

Ohio FFA Alumni Association Constitution & Bylaws

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Article I. Name and Purposes

- Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Ohio FFA Alumni Association, DBA Ohio FFA Alumni and Supporters. The organization is formed as a state association with the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
- Section B. The purposes of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association shall be:
1. To advocate for and cooperate with the National FFA Organization, the National FFA Alumni and Supporters, FFA Activities, and agricultural education at the local, state and national levels.
 2. To provide a tie to the FFA and to assist FFA and agricultural education personnel to involve supporters in worthy activities.
 3. To promote greater knowledge of the agriculture industry as a part of the American free-enterprise system and support education in agriculture.
 4. To promote the personal development aspect of the FFA.

Article II. Organization

- Section A. The Ohio FFA Alumni Association may consist of chartered local chapters organized on a school, county, or other area basis. Membership may also be direct when no local chapter exists.
- Section B. A local chapter shall be eligible to become a chartered chapter when (1) it has at least 10 members who have paid Ohio and National dues; (2) its purposes or constitution and by-laws are in harmony with the Ohio FFA Alumni Association and the National FFA Alumni and Supporters; and (3) it has a designated chairperson.
- Section C. When a local group becomes eligible to form a chapter, it may apply to the state association to be chartered as a local chapter of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association. An application shall be supplied by the state FFA Alumni Executive Secretary.

Article III. Membership

- Section A. Membership is open to every individual or group of individuals who desire to support Agriculture, Agriculture Education, and the FFA Organization, regardless if they were former FFA members.

Article IV. Emblem

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The gold FFA emblem with the word “Alumni” below and the FFA emblem shall be the emblem of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association.

Article V. Executive Body

- Section A. The Executive Body of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association shall be the Ohio FFA Alumni Council.
- Section B. The Ohio FFA Alumni Council shall consist of fourteen (14) persons maintaining active membership.
1. One representative from each of the ten districts of the Ohio FFA Association. They must also be a chapter member of the district in which they reside.
 2. Two persons elected at large by the membership.
 3. One individual representing agricultural education.
 4. The immediate past Ohio FFA Alumni Association President.
 5. Two persons serving as representatives of past state officers or from the Ohio FFA membership. They will be appointed by the Ohio FFA Alumni Association Council as non-voting members. The Ohio FFA Executive Secretary may assist with this selection. These representatives will begin their two-year term following the closing of the State Convention.
- Section C. All voting members of the Ohio FFA Alumni Council shall serve a three (3) year term.
- Section D. The Ohio FFA Alumni Council shall elect annually a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter from the council membership. The treasurer’s books shall be audited annually by a qualified person.
1. The President will serve a one-year term following his/her Presidency as the Past President.
- Section E. Duties of the officers shall be consistent with those usually appertaining to these positions.
- Section F. An FFA Alumni Council member shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms of three (3) years. Note: Section F does not pertain to appointed Council members.

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Article VI. Meetings

- Section A. The Ohio FFA Alumni Council shall meet at least once per year. Additional meetings may be called by the president or by a majority of the council members upon petitioning the secretary.
- Section B. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association. Additional membership meetings may be called by the Ohio FFA Alumni Council.

Article VII. Dues

- Section A. The annual dues of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association shall be recommended by the alumni council and fixed by a majority vote of members present at the annual meeting. A “Life Membership” class of dues payment may also be established.
- Section B. Full state and national dues shall be paid by all members of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association to be considered an active voting member. No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless he/she pays full state and national dues.
- Section C. The dues of any local chapter shall be fixed by a majority vote of the membership of the chapter.
- Section D. The Ohio FFA Alumni shall adopt the Directive that was approved by the National FFA Board of Directors at their October 2019 Board meeting and was adopted at the Annual Business Meeting of the National FFA Alumni and Supporters at the 92st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis IN.
- 1. All Active Ohio FFA Alumni Chapters will receive an invoice from the National FFA Alumni and Supporters for State and National Alumni Dues at the beginning of the each FFA Membership Year*
 - 2. All Active Ohio FFA Alumni Chapters will be required to submit a membership roster to the State on an Annual Basis and have dues paid by April 15 of the Membership Year*
 - 3. Steps 1. And 2. are necessary to maintain the following good standing status with the National FFA Alumni and Supporters and Ohio FFA Alumni Association.*

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- a. *Use NFFA's trademark emblems under NFFA's Trademark Policy*
- b. *Use NFFA's 501c3 Status (application required, not automatic)*
- c. *Use NFFA's membership management system*
- d. *Provide individual members/volunteers with NFFA's Forever Blue Benefits Program*
- e. *Use NFFA's marketing materials/educational/training/member opportunities and events*
(1-3 from the National FFA Alumni & Supporters).

