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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,..... Arthur Lynch....., President, .. Waino Kortemaki..... Secretary;  
and ..... A. M. Field..... Adviser; officers of the State organization  
known as Minnesota Association of the Future Farmers of America a State organization  
for students of vocational agriculture, having at present ..... 22 .....  
chapters and ..... 291 ..... members, and being empowered to act for this  
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. OK

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

President .....	name	address	grade of membership
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Vice-Pres.....	.....		
Secretary .....	.....		
Treasurer .....	.....		
Reporter .....	.....		
Adviser .....	.....		

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:.....  
State President

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State Secretary  
..... A. M. Field .....  
State Adviser

Need only 1, 2 and  
3 above as listed  
in paragraph 2

W. A. Ross  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

# MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

## State Constitution

### Article I. Name and Purposes of the Organization.

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Minnesota Association of Future Farmers of America.

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

1. To assist in the development of an effective program for vocational education in agriculture within the State.
2. To assist and encourage its members in getting a start in farming, including the promotion of thrift among them.
3. To develop effective rural leadership and provide experience in its techniques.
4. To encourage worthwhile social, civic and recreational activities for students in vocational agriculture.
5. To add to the prestige and dignity of farming as an occupation and a calling and to strengthen the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work.
6. To promote scholarship and all-round achievement on the part of farm boys.
7. To assist in promoting cooperative effort among students of vocational agriculture directed toward the improvement in country life.
8. To provide an opportunity for the affiliation of Minnesota students of vocational agriculture with those of other states in a national organization dedicated to the cause of agriculture.
9. To cooperate with other worthy organizations which are working toward a sound agricultural industry and to promote a feeling of good will among all the people of the State who are engaged in agricultural pursuits.
10. To create and nurture an appreciation of and a love of country life.
11. To promote a wholesome school and community spirit.
12. To foster and develop a scientific attitude towards the problems of farming.

### Article II. Organization.

Section A. The Minnesota Association of Future Farmers of America is a state organization of affiliated local chapters in schools having organized instruction in vocational agriculture under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

Section B. This Association is affiliated with the organization known as "The Future Farmers of America" and accepts the provisions of its constitution and by-laws.

Section C. Local chapters wishing to affiliate with this association shall meet the following requirements:

1. Enroll at least ten active members.
2. Accept the state constitution.
3. Adopt its own constitution and have it approved by the State Adviser and Executive Secretary.
4. Set up a program of work for the first year which has the approval of the State Adviser and Executive Secretary.
5. Pay the State and National dues of its active membership.

Section D. Each local chapter shall be entitled to two delegates to the official state meetings.

#### Article III. Membership.

Section A. Membership 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 or all-day class is entitled to active membership, provided he meets the requirements for one of the grades of memberships hereinafter set up. A member may retain his active membership for three years after completing his systematic instruction in vocational agriculture.

Section C. Associate Membership. Any person who has been an active member, who has withdrawn from school and is engaged in an agricultural occupation, may become an associate member, provided he does not hold active membership.

Section D. Honorary membership. Agriculture instructors, school principals, superintendents, business men, farmers, former students, and others who are helping to promote vocational agriculture may be elected to honorary membership.

Section E. All membership must be through election by a majority vote of the members present at any official meeting.

#### Article IV. Membership Grades and Privileges.

Section A. There shall be four grades of membership, based upon achievements. These grades are: (1) Green hand; (2) Future Farmer; (3) Minnesota Farmer; and (4) American Farmer.

Section B. "Green Hand"

1. Qualifications:
  - a. Fourteen years of age
  - b. Regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture.

- c. Possessing facilities for and having a satisfactory program of farm practice.
  - d. Having expressed a desire to be a member of this organization and to abide by its regulations.
2. The local executive committee shall determine when any student has met the above requirements.
  3. The candidate must receive a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the local chapter.

#### Section C. "Future Farmer"

##### 1. Qualifications:

- a. Satisfactory completion of at least one year in vocational agriculture, including a program of farm practice.
  - b. Regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture with an amplified farm practice program.
  - c. Credited with some worthy agricultural community service activity, the minimum attainment in this respect to be determined by the local chapter.
  - d. Having earned and productively invested at least \$25.00.
  - e. Familiar with the fundamentals of parliamentary procedure.
2. "Future Farmers" shall be selected by the local executive committee on the basis of the foregoing points.
  3. Candidates must receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

#### Section D. "Minnesota Farmer"

##### 1. Qualifications:

- a. The candidate must hold the degree of "Future Farmer"
  - b. Persons to be eligible must have had two years of instruction in vocational agriculture.
  - c. The candidate must have earned and productively invested at least \$200.
  - d. The candidate must indicate his intention to enter a farming occupation.
  - e. The candidate must have earned an average grade of 85 or above in all his high school subjects.
2. A special committee consisting of the executive committee of the Minnesota Association of Future Farmers of America and the state advisory council shall approve the local chapter recommendations of persons to receive the "Minnesota Farmer" degree.

