

National and Ohio Affiliation Membership Guidelines

In late 2014, the National FFA Alumni Association announced the new Affiliate Membership program. You can view this information on the FFA.org website under Alumni and join. The 2014-2015 Ohio FFA Alumni Council made a decision to recommend this membership type and brought it to the business meeting in January 2015 for your consideration and vote. FFA Alumni attendees from across Ohio voted in favor to accept this recommendation. It was decided that Ohio would be 100% Affiliated with the National FFA Alumni Affiliate membership. It was further decided that Life Time membership would be \$160.00 to National and \$40.00 to state. (\$200.00 total for Life Time).

All local Ohio FFA Alumni Affiliates, according to the National FFA Alumni 100% Affiliate Membership program owes \$100.00 Affiliate fee to state and \$100.00 Affiliate fee to (National- waived if you have 25 Life Time memberships or more). Fees were due November 30th, but we extended Rosters and fees until February 1, 2016 due to the changes that occurred with the Ohio FFA Alumni.

See information below concerning the Affiliate membership program. Parts have been copied and pasted from the National form. Please note the red, underlined highlight.

Affiliation Policies for Local FFA Alumni Affiliates:

- Local and State Affiliates will submit roster(s) with required information including, but not limited to, address, email, gender, high school graduation year, etc. This information will be gathered in accordance with current state FFA alumni membership processes.

- Participation in the affiliation fee program is designed to be ongoing. States that sign up must remain in the affiliation program unless approval is received from the national organization. All Alumni Affiliates in a 100% membership state are considered 100% affiliated affiliates and are not allowed to individually opt-out of affiliation.

- Affiliation Program Fee = \$100 per year **fee subject*

According to National, we cannot submit your Roster to National until we have received these funds. After 3 years, we have been asked to notify National and they will then remove the Affiliate from tax-exempt status and notify the IRS that they are no longer tax exempt and owe them taxes instead.

We do not want this to happen as we fully realize the valuable support you provide to your Advisor and FFA Chapter at the local level. The Ohio FFA Alumni does support the National Affiliation membership program and its guidelines for all of Ohio FFA Alumni Affiliates. Please submit these funds as quickly as possible so we can process your Rosters and submit to National. According to our records, there are several Affiliates who have not yet submitted these fees. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and we apologize for any inconvenience.

Please visit our website at www.ohioffaalumni.org for more information, our contact info, and address. Questions should be addressed to Ron Tilford, Executive Secretary.

Thank you in behalf of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association Council