

APPLICATION FOR CHAPTER

29 (Oct. 5, 1929)

To Henry C. Grosseclose
State Board of Education
Richmond, Virginia

We..Keith.Tanner.....President, Lewis.Taylor.. Secretary;
and..E..E..Gallup.....Adviser, officers of the State organization
known as Michigan.Association.of Future Farmers of America, a State
organization for students of vocational agriculture, having at pres-
ent 62 chapters and 1378 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.

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

President	Name	Address	grade membership
	Keith Tanner	Charlotte	
Vice-Pres	Frank Swagart	St Johns	
Secretary	Lewis Taylor	Caro	
Treasurer	Harry Gibson	Fowlerville	
Reporter	Edward Strenzal	Reed City	
Adviser	E. E. Gallup	Lansing	

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 Keith A. Tanner
State president
Lewis Taylor
State Secretary
E. E. Gallup
State Adviser

Charter Members of the
Michigan Chapter of Future Farmers of America
Organized May 2, 1929

School	Number Members in Local Chapter	School	Number Members in Local Chapter	School	Number Members In Local Chapter
Alanson	19	Harrisville	19	Reed City	19
Alma	27	Hart	21	Richland	25
Almont	16	Haslett	15	Romeo	32
Bad Axe	20	Hillsdale	20	St. Johns	43
Bangor	13	Holly	22	Sand Creek	29
Belleville	19	Imlay City	14	Sparta	15
Benzonia	12	Ithaca	22	Tecumseh	23
Blissfield	20	Jackson	14	Traverse City	19
Breckenridge	22	Jonesville	26	Walled Lake	22
Caro	18	Lake City	19	Ypsilanti	14
Centerville	14	Lake Odessa	22		
Charlotte	44	Lakeview Cons.	28	Number Chapters	62
Croswell	30	Leslie	19	Number Members	1378
Dansville	15	Lincoln Cons.	20		
Dowagiac	16	Lowell	62		
Dundee	14	Manton	21		
Eaton Rapids	15	Marshall	10		
Ewart	30	Mason	20		
Farwell	20	Midland	29		
Fennville	31	Milan	20		
Fowlerville	14	Morenci	20		
Fremont	23	New Troy	23		
Goodrich	14	Northport	40		
Grand Ledge	26	Okemos	27		
Grand Marais	13	Owosso	49		
Grant	11	Paw Paw	19		

Program of Work for the
Michigan Chapter of Future Farmers of America
1929-1930

The Michigan Chapter of Future Farmers of America proposes to develop an intelligent, safe, and dynamic leadership for agriculture and rural life through the vocational agricultural departments of the high schools by

1. Promoting scholarship and school spirit among students of vocational agriculture
2. Promoting a more efficient agriculture and a better rural life
3. Promoting the long time project
4. Promoting thrift among the students of vocational agriculture
5. Promoting project tours
6. Promoting an F. F. A. banquet each year
7. Exhibiting and judging in school, community, and county fairs
8. Sending grain and stock judging teams to the state judging contests at the State College Junior Farmers' Week and helping to finance the winning dairy team to the National Dairy Show and the winning stock judging team to the American Royal Live Stock Show
9. Sending grain and potato exhibits to the Vocational Exhibition at the State College Farmers' Week
10. Encouraging our older and more mature members to become 4-H Club leaders in their own rural communities
11. Sending contestants to the state and national F. F. A. speaking contests
12. Encouraging and aiding in the beautification of our high school grounds.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF

HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Name of town _____

Article I. Name and Purposes of Organization

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the _____ High School Chapter of 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 Michigan
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 in 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
10. To promote a better school and community spirit
11. To promote community improvement projects

Article II. Organization

Section A. The Michigan Association of Future Farmers of America is a state organization of affiliated local chapters in high 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 high 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".

Section D. Each chapter shall consider itself a unit in the state organization. It shall use the State Constitution as its own constitution and have a like number of officers and committees performing the same duties for the chapter as the state officers and committees perform for the state organization.*

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 the "Future Farmer" chapter. A member may retain his active membership for three years after completing a course in systematic instruction in vocational agriculture.

Section C. Associate Membership. Any former student of vocational agriculture or any former active member of a "Future Farmer" chapter may be entitled to associate membership.

Section D. Honorary Membership. Instructors, school principals, superintendents, business men, and others who have aided in the promotion of vocational agriculture may be entitled to honorary membership.

Article IV. Membership Grades or Degrees and Privileges

Section A. There shall be three grades or degrees of membership based upon achievement. These grades or degrees are (1) Green Hand, (2) Future Farmer, (3) State Farmer.

Section B. "Green Hand". Qualifications for

1. Fourteen years of age
2. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture
3. Have a satisfactory program of supervised home project work

*By-laws may be adopted by the local chapters to provide the needs of their varying activities. Time and place of meeting, chapter dues, power of appointment of such committees as may be needed in the chapter activities, and so forth should be provided by the by-laws of each chapter.

Section C. "Future Farmer". Qualifications for

1. Satisfactory completion of at least one year in vocational agriculture including a supervised home project
2. Earn and deposit in the bank or otherwise productively invest at least \$25
3. Be regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture with an amplified supervised home project
4. Recite from memory the "Future Farmers" creed
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for ten minutes

Section D. "State Farmer". Qualifications for

1. At least two years of systematic instruction in vocational agriculture with a long time or continuous supervised home project program in operation
2. Outstanding qualities of leadership as shown by ability in class, school organizations, public speaking, and general activities in the high school
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 B 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 ten qualified individuals but where the state membership exceeds 500 not more than 2% 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 "State Farmer" degree the number of candidates to which the state is entitled.

Article V. Officers

Section A. The officers of this association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Adviser, Reporter, and an Executive Committee. These officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

Section B. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter and three active members elected by the chapter. 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.

Section C. The officers of the State organization of Future Farmers of America shall be elected at the regular annual State convention. Their term of office shall be one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. Each affiliated chapter shall elect two delegates who will represent the local chapter in the activities of the State organization. The assembled and organized delegates of the local chapters shall constitute the State organization.

Section D. Officers of the local chapters shall be elected at the first regular meeting held in December of each year and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article VI. Meetings

Section A. The State convention of Future Farmers of America shall be held annually at least thirty 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 each 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 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 the Future Farmers of America.

Section B. The dues of this chapter shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present at a regular chapter meeting.

Article VIII. Amendments

Section A. Amendments to the State Constitution may 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 local chapter, provided they do not conflict with the State Constitution.

Article IX. Insignia

Section A. The insignia of the Future Farmers of America shall be the insignia of the National organization of Future Farmers of America.

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 entitled to the degree of "State Farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia on a rectangular key base.