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THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Application for Charter

To Henry C. Groseclose,  
Blacksburg, Va.

We, John Montgomery, President; Gordon Williamson Secretary;  
and Cliff Steins, Adviser, officers of the State organization  
known as Delaware Branch of F.F.A., a State organiza-  
tion for students of vocational agriculture, having at present X.....  
chapters and X..... members, and being empowered to act for this  
(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>John Montgomery</u>	181 <u>Brookside Lane</u>	<u>Wol. Del.</u>	.....
Sec. <u>Gordon Williamson</u>	<u>414 1/2 <del>W. 1st</del> N. 1st</u>	<u>Wilmington</u>	.....
V. Pres. <u>A. H. Lowmyer</u>	<u>Harrington</u>	<u>Del.</u>	.....
V. Pres. <u>W. W. Williams</u>	<u>Brookside</u>	<u>Wol. Del.</u>	.....
V. Pres. <u>Geo. Phillips</u>	<u>Middletown</u>	<u>Del.</u>	.....
Treas. <u>Chris Roland</u>	<u>Wilmington</u>	<u>Del.</u>	.....
Reporter <u>Norman Clifton</u>	<u>Seaford</u>	<u>Del.</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: ..*John Montgomery*.....  
State President  
.....*Gordon W. Wilkinson*.....  
State Secretary  
.....*R. H. Harris*.....  
State Adviser

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STATE OF

DELAWARE

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## Department of Public Instruction

Newark, Delaware  
Feb. 5, 1930

Mr. Henry C. Groseclose  
Blackbird, Va.

My dear Mr. Groseclose:

I am enclosing herewith a check in the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) to cover cost of issuing Charter to the Delaware Branch of Future Farmers of America which was organized on January 17th in Dover, Delaware, together with the application, properly executed, for a Charter; a list of the officers of the Delaware organization; the annual program of work; and the Constitution.

Please send Charter to R. W. Heim, State Adviser, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Heim  
State Dir. of Voc. Education



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Granville Wilkins, 1st vice-president - Bridgeville high school,  
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Alfred Conaway, 2nd vice-president - Harrington high school,  
Harrington, Dela.

George Phillips, 3rd vice-president - Middletown high school,  
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Elmer Roland, Treasurer - Caesar Rodney high school, Camden, Del.

Gorden Williamson, Secretary - Newark high school, Newark, Del.

Norman Clifton, Reporter - Seaford high school, Seaford, Del.

-Jas. Wharton - Executive Committee, Laurel high school, Laurel, Del.

Frank Elliott, Executive Committee, Greenwood high school, Greenwood,  
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DELAWARE BRANCH  
1930-1931

(Adopted at Dover, Del., Feb. 1, 1930)

I Supervised Practice

- (1) Every member have a long time supervised practice program including one or more projects and supplementary jobs.
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II Cooperative Activities

- (1) At least one of the following cooperative projects:

- a. Production
- b. Marketing
- c. Buying
- d. Financing
- e. Work with neighboring chapter or other organization

III Community Service

- (1) Carry out one or more of the following activities:

- a. Agriculture news sheet
- b. Farmers' bulletin board in some public place
- c. Window display of F. F. activities
- d. High school exhibit
- e. Exhibit at fair
- f. Put on program at rural school
- g. Sponsor some community beautification or improvement program.

IV Leadership Activities

- (1) Participate in one or more contests individually or on team.
- (2) Each member to lead at least one group discussion.

V Earning and Saving.

- (1) Every chapter emphasize thrift through one of the following plans.

- a. Organize a VO-AG thrift bank
- b. Organize a VO-AG thrift accounting system
- c. Participate in the school thrift bank.

VI

Conduct of Meeting

- (1) At least one meeting each month of the school year.
- (2) Meetings held outside of regular class, preferably at the co-curricular period.
- (3) Definite program for each meeting.
- (4) Emphasize on businesslike, dignified Parliamentary procedure. - (Roberts-Rules - revised).
- (5) Emphasize training to speak clearly in public

VII

Recreation - At least one of the following seven:

- (1) Father and Son Banquet
- (2) Educational Tour
- (3) Sight Seeing Tour
- (4) Project tour
- (5) Camping or fishing tour
- (6) Picnic
- (7) Rural life plays

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