Article VIII. Voting

- Section A. Voting on all issues by the Ohio FFA Alumni Council may be accomplished by email, telephone, or by other modes of technology when and if necessary.
1. Voted results shall not be shared outside of Council until the Council, when required, has notified the outcome in writing to the individual(s) requiring notification and where such meetings are closed door.

Article IX. Amendments

- Section A. Proposed amendments to the constitution of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association may be submitted by a local chapter or by any active member and must be in writing and received by the secretary ninety days prior to the opening date of the annual meeting.
- Section B. Proposed amendments shall be approved by at least three members of the State FFA Alumni Council before being submitted to the membership for consideration. A description of the proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted to the membership at least sixty days prior to the opening date of the annual meeting. Voting shall take place at the annual meeting with the affirmation of two-thirds of the delegates present being necessary for passage.
- Section C. Amendments to the by-laws of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association may be made as follows:
1. Proposed amendments may be submitted by a local chapter or by any active member and must be in writing and received by the secretary ninety days prior to the opening date of the annual meeting.

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2. Proposed amendments that have been approved by a two-thirds vote of the State FFA Alumni Council of those present shall be forwarded to the membership at least sixty days prior to the opening date of the annual meeting.
3. Voting shall take place at the annual meeting with the affirmation of two-thirds of the delegates present being necessary for passage.

By-Laws

Article I. By-Laws

Section A. These By-Laws shall be considered a part of the Constitution of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association, DBA Ohio FFA Alumni and Supporters.

Article II. Location of the Principal Office

Section A. The principal office of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association shall be determined by the Ohio FFA Alumni Council.

Article III. Procedure for Selection of Ohio FFA Alumni Council

Section A. One representative from each of the ten districts, being a chapter member of the district in which they reside, of the Ohio FFA Association shall be elected at the annual meeting. Each chapter in good standing shall be entitled to two (2) delegates. For each twenty-five members or fraction thereof, a chapter is entitled to an additional delegate.

Section B. Two members of the Ohio FFA Alumni Council selected at large shall be elected at the annual meeting.

Section C. The individual representing agriculture education shall be selected by the Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators, approved by the Ohio FFA Alumni Council, and must be a member of the FFA Alumni Association.

Section D. The State FFA Advisor and State FFA Executive Secretary, or their designate may serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.

Section E. All voting members other than those provided for in Sections C and D shall serve a three-year term, not more than five-ninths of whom may be seated in any one year. The method of rotation shall be as prescribed by the Ohio FFA Alumni Council.

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- Section F. Whenever a vacancy exists on the Ohio FFA Alumni Council other than from expiration of their terms of office, the State FFA Alumni Council shall appoint an eligible person to fill the unexpired term of office.

Article IV. Duties of the Alumni Council

- Section A. It shall be the duty of the Ohio FFA Alumni Council to direct the operation of the association in accordance with the constitutional purposes.
- Section B. Council members on an annual basis shall attend at least fifty percent (50%) of the council meetings and perform their duties in accordance with their designated assignment. If in the opinion of the executive body of the council, a member of the council does not perform their duties or obligations, or functions in direct conflict with the Ohio FFA Alumni mission and purpose, then they may be set back from council meetings, voting, and may be replaced with an appointee and asked for an official resignation by a majority vote of the remaining council members.

Article V. Time of Meetings

- Section A. The annual meeting and other necessary meetings of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association shall be held at such a place and time as may be prescribed by the Ohio FFA Alumni Council.

Article VI. Fiscal Year

- Section A. The fiscal year of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association shall commence on the first day of January each year and shall end on the thirty-first day of December that year.
- Section B. The membership year shall coincide with the FFA membership year which is currently August 1st each year and ending on July 31st of the following year.
- Section C. The books and records of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association may be inspected by any member of his/her agent, or an attorney at any reasonable time.
- Section D. There shall be an annual audit of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association.

Article VII. Reports

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Section A. An annual Ohio FFA Alumni Association report shall be submitted to the National FFA Alumni Association at the completion of the State FFA Alumni Association fiscal year on forms provided at its conclusion.