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Henry C. Groseclose, Executive Secretary  
Future Farmers of America  
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Sir:

I have been delayed in answering your letter for a few days, waiting for the application blank to make the rounds of the State Officers before forwarding it to you.

I am attaching to this application (1) the proposed State Constitution and By-Laws; (2) a copy of our State Program; (3) a list of Chapters and statement of membership; and (4) check for \$5.00 to cover the costs for issuing the Charter.

The Chapters are organizing slowly, however, I think we will have a goodly percentage of them before very long. The enclosed list of Chapters will indicate to you the number of schools that sent delegates to the First Annual State Meeting, and indicate to you the interest which was shown.

We want to be represented at the Kansas Meeting, and feel that we have no time to lose in getting our Charter. I hope this procedure will prove satisfactory, although I know it is not exactly what you probably wish for.

Trusting, however, that we will be able to get our State Charter with this application, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

*L. L. Scranton*  
L. L. Scranton  
Reporter

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THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

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

We, ~~Norin Johnson~~....., President, ~~Alto Gimbel~~..... Secretary;  
and ~~E. H. Jones~~....., Adviser, officers of the State organization  
known as ~~North Dakota Association of Future Farmers~~ a State organization  
for students of vocational agriculture, having at present.....30.....  
chapters and .....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..	Norin Johnson	Hillsboro, N. D.	State Farmer
	name	address	grade of membership
.....	.....	.....	.....
Vice-Pres.	Percival Larson	LaMoure, N. D.	State Farmer
Secretary.	Alto Gimbel	Maddock, N. D.	State Farmer
Treasurer.	Emanuel Smith	Hillsboro, N. D.	Future Farmer
Reporter..	L. L. Scranton	Ag. College, Fargo, N. D.	.....
Adviser ..	E. H. Jones	Agr., College, Fargo, N. D.	.....

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: Norin Johnson.....  
State President  
.....Alto Gimbel.....  
State Secretary  
.....E. H. Jones.....  
State Adviser

THE NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION  
OF  
THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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STATE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

(Adopted at First Annual State Meeting, Fargo, May 11, 1929)

Article I - Name and purpose of organization.

Section A - The name of this organization shall be the "North Dakota Association of the Future Farmers of America". Members of the local are hereinafter referred to as "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 North Dakota for the purpose of establishing a sound agricultural industry in North Dakota.
2. To create more interest in the application of intelligence and business principles in agricultural enterprises.
3. To promote thrift.
4. To provide recreational and fraternal relationship for students in vocational agriculture.
5. To encourage cooperative effort, and afford a medium through which this activity may be carried on among students of vocational agriculture.
6. To establish the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work.
7. To create and nurture and appreciate and love of country life.
8. To promote scholarship.
9. To develop rural leadership.
10. To develop a better school and community spirit.
11. To promote a community improvement projects.

Article II - Organization

Section A - The North Dakota Association of the 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 Farmers of America" chapters shall not be organized in schools where organized instruction in Vocational Agriculture is not given under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Act.

Section C - Local groups of vocational students shall meet, organize, adopt the state constitution as their own, elect officers, set up a program of work, and then apply to the State Adviser for membership in the state organization.

After this application has been approved, the group may then be known as "\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of the Future Farmers of America".

### Article III - Membership

Section A - 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 B - 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 C - Honorary Membership. Instructors, school principals, superintendents, farmers, 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. Honorary members rank as Future Farmers unless they are made State Future Master Farmers at a state meeting.

### Article IV - Active Membership Grades and Privileges

Section A - There shall be three grades or degrees of active membership based upon achievement. These grades are: (1) Green Hand, (2) Future Farmer, and (3) North Dakota Farmer.

Students are elected to the degrees of Green Hand and Future Farmer by the local chapter at any regular meeting; to the degree of North Dakota Farmer by the State Association at the time of the Annual Meeting. The state shall be entitled to submit the name of one member each year as candidate for the National Honorary Degree of "American Farmer". (See Sec. E)

Section B - Green Hand The qualifications necessary to election in the North Dakota Association of Future Farmers of America are as follows:

1. Fourteen years of age or the mental equivalent.
2. Regularly enrolled in a class of vocational agriculture.
3. Possess facilities for carrying out a satisfactory program of supervised farm practice and have a definite agreement with the parent and instructor as to scope, labor and ownership.
4. Receive a majority of the votes of the members present at a regular meeting of a local chapter of the Future Farmers of North Dakota.
5. Recite from memory "The Farmer's Faith".