3. The special committee shall set up its own arrangements for verifying the records submitted by local chapters.
4. In choosing "Minnesota Farmers" the special committee shall give consideration to the following items in addition to the special qualifications listed under 1 section D.
  - a. Quality of service and achievement of candidates.
  - b. Demonstrated ability in rural leadership.
  - c. Positions of responsibility held by candidate.
  - d. Character and general ideals and attitudes.
5. The special committee shall determine the number of "Minnesota Farmers" to be selected each year. Each state is entitled to elect at least ten individuals each year. The maximum for any year is two percent of the total number of members of the Minnesota Association of Future Farmers of America for that year.
6. Local chapters must present written records of achievement for each candidate for the "Minnesota Farmer" degree.
7. Choice of "Minnesota Farmer" shall be made at least ten days before the annual meeting of the Minnesota Association of Future Farmers of America.
8. Candidates are elected to the degree of "Minnesota Farmer" at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Association of Future Farmers of America.

Section E. "American Farmer"

1. Qualifications: The Minnesota Association of Future Farmers of America accepts the qualifications set up, or to be set up, by the National Association of Future Farmers of America. The present qualifications are as follows:
  - a. Hold the degree of "Minnesota Farmer."
  - b. Be engaged in a farming occupation or have definite plans for becoming a farmer.
  - c. Possess demonstrated ability to farm by having conducted an outstanding program of supervised practice throughout the period of vocational training.
  - d. Earn and deposit in a bank or otherwise productively invest at least \$500.

Note: In cases where the applicant had assisted in the support of dependents the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.

- e. Must have held office in a State organization or have represented a State in a national contest.

- f. Possess demonstrated ability to work with others by having participated in some agricultural cooperative enterprise or movement.
- g. 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."

- 2. The committee named in Section D. of this article shall select those persons whose names are to be presented for the degree of "American Farmer". Their selections shall be automatically approved by the annual convention of this association.

Section F. Associate and honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office except that of adviser in the State and local organizations and that of Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Adviser in the National Organization.

Section G. All state officers must have attained the degree of "Minnesota Farmer."

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 Farmers of America.

#### Article V. Officers

Section A. The officers of the Minnesota Association of "Future Farmers of America" shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, executive secretary and adviser, reporter and executive committee. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular State convention of "Future Farmers." The officers shall perform the usual duties of the respective officers. Each local chapter shall be entitled to two delegates in the State convention, who shall represent the local chapter in balloting for officers and members who are nominated to be advanced to the grade of "Minnesota Farmer."

Section B. The executive committee shall consist of the president and the secretary of the state association and three active members elected by the delegates at the annual meeting. The three active members are to be elected for three year terms, except the first year when the members are elected for one, two and three year terms respectively. This committee shall perform the functions common to such a committee and shall be responsible for the welfare of the organization between conventions.

Section C. There shall be an advisory council consisting of the state adviser, who shall be chairman, the state supervisor for agricultural education, the president of the Minnesota Agriculture Teachers Association, the dean of the department of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, and the dean of the College of Education, University of Minnesota. This Council functions in a general way to give maturity and stability to the organization. It shall serve as an advisory committee for the state organization and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned

to it by the constitution or delegated to it by the members of the association. In event of mismanagement by the officers of the Association, the council shall investigate and, on proof of charge, assume control until affairs can be returned to the hands of the active members.

