

UPDATE

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 1 International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO) applications due (August 2002 departure), FFA Center
- 15 FFA dues and membership rosters due, FFA Center

June

- 1 CDE Declaration form due, FFA Center
- 14 Delegate issues submission forms due, FFA Center
- 15 Honorary American FFA Degree nominations due, FFA Center
- 15 VIP Citation nominations due, FFA Center
- 15 Distinguished Service citation forms due, FFA Center
- 30 American FFA Degree forms due, FFA Center
- 30 H.O. Sargent (member and non-member) forms due, FFA Center

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FFA

Democracy at Work. This year, the convention delegate process is being changed to involve all FFA members. The new process will invite submission of critical issues from the members and offer opportunities for hearings at the national FFA convention, similar to those conducted in statehouses and in the nation's capitol. From testimony, delegates will formulate reports and initiatives that will help set direction for the organization. The new process reinforces the ideal that the FFA is a national organization *of, by and for* its members.

An article in the May/June/July 2002 issue of *FFA New Horizons* provides an opportunity to submit recommendations. The submission form can also be accessed on [ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org/convention/html/del_issues_form.html) at http://www.ffa.org/convention/html/del_issues_form.html, or print that form and mail or fax it to: Delegate Issues, National FFA Organization, P.O. Box 68960, Indianapolis, IN 46268-0960 (FAX: 317-802-5362).

Contact Anna Melodia, amelodia@ffa.org or Kelly Horton, khorton@ffa.org, with questions regarding the new delegate process.

Employment Posting Site. As part of the LPS program, the national FFA has an interactive website for use in posting open teaching positions available in your state. <http://www.ffa.org/careers/agedjobpostings/customindex.html>. To submit position openings, go to <http://www.ffa.org/careers/agedjobpostings/states/jobsubmission.html>, complete the information and then click the submit button at the bottom of the page.

If you have an active career opportunities website in your state, we offer another option for posting your openings. Send a link to your state's career opportunities page to submitjob@ffa.org. We will post the link under your state's

name. This will allow visitors to access up-to-date agriculture teaching career opportunities in your state.

Contact: Jim Armbruster, jarmbruster@ffa.org or submitjob@ffa.org
<<mailto:submitjob@ffa.org>>.

Spamming from FFAnet.com. Many people have received e-mail from FFAnet.com with the following message: *"Thank you for posting to <http://www.ffanet>. You agreed to receive this message when you posted to our FFA website."*

If you were perplexed as to how and why you received it, you were not alone. Unfortunately, this nettlesome problem has been around for at least three years. The "FFA" in FFAnet.com stands for "Free For All", and they provide free advertising web pages to the public at large. Their pages can contain rather objectionable advertisements that are not always suitable for young adults.

Last year, FFA was successful in causing FFAnet.com to withdraw its application for trademark, but beyond that, there is little FFA can do; the "FFA" trademark we own is only for youth development and for indicating membership in an agricultural education organization. FFAnet.com is very careful not to offer anything on their website dealing with youth organizations, education and/or agriculture.

Because this spam e-mailing has caused a great deal of confusion among state staff, teachers and FFA members, the National FFA Organization has contacted its legal team. Please notify all FFA advisors and others that the National FFA Organization has absolutely no relationship with FFAnet.com. We will keep you posted should anything new develop. Contact: Mickie Miller, mmiller@ffa.org <<mailto:mmiller@ffa.org>>, 317-802-4226.

Hosting an international high school student is an excellent way to bring the world into the classroom. National FFA has partnered with The World Link Organization to allow FFA members and their families to host international students learning about leadership through FFA and agricultural education. World Link is seeking 40 host families for high school students from the countries of the former Soviet Union for the academic year 2002-2003. The international students are part of the Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX) sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. The program requires them to learn about community service activities and attend leadership events such as those offered by the FFA. For more information, contact Lana Stutzman, stutzman@kctcc.net, 877-656-4590.

New agricultural career website. There is a new website exclusively for agricultural career searches. The site, www.jobhog.net <<http://www.jobhog.net>>, is host to a variety of job postings from companies within the agriculture, food natural and life sciences industries.

Membership

National FFA Membership Update: The May 15 deadline is fast approaching, and as of Apr. 26, the National FFA Organization has processed 433,447 members. (Almost 24,000 short of last year's membership at this time.) Those members that have not

been submitted or paid for by May 15 will not be counted toward a state's delegate count.

