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THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Application for Charter

To **W. A. ROSS**
EX-SECY., F. F. A.
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

We, Ernest Earl, President; Wilbur Norton, Secretary;
and P. K. Jenney, Adviser, officers of the State organization
known as Vermont Assn. of F. F. of America, a State organiza-
tion for students of vocational agriculture, having at present 7
chapters and 98 members, and being empowered to act for this
(number) (number)
organization, do hereby make application to be chartered as a branch of
the "Future Farmers of America".

We are attaching to this application (1) the proposed State consti-
tution 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 to
cover cost of issuing charter.

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

	name	address	grade of membership
President	<u>Ernest Earl</u>	<u>Johnson, Vt.</u>	<u>Future Farmer</u>
V. Pres.	<u>Galna Baker</u>	<u>Fairfax, Vt.</u>	<u>Future Farmer</u>
	<u>Bernard Boyer</u>	<u>East Freetown, Vt.</u>	<u>Future Farmer</u>
Secretary	<u>Wilbur Norton</u>	<u>Vergennes, Vt.</u>	" "
Treas.	<u>Donald Leach</u>	<u>Fairfax</u>	" "

Additional Members of
Executive Comm.

<u>Alfred Mikitas</u>	<u>Arlington, Vt.</u>	" "
<u>Clifford Rivers</u>	<u>Vergennes, Vt.</u>	" "
<u>Robert Crandall</u>	<u>Essex, Vt.</u>	" "
<u>P. K. Jenney</u>	"	"

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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

Malcolm Morton

State Secretary

P. K. Jones

State Adviser

State Program of work.

1. A Future Farmer Chapter in Every Smith-Hugnes school.
2. A delegate sent to the national meeting if possible.
3. A definite set of objectives planned by each Chapter.
4. A report of things accomplished by each chapter at the next meeting.

The following Chapters are now in operation.

Fairfax Chapter at Bellows Free Academy	24 members.
Arlington Chapter at Arlington	11 members.
Johnson Chapter at Johnson	12 members.
Hinesburg Chapter at Hinesburg	11 members.
Vergennes Chapter at Vergennes	15 members.
Essex Junction Chapter at Essex Junction	15 members.
Milton Chapter at Milton	10 members.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE VERMONT ASSOCIATION
of
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA**

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION.

SECTION A. The name of this organization shall be the "Vermont Association of Future Farmers of America." Members of local chapters are herein after referred to as the Future Farmers of America.

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

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

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION.

SECTION A. The "Vermont 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 Smith-Hughes Act.

SECTION C. Members of local chapters shall meet, organize and adopt the State constitution as their own, elect officers, set up a program of work, and then apply to the State Secretary for membership and the State Organization. After this application has been approved by the State Secretary the members of the local chapter may then be known as Future Farmers of America.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION A. Membership in this organization shall be active, associate and honorary.

SECTION B. Active membership. Any male 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 Farmer" chapters upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership for three years after completing his systematic instructions in Vocational Agriculture.

SECTION C. Associate membership. After three years active membership following the completion of his systematic instruction in vocational agriculture a boy automatically becomes an associate member of the Future Farmers of America. Any former male student of vocational agriculture may be elected to associate membership upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting.

SECTION D. Honorary membership. Instructors, school principals, superintendents, farmers, business men and other men who are helping to promote vocational agriculture may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP GRADES AND CLASSES.

SECTION A. There shall be four grades of membership based upon achievement. These grades are (1) Green Hand, (2) Future Farmer, (3) State Farmer and (4) American Farmer.

SECTION B. "Green Hand". Qualifications for Election:

1. Fourteen years of age.
2. Be regularly enrolled in class of 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 Future Farmers of America.

SECTION C. "Future Farmer," Qualifications for election:

1. Satisfactory completion of at least one year of vocational agriculture, including a program of supervised practice.
2. Earn and deposit in a bank, or otherwise productively invest at least \$25.00.

Note:--Any modification of (2) above must be approved by State Adviser.

3. Be regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture with an amplified supervised practice program.
4. Recite from Memory the "Future Farmers Creed".
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for ten minutes.
6. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting of "Future Farmers of America."

SECTION D. "State Farmer Degree," Qualifications for election:

1. At least two years of systematic instruction in vocational agriculture with an outstanding supervised practice program in operation.
2. Pass some occupational test applied by the state staff.
3. Earn and deposit in the bank, or productively invest at least \$200.00. This may include the \$25.00 saved while advancing to the grade of "Future Farmer."
4. Be familiar with Parliamentary procedure by having held office in a local chapter.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for 40 minutes.
6. Make the school judging team, the debating, or some other team representing a school.
7. Show mark attainment in scholarship in all school subjects (grade 85 or above).
8. Possess qualities for leadership as shown by having held responsible positions in connection with student and chapter activities.
9. Each state shall be entitled to elect ten qualified individuals but where the State membership exceed 500, not more than 2% of the total state membership may be elected, fractions counted to the nearest whole number.

SECTION D.

9. (continued) Only copies of written records of achievement verified by the local adviser 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. Synopsis of these records shall then be read by a member of the Executive Committee when the students 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," in the school year previous to the National Congress at which X nominated to for the degree of American Farmer.
2. Be engaged in a 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 deposit in a bank or otherwise productively invest at least \$500.00.

Note!--in cases where the applicant has 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.

5. Possess demonstrated ability to work with others by having participated in some agricultural co-operative 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 any office except that of adviser in the State and local organizations and that of Executive-Secretary, Treasurer and Adviser in the National Organization. Exceptions to this provision are permitted during the first two years of a chapter's existence.

SECTION G. Only members who have been elected to the grade of "American Farmer" are eligible to hold national offices after 1930. One year after the Vermont Association has been chartered all (State) officers shall have attained the "State Farmer" degree. Officers in the local chapters must not rank lower than the grade of "Future Farmer" one year after the chapter has been chartered.

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. 1. The officers of the "Vermont Association of Future Farmers of America" shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, adviser, and reporter. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular State convention of Future Farmers of America. The officers shall perform the usual duties of the respective offices. 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 "State Farmer."

2. Officers of the local chapter shall be identical with those for the State organization and shall be elected annually at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

SECTION B. The Executive Committee of the State Association of Future Farmers of America shall consist of the State officers ex-officio and three active members elected by the delegates in State convention. This committee shall perform the usual duties of an executive committee, review and approve receipts and disbursements, act as a nominating committee, and be responsible for the welfare of the organization.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS.

SECTION A. A meeting of the State convention of Future Farmers of America will be held annually and at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the National Congress of Future Farmers of America, and at such time and place as may be determined upon the State Executive Committee.

SECTION B. Local chapters shall hold their meetings monthly or oftener and at such time and place as may be decided upon by the Executive Committee of the Local Chapter.

ARTICLE VII. DUES.

SECTION A. Membership dues in the State Association shall be fixed by the State Executive committee subject to approval by a majority vote of the delegates present at the State Convention of Future Farmers of America.

SECTION B. The dues of any local chapter shall be fixed by a majority vote of the membership of that chapter.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS.

SECTION A. Amendments to the State constitution shall be submitted in writing by the delegates from any chapter at any annual State Convention of Future Farmers of America. 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 Association or local chapter, provided they are not in conflict with the State constitution which is also the constitution for each chapter.

ARTICLE IX. 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 the ^{bronze} insignia. All "Future Farmers" are entitled to wear a gold insignia. All members elected to the degree of "State Farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia on a key.

All members elected to the degree of "American Farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia directly mounted on a key and surmounted by the American Eagle.