



DEPARTMENT OF
Vocational Education

STATE OF ARIZONA

Phoenix, Arizona

October 15, 1929.

Mr. Henry C. Groseclose, Ex. Sec'y.
 Future Farmers of America,
 Blacksburg, Va.

Dear Mr. Groseclose:

I am enclosing application of the State of Arizona for a charter in the Future Farmers of America. We are also enclosing the asked for information as well as our check for \$5.00, to cover the cost of issuing the charter.

We have adopted the Constitution, as proposed by the National Group, with the exception that we have inserted the word Arizona in place of the word State in various places through the Constitution.

We expect to send the money for our National Dues as soon as we receive the Charter.

I sincerely hope that this application will reach you soon enough that Arizona will become a member of the National Group before the dead line of November 1st, as we hope to send Delegates to the National Meeting at Kansas City.

Will you please send us suggestions as to the chartering of local groups, state programs and activities, copies of the ritual to follow in chapter meetings, and any other information which will be valuable to us.

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. Mark Bliss,

E. MARK BLISS, Chairman,
 Committee of Future Farmers of the
 State of Arizona.

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HALBERT W. MILLER
 DIRECTOR
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THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Application for Charter

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To Henry C. Groseclose,

Blacksburg, Va.

We, Stanley Hopper, President; Earl Dotson, Secretary;
and Halbert W. Miller, Adviser, officers of the State organization
known as Arizona Association of Future Farmers of America, a State organiza-
tion for students of vocational agriculture, having at present 9.....
chapters and 153..... 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:

President:	<u>Stanley Hopper</u>	<u>Paria</u>
	name	address	grade of membership

Vice-Pres.	<u>Al Lang</u>	<u>Chandler</u>
Secy. Treas.	<u>Earl Dotson</u>	<u>Tempe</u>
State Advisor:	<u>Halbert W. Miller</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: *Stanley Hopper*
State President
Earl D. Brown
State Secretary
Halley W. Miller
State Adviser
W. L. Lang
State Vice President

FEDERAL BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
200 New Jersey Avenue NW.,
Washington, D. C.

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
OF "FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA."

(Patterned after the Proposed Constitution of the
National Organization of "Future Farmers
of America.")

Explanatory Note. Ever since vocational education in agriculture has been established in the high schools of the United States, State supervisors, teacher trainers, and teachers of vocational agriculture have recognized that there is a need for some kind of organization which would take advantage of the natural instincts and psychological tendencies of boys in the adolescent age to group together into clubs or "gangs." By establishing a strong state-wide organization, with local chapters in each school where vocational agriculture is taught an outlet for these instincts and tendencies will be afforded our vocational students. Such organizations, if they function properly, will give us an excellent opportunity to teach vocational students some of the fundamental principles of group leadership. Boys will be taught how to conduct their own meetings and how to do things in an organized way. An increasing number of the competitive activities, such as live-stock judging contests between different schools in a State, can be taken over by these student organizations under the careful supervision of the local teachers and the State supervisor. As a matter of fact, one of the main secrets of the success of any student organization rests in the ability of supervisors and teacher trainers to delegate responsibilities to the students themselves, for unless a student organization is assigned something to do which is interesting and really worth while, there is no reason for its existence. By having strong State and national organizations of "Future Farmers of America," additional incentives for achievement by local chapters will be set up. Greater dignity will accrue to local organizations if each member knows that his local Chapter of the "Future Farmers of America" is a part of a State and nation-wide organization of similar groups of vocational agricultural students which have been established in all or a great majority of the departments of vocational agriculture throughout the United States. For these reasons the constitution and general plans for the organization of "Future Farmers of America" within the several States should be as similar as it is feasible to make them. Definite steps have already been taken to have the name

"Future Farmers of America" registered with the United States Patent Office, so that this name can not be used by any other group of individuals.