Section C - Future Farmer The qualifications necessary to election to the degree of Future Farmer are as follows:

1. Satisfactory completion of at least one year's instruction in vocational agriculture, including the completion of a satisfactory program of supervised farm practice.
2. Regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture with a complete supervised practice program worked out, consisting of at least one major project and one supplementary projects.
3. At least \$50 earned and on deposit in a bank or otherwise productively invested.
4. Recite from memory the Future Farmers Creed.
5. Lead the group in a discussion for 10 minutes whenever called upon to do so by the instructor or chapter president.
6. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local meeting of the Future Farmers of America.

Section D - State Farmer "North Dakota Farmers" are elected at the State Meetings only, upon receiving the majority vote of the delegates present. Written records of achievement shall be submitted by the local chapter to the State Supervisor at least one month prior to the State Meeting. The supervisor will review these records and report his findings to the State Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will read the student's record to the convention and nominate him as a candidate for the North Dakota Farmer's degree if found worthy of the honor.

The qualifications for election to this degree are as follows:

1. At least two years of organized instruction in vocational agriculture with outstanding supervised practice program, consisting of one major and two minor projects.
2. Outstanding qualities of leadership as shown by ability in class, school organization, public speaking, and general activities of the Future Farmers of America.
3. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure by having held office in a local chapter.
4. Earn and deposit in a bank or invest productively at least \$250. This may include the \$50 saved while advancing to the grade of Future Farmer.
5. Be able to lead a group successfully for forty minutes.
6. Make the high school judging team, debating team, or some athletic team representing the high school.
7. Show marked attainment in scholarship in all high school subjects. (Grade 85 or above)
8. Receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a State meeting and respond upon election with a speech of appreciation. (Two minutes)

## National Honorary Degree

Section E - American Farmer "American Farmers" are elected at national conventions only, upon receiving the majority vote of the delegates present. State organizations may submit one candidate for the "American Farmer" degree for each 1000 members in the state organization, or fraction thereof. Application for the American Farmer degree shall be forwarded by the State Adviser to the Executive Secretary on the forms provided, at least 30 days prior to the national congress of Future Farmers of America.

Qualifications for election to this degree are as follows:

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 the bank, or otherwise productively invest at least \$500.00.
5. Possess demonstrated ability to work with others by having participated in some agricultural cooperative 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 hold any office except that of Adviser and Reporter in the state and local organizations, and that of Executive Secretary-Treasurer in the National Organization.

Section G - Associate and honorary members are eligible to any degree provided they have done outstanding work in promoting vocational agriculture and the organizations of the Future Farmers of America.

Section H - Only members who have attained the grade of North Dakota Farmers are eligible to hold state office after 1932, but offices in the local chapters are not limited to any grade.

## Article V - Officers

Section A - The officers of the state and local chapters shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, adviser, reporter, and executive committee. The officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

Section B - The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the society and three active members elected by the convention. This committee shall perform the usual duties of an executive, review and approve receipts and expenditures, act as a nominating committee, and be responsible for the welfare of the organization.

Section C - 1. The officers of the state organization shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular state convention.

2. Each local chapter shall be entitled to two delegates in a state convention.

3. Officers of the local chapters shall be elected annually at regular meetings of the chapters, held in \_\_\_\_\_ of each year.

#### Article VI - Meetings

Section A - A meeting of the State Organization shall be held annually. Time and place to be determined.

Section B - Local chapters shall hold their meetings monthly or oftener, and at such time and place as may be decided by the local executive committee.

#### Article VII - Dues

Section A - Membership dues in the State organization shall be fixed by the State Executive Committee, subject to approval by majority vote of the delegates present at the State Convention.

Section B - The dues of local chapters shall be fixed by a majority vote of the membership of that chapter.

#### Article VIII - Insignia

Section A - The insignia of the Future Farmers of America shall be made up of four symbols; namely, (1) the plow, representing tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture; (2) the owl, representing wisdom; (3) the rising sun, representing progress, and (4) cross section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests, since corn is native to America and grown in every state. The insignia shall carry the three letters "F. F. A." across the central portion of the emblem, and the national key shall be surmounted by the eagle grasping the coat of arms of the United States and a bundle of arrows.