Online Membership options for 2002-2003. As mentioned in the last issue of *UPDATE*, the four states that participated in the Online Membership system pilot project will continue to use the "new and improved" Online system. All other states have the option to either use an Excel template or continue using the traditional paper roster system. For those states stepping up to choose the Excel template, training sessions will be held June 29, July 13 and Aug. 3 at the FFA Center in Indianapolis.

COMPETITIONS

Toyota Community of Scholars Program. Four FFA members have been named to The Toyota Community of Scholars Program for 2002. Recipients will each receive a \$10,000 scholarship from Toyota and are eligible to receive a \$25,000 scholarship if selected as one of the top ten. The students are from Kentucky, Montana, Oklahoma and Illinois.

FFA members go global. More than 100 FFA members from across the U.S. will travel on international programs this summer. Each year, national finalists in proficiency awards and the Stars Over America finalists have an opportunity to attend the Costa Rica Travel Seminar. Approximately 68 attendees will participate in this year's trip to Costa Rica June 19 - June 30. Also in June, state and national finalists in dairy and livestock judging will travel to the United Kingdom and Europe to compete at the Royal Highland Livestock Show, visit business and industry representatives and have a host family stay. Twenty-four participants are signed up for this exciting event. Additional programs, including internships and home stays, will take students to Australia, New Zealand and other exciting destinations. Visit <http://www.ffa.org/international/> to view information on all FFA Global programs and happenings.

EDUCATOR NEWS

FFA Global Leadership Training available online. FFA Global is looking for agriculture instructors interested in exploring global agriculture in our exciting, online learning program. A "real world" storyline allows students to learn about global agriculture and U.S. policy as they follow the lives of two fictional FFA members as they travel to Moldova, Honduras and Ethiopia. Several chapters are already using the program. If interested in learning more about this project, please contact FFA Global, global@ffa.org <<mailto:global@ffa.org>>, at 317-802-4220. Visit the FFA Global Leadership Scenarios site at <http://www.ffa.org/scenarios/> today.

Seeking presenters for convention workshops. Applications for the 2002 National FFA Convention student workshops are currently being accepted. We are looking for talented people to share their teaching and presentation skills with FFA members. Workshops are to be student focused with an emphasis on premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Please spread the word to potential workshop teachers about this opportunity. The attached application is due at the FFA center by June 9, 2002. Contact: Andy Armbruster, 317-802-4308.

Sharpen your teaching skills in horticulture. Hummert International, an organizational member of NAAE, in Earth City, Mo., is offering the following short courses this summer. Please contact Hummert directly for information or to register for the courses.

Greenhouse Operation and Management

June 25-27, 2002 & July 30-Aug. 1, 2002

Subjects include plant nutrition, crop scheduling, disease and pest management.

Turf Grass and Landscape Design

July 9 & 10, 2002

Subjects include landscape design & plant selection, turf management, use of mycorrhizal fungi, bulbs in landscaping and safety training

To register or for information, please call Shannon or Kathy H. at 1-800-325-3055, 4500 Earth City Expressway, Earth City, Mo., 63045, 314-506-4500, Fax: 314-506-4510.

STATE STAFF NEWS

Experience professional growth opportunity in Costa Rica.

State Leaders in agricultural education are invited to experience a unique professional growth opportunity in Costa Rica. In January 1999, the National FFA Board of Directors approved funding for an international experience for state leaders. The project aimed at building the capacity of state leadership by providing an international experience for state leaders who have little or no international travel experience, and who will have an opportunity to directly impact state leadership in agricultural education for years to come. The objective of the activity is to provide an opportunity for one state leader, from each state, to attend the multi-year project. Program dates are tentatively set for Nov. 8-17, 2002. Although supported by the National FFA Board of Directors, a fee of approximately \$750 will apply to offset costs of the international flight, lodging and travel arrangements. Applications are due Aug 1, 2002 and can be downloaded at the FFA Global website at <http://www.ffa.org/international/> or requested by e-mail at global@ffa.org.