- Section D. The Executive Secretary and adviser shall keep all permanent records of the organization. He shall see that adequate reports of the activities of the State Association are forwarded to the national Executive Secretary. He shall be responsible for providing the local chapters with publicity regarding the state chapter. He shall bring to the attention of the public, in all desirable ways, the work of this organization. He shall approve petitions for local charters. He shall receive all of the funds of the organization and disburse them through the Treasurer at the order of the executive committee. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall devote himself faithfully to whatever service is needed for the welfare of the association.
- Section E. All elections to office shall be by majority vote of the electors. Nominations for office may be by a special committee appointed by the president, or from the floor or both.
- Section F. Vacancies in any state office which occur during the interim between official state meetings shall be filled by the executive committee, with the approval of the advisory council.
- Section G. The officers of the local chapters shall be locally designated. When feasible, community service in excess of that required for the Future Farmer degree shall be demanded of those who hold office in local chapters. Except for advisory officers, the officials of local chapters shall be chosen from the active membership.

#### By-laws

#### Article I. Meetings.

- Section A. The annual State meeting shall be held at a time and place to be set by the executive committee and at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the National Congress of Future Farmers of America. Delegates must be at least of the degree of "Future Farmer", and must hold active membership in a local chapter.
- Section B. Local chapters shall hold their meetings monthly or oftener throughout the calendar year and at such times and places as may be decided upon by the local Executive Committee.

#### Article II. Dues.

- Section A. Membership dues in the state association shall be fixed by the Executive Committee, subject to the approval of a majority of the delegates present at the annual state meeting. State dues shall be collected only from active members.
- Section B. The dues of any local chapter shall be fixed by a majority vote of the members of the chapter.

### Article III. Reports.

Section A. The local chapter shall report amendments to the local constitution and by-laws as soon as they are made.

Section B. The local chapter shall report the names of local officers, names of delegates to state meetings and a complete list of names and grades of local chapter members each year.

Section C. The local chapter shall make such other reports as are called for by the executive secretary and adviser.

### Article IV. Amendments.

Section A. Amendments to the State constitution shall be submitted in writing by the delegates from any chapter at any annual state meeting of "Future Farmers." Amendments may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

Section B. In order to secure flexibility by-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the State organization or local chapter, providing they are not in conflict with the State constitution, which is also the constitution for each chapter.

### Article V. Insignia.

Section A. The insignia of the "Future Farmers of America" shall be made up of four symbols, namely (1) cross section of an ear of corn representing common agricultural interests, since corn is native to America and grown in every state; (2) the owl, representing wisdom; (3) the plow, representing tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture, and (4) the rising sun, representing progress.

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 degree of "Minnesota Farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia on a rectangular key base. All members elected to the degree of "American Farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia directly mounted on a key.



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St. Paul

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#### ANNUAL PROGRAM OF WORK

##### Minnesota Association of Future Farmers of America

The following program of work was adopted at the first annual meeting of the Minnesota Association of Future Farmers of America, May 17, 1930:

1. Co-operate in a publicity and promotional program for the further development of instruction in agriculture.
2. Sponsor at State Fair a suitable exhibit to show the work of the boys in agriculture.
3. Conduct a sectional or state rural leadership conference for farm boys.
4. Cooperate with all the worthwhile organizations and activities designed to improve the life on the farm (4-H Clubs, Farm Bureau, etc.).
5. Cooperate in research work that has for its purpose the improvement in the program of work in vocational agriculture.
6. Sponsor a publicity and promotional program to increase the number of F.F.A. chapters in the state.

Each local chapter should reserve some time for a discussion of what can be done locally to help achieve the objectives adopted at the annual meeting.

A. M. FIELD

State Adviser, F.F.A.

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION  
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

List of Local Chapters and Membership in Each:

Name of Local Chapter	Local Adviser	Active Members	Honorary Members
Appleton	L. H. Thurwachter	11	0
Austin	W. G. Wiegand	26	0
Barnsville	Albert H. Olesberg	17	5
Barnum	Paul E. Derby	13	3
Bertha	Paul M. Lindholm	13	3
Cloquet (Thomson Twp.)	Wilho Martin	23	0
Delano	A. J. Williams	13	3
Gilbert	J. J. McCann	12	0
Granada	J. L. Van Anda	15	0
Lewiston	Carlyle Campbell	15	9
Little Falls	E. J. Halverson	19	3
Long Prairie	L. C. Wogensen	11	3
Mound	F. C. Campbell	28	5
New Richland	Ray Cochran	15	5
Pipestone	R. J. Knutson	24	1
Rochester	B. F. Dunn	26	4
St. Peter	Earl Springer	25	0
Spring Grove	LeRoy Uptagrafft	27	2
Staples	H. E. Peirce	19	1
Swanville	Ralph C. Bille	10	1
Tracy	L. H. Fudge	23	1
Villard	E. A. Traxler	19	0