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 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.

#### Article IX - Amendments and By-Laws

Section A - Amendments to the State constitution shall be submitted in writing at the regular annual meeting. The amendment may be adopted or rejected by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

Section B - By-Laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the State and local chapters by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at a regular meeting.

Amendments and by-laws adopted by local chapters must not be in conflict with the State Constitution, which is also the constitution for each chapter. Some degree of flexibility is desirable in order to meet the varying needs of the chapters as they are engaged upon their various programs.

#### BY-LAWS

#### Article I - The Duties of State Officers

Section A - The President It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings of the State Convention of Future Farmers of America and over all meetings of the State executive committee. The president shall call one meeting of the State Convention each year at the time of the State Livestock Judging Contest at Fargo. The president shall appoint all committees and may serve as an ex-officio member of these committees.

Section B - Vice-President The vice president shall assume all the duties of the president in the event that office becomes vacant by absence, resignation, or otherwise.

Section C - The Secretary The Secretary shall perform the duties common to such office, such as keeping record of the meetings of the State Convention and state executive committee, one copy of which is to be filed with the adviser, the other in the secretary's file, and such other duties as he is instructed to perform by the president or State Executive Committee.

Section D - The Treasurer The treasurer shall handle all moneys for the State Convention. He shall keep permanent records of all financial transactions and make an annual report on same to the State Convention. He shall pay all bills ordered by state



executive committee on checks countersigned by president.

Section E - The Adviser He is a member of the State Executive Committee and an ex-officio member of all committees. It is his duty to advise the executive committee and appointed committees on matters of policy, meetings, programs, and finances. He shall issue to local chapters their charters when applied for in a regular channel, seeing that same are signed by the president, secretary and himself. He shall review all applications for "State Farmer" degree and prepare brief of their qualifications and present same to the state executive committee for confirming degree of "State Farmer" on accepted candidates.

Section F - The Reporter The duties of the reporter shall be to handle all beneficial publicity and advertising for the state organization. He shall also have records of membership and progress of association for advertising purposes and report to executive committee work done during the year.

Section G - Method of Electing State Officers A nominating committee consisting of four representatives from four sections of state shall be appointed annually by president. The election of officers shall be by ballot and by majority vote of delegates present, each chapter being entitled to two votes. President shall not be elected from same region in two consecutive years.

Article II - Methods of Issuing Charters to Local Chapters The secretary of local chapter of "Future Farmers of America" shall submit with their application for charter the following information.

1. A copy of proposed constitution and by-laws
2. Copy of chapter program of work.
3. List of all members of chapter.
4. Name, grade and address of each officer of chapter.

Application for charter shall be signed by president, secretary and adviser and \_\_\_\_\_ fee to cover cost of engraving.

Suspension of charter is at discretion of State Executive Committee.

Article III - Procedure for Choosing Candidates for "State Farmer" Degree.

1. Chapter organizations may submit two candidates for each 25 members or major fraction thereof in chapter organization.
2. The adviser shall formulate score cards for selecting candidate for "State Farmer" degree and send to chapter advisers 30 days previous to State Convention.

3. Application for "State Farmer" degree shall be forwarded to adviser 15 days prior to State Convention meeting.

Article IV - Reports to State Adviser. Each chapter shall submit following information to adviser.

1. Yearly statement of names of chapter officers, delegates, Future Farmers and Green Hands.
2. Report of amendments and changes in constitution and by-laws.
3. Report to State Secretary showing name and number of boys in each chapter and other desired information.

Article V - Dues Dues in local chapter shall be \_\_\_\_\_ per member per year, in state organization 40¢ per member per year, and in National organization 10¢ per member per year, making a total taxation of \_\_\_\_\_.

Article VI - Committees

1. Nominating committee
2. Auditing committee
3. Program of work committee

Nominating committee shall select and place in nomination candidates for various state offices.

Auditing committee shall examine and report on treasurer report.

Program of work committee shall set up the annual objectives of organization and suggest ways and means of attaining them.

Committee members shall serve for one year.

Adviser is ex-officio member of all committees.

A FARMER'S FAITH

I believe in farming as a way to live and make a living.

