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THE 91ST NEW JERSEY STATE FFA CONVENTION WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON MAY 20-22, 2020

TO: FFA Chapter Advisors, State Executive Board Members and FFA Members

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RE: **91st State FFA Convention - *The Most Important FFA Event of the Year***

DATE: April 7, 2020

ABOUT THE CONVENTION

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, New Jersey State FFA Convention will be held virtually. We have worked to create a fun and engaging virtual convention experience to recognize students, chapters, and supporters. The state officers will share their hard work and inspirational messages to members. All awards will be shipped to chapters. All five sessions will be available through YouTube at the time indicated in this schedule. All session videos will be archived for future viewing.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 91ST NJ STATE FFA CONVENTION

- National FFA Western Region Vice President – Lyle Logemann
- CDE Awards and Talent Session
- Election of the 2020-2021 State FFA Officer Team

COMPETENCIES

Student participation in state convention, delegate operations, and career and leadership development events help them gain employability skills necessary for the future. The State FFA Convention becomes an extension of the classroom and a laboratory in action where students learn and develop critical thinking and decision-making skills, as well as enhance interpersonal skills and basic skills in reading, writing and arithmetic. FFA events help students meet New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

DELEGATES

The New Jersey FFA Constitution **requires two delegates from each chapter** to attend the annual state FFA convention to form the delegate assembly. Delegates should be chosen from the **top level leadership** positions in the chapter. Just as the state association reserves the leadership delegate positions for the president and vice president of the association, so should the chapter select the highest ranking officers to serve as official chapter delegates to conduct state association business. Serving as an official delegate is a prestigious and important experience for chapter members. Delegates will serve on committees, establish policy and elect new state officers.

CONVENTION

The convention is an educational experience that develops premier leadership, personal growth and career success. FFA members can look forward to being recognized for their achievements, participating in career and leadership development events held at convention and attending motivational workshops and sessions. More than \$31,000 in awards and scholarships will be presented to NJ FFA members at the convention.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

- State Officer Selection Process – Details will be outlined in a separate announcement

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020

- State Officer Selection Process – Details will be outlined in a separate announcement
- All Pre-recorded and photographed content needs to be uploaded to Google Classroom by **11:59 PM**.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020

10:00 AM

- Teach Ag Signing Day Event (By Invite Only) – *Zoom*
- Leadership Workshop: Facilitated by Lyle Logemann, National FFA Western Region Vice President – *Zoom*

10:00 AM Leadership Development

Events

- 3-5 Minute Prepared Public Speaking
- 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaking
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking

1:00 PM Leadership Development Events

- Creed Speaking
- Employment Skills
- Star Interviews

1:00 PM

- Tentative Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Meeting - *Zoom*

4:00 PM

- Convention Session I – *YouTube*

7:00 PM

- Delegate Orientation – *Zoom*
- NJAAE Meeting – held asynchronously

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

10:00 AM

- Delegate Committee Meetings

1:00 PM

- Delegate Business Session I – *Zoom*

4:00 PM

- Convention Session II – *YouTube*

7:00 PM

- CDE Awards/Talent Session - *YouTube*

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020

10:00 AM

- Convention Session III – *YouTube*

1:00 PM

- Convention Session IV – *YouTube*

4:00 PM

- Convention Session V – *YouTube*
 - Election of 2020-2021 New Jersey State FFA Officers will provide the culmination of the 91st annual New Jersey State FFA Convention as part of Session V

7:00 PM

- 2020-2021 New State Officer Meeting – *Zoom*

SIGNING UP FOR THE CONVENTION

PARTICIPANT LIST

Please submit participant list including chapter delegates and event participants by April 9th. Participant list for members and advisors is due by April 9th. Please use the online form for state convention - https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/convention_cover_page. This form can also be accessed on the state website at: http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/. There will be no registration fee for convention; however, there will be fees for competitive events.

SESSIONS

All general sessions will be posted on YouTube at the scheduled session times. Exact information will be shared closer to the event.

CONVENTION FEES

Chapters who have at least Blue Affiliation will receive waived CDE assessment fees.

Convention Event Costs

a. 3-5 Minute Prepared Public Speaking (per contestant)	\$11.00
b. 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaking (per contestant)	\$11.00
c. Agricultural Issues (per team)	\$44.00
d. Creed Speaking (per contestant)	\$11.00
e. Employment Skills (per contestant)	\$11.00
f. Extemporaneous Public Speaking (per contestant)	\$11.00
g. Individual Demonstration (per contestant)	\$11.00
h. Marketing Plan CDE (per team)	\$33.00
i. Official Ceremonies (per team)	\$44.00
j. Parliamentary Procedure (per team)	\$44.00
k. Teach Agriculture Event (per contestant)	\$11.00
l. Team Demonstration (per contestant, up to \$44)	\$11.00