State FFA Officers travel to Europe. Each January, state FFA officers have the unique opportunity to travel to Europe to learn about global agriculture and business on ILSSO, the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers. Participants have a host family stay with a German farm family and participate in business and industry visits. Tentative dates for 2003 are Jan. 5-20. If you are a newly elected or past state officer and want to travel to a foreign country, learn about global agriculture, or spend two amazing weeks with other state FFA officers, the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO) is the right place for you! Applications are due Oct. 1, 2002 for January departures. Download application forms and find out more information, e-mail us at global@ffa.org, visit online at <http://www.ffa.org/international/> or call 317-802-4220.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN UPDATE

Guide to the National FFA Officer Selection Process available online. The Guide to the National FFA Officer Selection Process has been updated and sent to state staff in February via e-mail. The same files are now available online at http://www.ffa.org/officers/_private/candidates.html in a .PDF read-only format for national officer candidates to access the information as a part of their preparation. The online guide has been broken down by section with brief explanations of each for quick, easy reference. Contact: David Doerfert, ddoerfert@ffa.org

Start planning for your state group to attend the 2002 Washington Leadership Conference (WLC). The Rosslyn Westpark Holiday Inn and the Eisenhower Holiday Inn will be the two hotels used for the summer. The staff will consist of nine counselors and

two assistant managers. The cost of the program will remain at \$495 per student. Advisor program rates are: advisor single, \$700; advisor double, \$525; and advisor/guest package \$875. This year we have added an additional package for advisors called the Individualized package. The package price is \$430 for securing the hotel room. In addition to the room cost, advisors and chaperones have the option of choosing which individual activities to participate in for additional fees. Registration materials were mailed to each chapter in February. Look for updated WLC information on the FFA website, www.ffa.org. Contact: Kassie Lucero, klucero@ffa.org 317-802-4319 or Tina Paris, tparis@ffa.org 317-802-4309.

2002 Career Development Event (CDE) Information

Contact: Wendy Baird, 317-802-4263 or wbaird@ffa.org.

2002 certification deadline: The National Convention begins October 30, 2002. The deadline date for CDE certification forms is July 11, 2002. Please mark your calendars for the 2002-2003 school year.

2002 CDE Certification Forms from State Guide: States must submit their CDE Team Declaration form to the National FFA by June 1st. This form is used to indicate all CDE event areas in which your state will be participating, regardless of state qualification dates. All certification forms for participating teams qualified prior to the July 11th deadline must be submitted by the deadline, as well. Please refer to the 2002 National FFA State Leadership Guide CD-ROM or <http://www.ffa.org/programs/cde/html/resources/stateguidemenu.html> for the 2002 Certification Forms. 2002 requires membership numbers, for participants, be submitted at time of certification.

CDE Student Waiver: Each member participating in a National FFA CDE must submit the proper Waiver, Release of Liability and Consent to Medical Treatment form. The National FFA CDE Coordinator must receive the form by September 30, 2002. If a team does not qualify for participation in the national event until after this deadline, the waiver form must be submitted with the certification form. Students who do not submit this form will not be allowed to participate.

Certification payment: Page 2 of the introduction section of the CDE handbook, "Selection and Certification of State Teams," item number 4 states: Each entry in team or individual CDEs will be charged an entry-processing fee, payable at certification (Fee is \$25.00 per entry). All certification-processing fees for CDE teams must be paid with the certification form. Dairy Handlers and events that are demonstrations do not have a processing fee. Certification forms will not be processed until payment has been received.

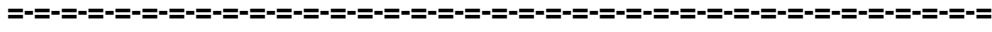
Deadlines for Manuscripts and Portfolios:

- All Prepared Public Speaking manuscripts must be submitted to the National FFA office by August 15, 2002.
- All portfolios for Agricultural Communications, Agricultural Issues and Marketing Plan must be submitted to the National FFA office by September 15, 2002.
- All cover letters, resumes and references for Job Interview must be submitted by September 15, 2002.

Agricultural Mechanics Theme: Material Handling Systems

Please refer to the following website for complete information regarding the 2002 Agricultural Mechanics CDE: <http://www.missouri.edu/~pavt0689/natcon.html>.

UPDATE is also available each month at www.ffa.org/news/update/index.html. Attachments are available online.



The FFA Mission

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth** and **career success** through agricultural education.