I believe in the dignity of my work. I want no man's patronage, preaching or pity.

I believe in my soil. It will reward me in proportion to the thought, labor and love I give it.

I believe in myself. My success depends on me more than on weather, luck, or laws.

I believe in my neighbors. My community, like my soil, returns to me as I give to it.

I believe in cooperation, in thinking for myself, and acting with my fellows.

I believe that only a united agriculture can insure justice and prevent inequality.

I believe in education. The more I know, the greater my ability to seize opportunities and to be happy. I insist that my children be enabled to learn to be useful, intelligent men and women.

I believe in conservation. I will leave a better farm than I took.

I believe that living is the most important job in the world and I mean to plan my work so that my family and myself will have the time and means to enjoy life.

I face the years ahead with confidence, hope and cheer.

I believe in myself, my fellow man, and a Supreme Being.

I believe in farming.

- Andrew Wing -

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 soil. 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.

E. M. Tiffany.-Wis.

OBJECTIVES AND ANNUAL PROGRAM OF WORK

Set up for the School Year 1929-30.

*Adopted at First Annual State Meeting, Fargo, May 11, 1929.*

1. A chapter of "Future Farmers of America" in every department of vocational agriculture in North Dakota by the end of the school year 1929-30.
2. A thrift program in every chapter with 75% of the members participating. \$1000 saved or invested productively by each chapter.
3. Completed home projects by 90% of members.
4. Long time supervised farm practice programs set up by 50% of the members.
5. Every chapter to have:
  - a. A father-son banquet.
  - b. A community fair, including an exhibit of work of agricultural department.
  - c. An F.F.A. bulletin board in some prominent place about the school or town.
  - d. An all-day project tour and annual picnic.
6. Every chapter send a team to the state High School Vocational Judging Contest in May, 1930.
7. Every chapter send delegates to the North Dakota State Convention of Future Farms of America, May, 1930.
8. Every chapter contribute \$5.00 to send a judging team representing North Dakota to the National Judging Contest at Kansas City next fall.
9. See that North Dakota is represented at the National Congress of Future Farmers of America next fall.
10. The "Creed of the Future Farmer" and the charter framed and hung in the Agricultural room of each chapter.
11. Insignia worn by all members.
12. A project story in the local press and farm papers from each chapter.

DEPARTMENTS OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE  
 REPRESENTED AT FIRST ANNUAL MEETING  
 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION  
 OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF  
 AMERICA  
 Fargo, May, 11, 1929

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>NO. MEMBERS</u>	<u>DELEGATES</u>
1. Alexander		Ernest Myers Claude Monson
2. Anamoose		Julius Goetz Leo Hublan
3. Beach		Carl Ueckert Douglas Evans
4. Bisbee		Edmund Bucher Mervin Christensen
5. Drake		Earl Strege Harvey Kringen
6. Egeland		Harold Monser Hubert Syverson
7. Grafton		Orlando Torblan Garfield Knudtson
8. Granville		Delos Wells George Folden
9. Hankinson		Leonard Scheller Howard Waggoner
10. Harvey		Marvin Theige Kenneth Rogensack
11. Hazelton		Maynard Sholts Gerald Goughnour
12. Hillsboro		Emanuel Smith Norin Johnson
13. Hunter		H. S. Hunter Harrison Maker
14. Kenmare		Raymond Jaques Marvin Anderson
* Larimore	20	
15. LaMoure		Percival Larson Francis Kraft

\*This school was not represented at the State Organization meeting but has organized since and reported 20 members in its application for a local Chapter.

E. H. Jones

16. Maddock	Alto Gimbel Miles Maddock
17. Mandan	Stanley Fairoize Edgar Bocksén.
18. Mohall	Bruce Carlson Rueben Aune
19. New England	Melvin Erickson Tholmar Berg
20. New Salem	Iver Anderson Edward Conitz
21. Park River	Hamilton Berg Silas Bjorg
22. Ray	Ray Bendorf Leonard Daniels
23. Rolla	Joe Mundy Lyle Currie
24. Sherwood	Frank Burns Wilbur Stotte
25. Stanley	Walter Will Bill Medbery
26. Starkweather	18 Palmer Pederson William Besse
27. Sykeston	John Thole George Maxwell
28. Towner	Myron Anderson Claude Green
29. Upham	John Westford Carl Freeman