Montana.
2. Send representatives to the National Congress of F.F.A. in Kansas City.
3. Send speakers to regional speaking contest.
4. Give the organization plenty of publicity. This will be done by Newspaper articles, talks and bulletins.
5. Have the local chapters hold inter-chapter contests.
6. Have each local chapter hold Father and Son Banquets.
7. Have the local chapters hold joint meetings with neighboring chapters.
8. Have local chapters hold project tours with neighboring chapters.
9. Put up a F. F. A. exhibit at the State Fair.
10. Have each chapter represented in a State Speaking Contest.
11. Have each chapter send a judging team to the state contest.
12. Have each chapter present some agricultural subject on each program given by the chapter.
13. Have thrift banks in each chapter.
14. Get out F. F. A bulletins
15. Have summer camps, tours, Pionics or other get-together meetings for members of local chapters.
16. Have each chapter put on assemblies for their school.
17. Have each chapter put on one play or program a year to raise money for chapter activities.