OTHER CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

1. **Convention applications are due into the State Office on April 15, 2020.**
 - a. **NEW DUE DATE IN 2020 - Ag Awareness Application – 14.020 (online application starting in 2020)**
 - b. NJ FFA Scholarship Application – 14.008 (online application starting in 2018)
 - c. Advisor of the Year Recognition – 14.009 (online application starting in 2020)
 - d. National Chapter Evaluation Form I & II (national application – www.ffa.org)
 - e. Superior Chapter - National Chapter Evaluation Form I (national application – www.ffa.org)
 - f. Most Improved Chapter – 15.014 (online application starting in 2020)
 - g. Member of the Year – 5.001 (online application starting in 2018)
(Student must have received member of the month between May 2019 & April 2020 – updated applications are encouraged) FFA Week Application – 15.013
 - h. State FFA Essay Event – 14.024 (online application starting in 2020)
 - i. Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship Application – 14.022 (online application starting in 2020)
 - j. Blue Jackets. Bright Futures Application – 14.010 (online application starting in 2018)
 - k. NJ FFA’s 8,000 Hour Challenge/Outstanding Community Service Award – 14.026 (online application starting in 2020)
 - l. National Convention Scholarship Application – 14.021 (online application starting in 2018)
 - m. State Talent Application – 14.027 (online application starting in 2018)
 - n. Hall of States Exhibit Event (Written Plan) – 14.030

2. **The following event sign-ups must be included in the State Convention participant list form due on April 9. However, due dates for materials (portfolios, outlines, lesson plans, manuscripts) required at registration have been extended to April 29.**
 - a. Chapter Scrapbook Event *(sign-up now and submit virtually)*
 - b. Chapter Treasurer’s Book Event *(sign-up now and submit virtually)*
 - c. Chapter Secretary’s Book Event *(sign-up now and submit virtually)*
 - d. Employment Skills *(MUST upload coverletter and resume to <https://www.jotform.com/NJFFA/EmploymentSkillsLDE>)*
 - e. Parliamentary Procedure
 - f. Official Ceremonies
 - g. Public Speaking
 - i. Creed
 - ii. 3-5 Minute Public Speaking *(MUST submit manuscript by April 29)*
 - iii. 6-8 Minute Public Speaking *(MUST submit manuscript by April 29)*
 - iv. Extemporaneous Speaking
 - h. Agricultural Issues *(MUST submit portfolio by April 29)*
 - i. Marketing Plan *(MUST submit portfolio by April 29)*
 - j. Teach Ag CDE *(MUST submit lesson plan by April 29)*
 - k. FFA Quiz Bowl
 - l. Individual Demonstration* *(MUST submit outline by April 29)*
 - m. Team Demonstration* *(MUST submit outline by April 29)*
 - n. Portable Exhibit *(sign-up now and submit virtually)*
 - o. Art Competition *(sign-up now and submit virtually)*

3. **Names of Official Chapter Delegates are due April 9th.** Delegate’s packets will be e-mailed to advisors and posted on the state convention section of the website prior to convention. Please review these materials with your chapter and delegates so they are familiar with them. Potential Nominating Committee members must be listed as a delegate in order to be eligible to serve on the committee. Please designate someone as an alternate. **Advisors of standing committees** will be scheduled to meet with delegates on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

4. **All State Officer Candidates must submit their application, Advisors Appraisal Form and \$100 application fee to the State FFA Office by May 1, 2020.** Applications will not be accepted after this deadline or at the state convention. **NEW IN 2020: ONLY online applications will be accepted. State Officer Candidates will complete the writing exercise and social media exercise portions of the selection process via online on May 13, 2020. Additional information will be provided in a letter to the candidates in early May.** *Newly elected state officers will meet following the close of the convention at 7:00 p.m., on Friday, May 22.*

(Note: A \$100 refundable application fee per state officer candidate is required from the FFA Chapter. The State FFA Officer Application will not be considered complete without this application fee. If not elected to a year of service, the chapter will be refunded the \$100. Upon completion of the year of service, the chapter will be refunded the \$100 application fee. If an elected officer does not complete his/her year, the \$100 application fee is forfeited and the fee will be used to cover expenses incurred, such as State Association FFA Jacket, autoclub membership, polo shirts, and planners.)

5. **Day of Service Activity**

Virtual Day of Service ideas are being researched and schools will be updated accordingly.

5. **All pre-recorded and photographed content** must be submitted by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19. Submission instructions will be distributed closer to this date.

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| • Demonstration (team/individual) | • Parliamentary Procedure | • Official Ceremonies |
| • Agricultural Issues Forum | • Hall of States Exhibit | • Art Competition |
| • Marketing Plan | • Landscape Design | • Portable Exhibit |
| • Teach Ag Event | • Treasurer's Book | • FFA Quiz Bowl (exam in MyCAERT) |
| • Secretary's Book | • Scrapbook | |