The Agricultural Education Mission

Agricultural Education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems.

The National FFA Organization is a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise state association, local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the National FFA Organization Constitution and Bylaws.

The National FFA Organization affirms its belief in the value of all human beings and seeks diversity in its membership, leadership and staff as an equal opportunity employer.

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**NATIONAL CONVENTION STUDENT WORKSHOP PRESENTER
APPLICATION FORM 2002**

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Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Social Security Number _____

Date of Birth _____ 19 _____
Month Day Year

Sex _____

HOME ADDRESS:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ Parent or Guardian's name _____

Email _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ E-mail address _____

Send all applications and workshop outlines to the attention of J. Frank Saldaña c/o the address at the top of this page. All applications must be postmarked no later than June 9th, 2002.

National FFA / Alumni Student Premier Leadership, Personal and Career Success Workshops:

You would send back the application, title (be creative), short description of workshop (three to four sentence) and development of workshop outline.

Select from the following in order of preference from **1 to 4** and **√ off the box with subject preference:**

******(Please prepare materials for 1st choice only)******

_____ **Premier Leadership — Influence**

(Check one of the following)

- q **Vision** – Seeing a clear vision of what the future should be.
- q **Relationships** – Building a constituency. (Listening, coaching, team development...)
- q **Awareness** – A quest for purposeful understanding. (Community, diversity, environment...)
- q **Character** – A collection of virtues by which we live our lives. (Integrity, responsibility, ethics...)
- q **Action** – Demonstration of skills and competencies needed to achieve desired results. (Risk, decision making, problem solving...)
- q **Continuous Improvement** – The pursuit of learning and growth. (Innovation, adaptation, life long learning...)

_____ **Personal Growth — The positive evolution of the whole person.**

(check one of the following)

- q **Emotional** – The development of a healthy response to our feelings. (Attitude, self-image, sense of balance...)
- q **Mental** – The cognitive and intellectual development that allows for the effective application of reasoning, thinking and coping. (Critical thinking, planning, healthy living.)
- q **Social** – The successful interaction that respects the differences of a diverse and changing society. (Cross cultural awareness, peer pressure, citizenship...)
- q **Spiritual** – The reflective inner strength that allows us to define our personal beliefs, values and principles. (Values, coping, ethics...)
- q **Physical** – Striving to remain healthy by understanding, respecting and managing your body's need. (Sense of balance, self-discipline, respecting yourself.)
- q **Professional** – The progressive awareness and the application of skills necessary for career success. (Goal setting, communication, dependability.)

_____ **Career Success — Continuously demonstrating those qualities, attributes and skills necessary to succeed in or further prepare for a chosen profession while effectively contributing to society.**

(Check one of the following)

Communication

- q Agricultural Communications
- q Resume Writing, Interview Techniques, Etc.

Flexibility / Adaptability

q Change Management -Ag Trends

Decision Making & Implementation

q Job Searches

q General Ag Career Awareness

q How to choose a career to fit your talents

Technical / Functional

q Technical Skill Training

q Professional skills

q E-commerce

q College Finance

Entrepreneurism

q

_____ **National FFA Alumni Association Student Workshops:**
(Check one of the following)

q Develop new leadership workshop with title and outline

Example: If you put down **Career Success** as your **1st** chose and check off
q Agricultural Communications. You would send back the **application** postmark by
June 9, 2002 with **title** (be creative), **short description** of workshop (three to four
sentence) and **outline of workshop**.

- Workshop presenters will be paid \$150.00 per presentation if material has previously been developed. These workshops are usually presented two times. *Example —Two presentations for the total of \$300.00.*
- Student workshops that will be developed by the presenter(s) will be paid a commission of \$200.00 for development and \$150.00 per presentation. If workshop has more then one presenter the development and the number of presentation will be split among the presenters. *Example — Development by one presenter and two presentations for the total of \$500.00. Development by two presenters and two presentations for the total of \$250.00 per presenter.*
- Each presenter will be paid transportation to and from the convention.
- Hotel accommodations will be paid for the presenter.
- Meals will not be reimbursed.
- Other duties that may be assigned include: assist in student services team booth; FFA dances; transportation of convention speakers; emcee Proficiency or Stars luncheons; emcee the Leadership Dinner, assist in guided tours for FFA Foundation and hosting workshops.