

Puerto Rico

THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Application for Charter

To W. A. Ross, Executive Secretary FFA  
1523 L Street N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

We, Santos Borrero, President; Agustin Rivera  
Secretary; and Antonio Texidor, Adviser, officers of the  
Insular organization known as Porto Rico Association of Future  
Farmers of America, an insular organization for students of  
vocational agriculture, having at present.....  
..... (number)  
..... chapters and..... members, and being empowered to  
..... (number)  
act for this 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  
Insular constitution and by-laws under which we desire to  
work; (2) a copy of our Insular 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 the  
cost of issuing charter.

The names and addresses of our Insular Officers are as  
follows:

President	Santos Borrero	Box 506	Arcaibo, P.R.	(President)
	Alfonso González	Loa Alta	P.R.	(Vice Pres)
	Agustin Rivera	Caguas	P.R.	(Secretary)
	Mr. Melencuez Munoz	San Juan	P.R.	(Treasurer)
	Antonio Texidor	San Juan	P.R.	adviser.

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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:

*Santo Basero*

Insular President

*Agustin Rivera*

Insular Secretary

*Antonio Texido*

Insular Adviser.

The names and addresses of our Insular Officers are as follows:

President:

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PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THE INSULAR CHAPTER OF THE PORTO RICO  
ASSOCIATION OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA  
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1. All dues should be paid before being initiated, and then on the first day of school or within ten days thereafter. Suggested due, 25 cents yearly.
2. All local chapters must report annually at or before the annual convention of all accomplishments for the year.
3. Each chapter should send at least two representatives to the annual convention.
4. The Future Farmers Creed and the local charter should be framed and hanged at the agricultural room.
5. Prizes will be offered for the best project work at the local chapters.
6. Engaged in cooperative buying and selling.
7. Hold "father and son banquets" at all chapters, using only the products grown by the pupils.
8. Every member should have a satisfactory home project at their home farms, school farm or some other farm.
9. Organize an efficient system of marketing for their community.
10. Organize an insular public speaking contest on subjects related to agricultural problems.
11. At least 50 per cent of the local chapters should hold school exhibits.
12. Publish an insular news bulletin.



CONSTITUTION OF THE PORTO RICO ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS  
OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Porto Rico 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 Porto Rico.
2. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
3. To create and develop a love of country life.
4. To encourage recreational and educational activities for students in vocational agriculture.
5. To promote thrift.
6. To encourage co-operative 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 Porto Rico Association of Future Farmers of America is an insular 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 Insular constitution as their own, elect officers, set up a program of work, and then apply to the Insular Secretary for membership in the Insular organization. After this application has been approved by the Insular 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 instruction 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 PRIVILEGES

Section A. There shall be four grades of membership based upon achievement. These grades are (1) Green hand, (2) Future farmer, (3) Insular farmer and (4) American farmer.

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 Insular 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. "Insular Farmer." 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 supplied by the Insular 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 40 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 for leadership as shown by having held responsible positions in connection with student and chapter activities.

9. The Porto Rico Association of Future Farmers of America shall be entitled to elect ten qualified individuals, and where the Insular membership exceeds 500, not more than 2% of the total Insular membership may be elected, fractions counted to the nearest whole number. Only copies of written records of achievements verified by the local adviser shall be submitted to the Insular adviser by the local executive committee at least one month prior to the Insular convention. The Insular adviser will then review the records and submit his findings to the Insular Executive Committee. This committee will nominate at the regular Insular 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 Porto Rico Association of Future Farmers of America is entitled.

Section E. "American Farmer." Qualifications for Election:

1. Hold the degree of Insular Farmer in the school year previous to the National Congress at which nominated 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.

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 Insular 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 Insular organization has been chartered all Insular officers shall have attained the "Insular Farmer" degree. Officers in the local chapters must not rank lower than the grade of "Future Farmer" one year after the chapter is 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 Porto Rico 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 Insular 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 Insular convention, who shall represent the local chapter in balloting for officers and members who are nominated to be advanced to the grade of "Insular Farmer."

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

Section B. The executive committee of the Insular organization of Future Farmers of America shall consist of the Insular officers ex-officio and three active members elected by the delegates in Insular 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 Insular 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 Insular 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 Insular organization shall be fixed by the Insular Executive Committee subject to approval by a majority vote of the delegates present at the Insular 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 Insular constitution shall be submitted in writing by the delegates from any chapter at any annual Insular 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 Insular organization or local chapter, provided they are not in conflict with the Insular 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; (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 "Insular 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.