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Prof. Henry Groseclose,
Virginia Polytechnic Institute,
Blacksburg, Virginia.

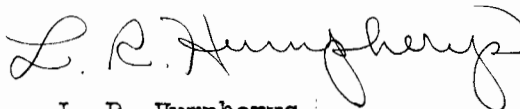
Dear Mr. Groseclose:

I am inclosing Utah's application for Charter
in the Future Farmers of America. Please find inclosed:

1. Check for \$5.00
2. List of local chapters of Utah which have made
application for charter.
3. State Program of Utah Future Farmers of America
for 1929-30.
4. Calendar of events for 1929-30.
5. Constitution for Utah state and local organ-
izations of Future Farmers of America.

We shall be pleased to hear from you concerning this
Charter and hope that it will pass muster.

Very respectfully,



L. R. Humpherys,
State Supervisor of Agricultural
Education.

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Inc.

THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

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

We, Henry Jenkins, President, Howard Rasmussen Secretary;
and L. R. Humphreys, Adviser, officers of the State organization
known as Utah Farmers Of America a State organization
for students of vocational agriculture, having at present 8
chapters and 453 members, and being empowered to act for this organ-
number
ization, 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: Utah
President Henry Jenkins, 40 Verne Oberhansley - Ogden, Utah Applicant State Farmer
name address grade of membership

Vice-Pres. Carlyle Christensen Brigham Utah
Secretary Howard Rasmussen, Mt Pleasant, Utah App State Farmer
Treasurer " " "
Reporter Owen Slauch Vernal Utah
Adviser L. R. Humphreys Hogan, Utah

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 Henry Jenkins
State President
Howard Rasmussen
State Secretary
L. R. Humphreys
State Adviser

Local Chapters of Utah Future Farmers of America

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Members</u>
Box Elder Chapter	60
Jordan "	46
Manti "	53
North Cache "	44
Wasatch "	64
Weber "	56
North Sanpete "	70
South Cache "	<u>60</u>
Total	453

Calendar of Events for Utah F.F.A. for 1929-30

October 4 - Annual business meeting

October 5 - State Fair Contests.

October 15 - First number of Utah Future Farmers

November - Delegates and Stock Judging team to Kansas City

January 7 - Stock Judging Contests at Ogden

January 25 - Conduct program at annual Farm Bureau convention.

January 25 - Award of State Medals

May 5 - F. F. A. Oratorical Contest at Utah Agricultural College.

January 30 - Second number of Utah Future Farmer.

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STATE CONSTITUTION.

Article I. Name and Purpose of the Organization.

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Utah Chapter 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 Utah.
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, and provide a medium through which this type of activity may be carried on.
7. To strengthen the confidence of the farm boy in himself, in his work, and in the possibilities of rural community life.
8. To promote scholarship among students of vocational agriculture.
9. To develop rural leadership.
10. To promote home and community beautification.

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Article II. Organization

Section A. The Utah Chapter of "Future Farmers of America", designated as F. F. A., is a State organization of affiliated local chapters organized in schools having organized instruction in vocational agriculture in conformity to the provisions of the Smith- Hughes Act of 1917.

Section B. Members of local chapters shall meet, organize, and adopt the State constitution as their own, work out a set of by-laws, 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 "F. F. A."

Article III. Membership.

Section A. Membership in this organization shall be active, 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 any one of the local F. F. A. 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. Honorary Membership. Instructors, school principals, superintendents, business men, farmers, former students, 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. Honorary members

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shall not vote or hold any office except that of "adviser".

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 Farmers, (3) State Farmers, 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 Farmers". Qualifications for Election:

1. Satisfactory completing 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 \$25.00.

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 an agricultural group discussion for

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ten minutes.

6. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting of "Future Farmers of America."

Section D. "State Farmer Degree". 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 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, or otherwise acquired the necessary knowledge.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion forty minutes.
6. Make the school live stock, or crop judging team, debating team, or some other team representing the school.
7. Show marked attainment in scholarship in all school subjects with an average grade of 85 or better.
8. Possess qualities of leadership as shown by having held responsible positions in connection with student and chapter activities.
9. The State shall be entitled to elect each year 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

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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 "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 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. 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

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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. Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office except that of adviser 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 (State) organization has been chartered all State officers shall have attained the "State Farmer Degree". Officers in the local chapters must not rank lower than the grade of "Future Farmers" after the year 1919.

Section H. Honorary members are eligible to election to any degree provided they have done outstanding work in agriculture or in promoting vocational agriculture and the organization of Future Farmers of America.

Article V. Officers

Section A. 1. The officers of the Utah Chapter 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 offices. Each local

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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 "State Farmer".

2. Officers of the local chapter shall be identical with those for the State organization except the members of the local executive committee which shall be three in number 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 five (representing each of the five districts of the state) active members elected by the delegates in State convention. The president shall preside at all meetings of the executive committee. 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. Officers of the local chapter shall be elected annually at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

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.

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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 members of that chapter.

Article VIII. Amendments.

Section A. Amendments to the State constitution shall be submitted in writing at the regular meeting of the executive committee by the delegates from any local chapter and be voted upon at the 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, representative of tillage of the soil, the basis of modern

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agriculture, and (4) the rising sun, representing progress.

Section B. All active and honorary members shall be entitled to wear the insignia corresponding to the grade of membership which they hold. All "Green Hands" are entitled to wear a bronze insignia. All "Future Farmers" are entitled to wear a silver insignia. All members elected to the degree of "State Farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia. 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.

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By-Laws

1. Robert's rules of order shall be the official guide in all meetings of the association.

2. There shall be at least one meeting of this association held annually at the time of the State Fair in Salt Lake City, and at such other times as may be deemed necessary by the executive committee.

3. The State adviser is a member of the Executive Committee and an ex-officio member of all committees. It is his duty to advise the Executive Committee on all matters of policy and assist the State officers in conducting meetings and programs. The State adviser shall review all applications for the State Farmer degree and prepare a brief of the qualifications of the candidates to be submitted to the Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

4. The Executive Committee shall have its regular annual business meeting in Salt Lake City on the evening previous to the annual State Convention. At this meeting nominees for the various state offices shall be selected to be voted upon at the annual convention. The President of the organization shall not be elected from the same region of the state for two successive years.

5. The secretaries of the local chapters shall submit with their applications for a charter the following information.

- a. A copy of the proposed by-laws.
- b. A copy of the local program of work.
- c. The name and address of each officer and member of the local chapter.

6. The application for a local charter shall be made on the regular form provided. A charter, when issued, shall be signed by the State President, the State Secretary and the State Adviser.

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7. The State Convention of Future Farmers shall have power to suspend any chapter for a violation or infringement of any of the provisions of the State Constitution.

8. Local chapters shall submit the names of candidates for the "State Farmer" degree on the regulation application cards prepared and distributed for this purpose. All application cards shall be filed with the State Secretary ten days prior to the annual meeting.

9. The secretary of each local chapter shall submit at the beginning of each school year the names of the local officers, names of the delegates to the State Convention, the number of members in the chapter, and such other information as may be called for by the Executive Committee from time to time.