The suggestion has already been made that the First National Congress of "The Future Farmers of America" be held at Kansas City this coming November at the time of the American Royal Live Stock Show. It is hoped that a large number of States will have perfected a State organization with local chapters of "Future Farmers of America" in sufficient time to have representatives present at this First National Congress. One of the first competitive activities to be suggested for members of future farmer organizations in the several States is a nation-wide oratorical contest on some agricultural subject. Such a contest would certainly be a fine training for the students themselves and should serve as an excellent medium for securing publicity and doing promotional work for the cause of vocational education in agriculture. It should be understood, of course, that each State which expected to have an entry in the National Contest would have, first of all, a state-wide elimination contest, and that only the winner from this State contest be entered in the National Contest at Kansas City.

The following constitution is very closely patterned after the proposed national constitution of "The Future Farmers of America," but it is set up in such a way that it can be adopted as a constitution for a State organization of "Future Farmers of America" without being in conflict with the national constitution.

Suggested State Constitution.

Article I. Name and Purposes of the Organization.

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the ^{Arizona} (~~name of State~~) Association of "Future Farmers of America". Members of local chapters are hereinafter 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 *Arizona...*
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 recreational 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 of vocational agriculture.
9. To develop rural leadership.

Article II. Organization.

Section A. The ^{Arizona} (name of State) 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 B. Local "Future Farmer" chapters shall not be organized in schools where systematic instruction in vocational agriculture is not given 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 in 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 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 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 chapter meeting. Any former active member of a "Future Farmer" chapter 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, 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 meeting.

Article IV. Membership Grades and Privileges.

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. (These terms to be used until approved or modified by the First National Congress).

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

1. Fourteen years of age.
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 "Future Farmers of America."

Section C. "Future Farmer". Qualifications 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 invest at least \$25.

Note. - Any modification of (2) above must be approved by the 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. ^{Arizona}~~State~~ Farmer Degree". Qualifications for Election.

The qualifications for election are left to the various State organizations. The following qualifications are simply suggestive:

1. At least two years of systematic instruction in vocational agriculture with an outstanding supervised practice program in operation.
2. Pass some occupational test supplied by the State staff.
3. Earn and deposit in a bank, or productively invest at least \$200. This may include the \$25 saved while advancing to the grade of "Future Farmer."
4. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure by having held office in the local chapter.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for forty minutes.
6. Make the school judging team, debating team, or some other team representing the school.

7. Show marked attainment in scholarship in all school subjects (grade 85 or above).
8. 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 10 qualified individuals but where the State membership exceeds 500, not more than 2 per cent of the total State membership may be elected, fractions counted to the nearest whole number. 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. Synopses 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 ^{Arizona} ~~State~~ 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.

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.

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

6. Possess demonstrated ability to work with others by having participated in some agricultural cooperative enterprise or movement.
7. 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 advisor 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 1929. One year after the *Arizona* organization has been chartered all *Arizona* officers shall have attained the *Arizona* "State Farmer degree." Officers in the local chapters must not rank lower than the grade of "Future 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. 1. The officers of the *Arizona* (State) 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." 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 *Arizona* "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 organization 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," at such time and place as may be determined upon by 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 a State organization 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 ^{Arizona} State constitution shall be submitted in writing by the delegates from any chapter at any annual State Convention 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 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 a 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 rectangular key base. All members elected to the degree of "American farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia directly mounted on a key.

CREED OF A FUTURE FARMER.

I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds -- achievements won by the present and past generations of farmers; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come up to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of farm life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I can not deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of organized farmers to serve our own and the public interest in marketing the product of our toil. I believe we can safeguard those rights against practices and policies that are unfair.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so -- for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

LIST OF LOCAL CHAPTERS IN ARIZONA.

Chapter.	Membership.
1. Chandler	13
2. Fort Thomas	15
3. Gilbert	29
4. Marana	5
5. Patagonia	12
6. Peoria	18
7. Snowflake	6
8. Thatcher	37
9. Yuma	18

PROGRAM OF FUTURE FARMERS ACTIVITIES
FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA
1929-1930

1. To hold at least one state meeting per year.
2. To increase the number and size of boys agricultural projects within the state.
3. To promote Vocational Agriculture in the state by widespread publicity of Future Farmer Activities.
4. To supply material for regular Future Farmer Departments in local and state papers.
5. A father and son banquet in every chapter.
6. To conduct at least one State-wide Judging Contest every year.
7. Arrange for a Future Farmer exhibit at the State Fair in 1930.
8. Promote the idea of a thrift bank in each chapter.