

National FFA Convention Application

October 21st – Oct 24, 2026

Indianapolis, Indiana

Application Due Date:

September 29th



Instruction Page

Please read the following instructions carefully.

- You may handwrite or type the application. There will be higher points for a typed application.
- You must be in the Top 25 on the Points Chart to be eligible to apply.
- You must have sold the minimum of \$300 of fruit to be eligible.
- If typed, be sure to type your answers in a bolder or italicized font, or a different font all together. Make sure if you change font that it is professional and NOT in another color.
- The academic section should be done LAST and be handwritten.
- Application is due at 3:30 pm. No late applications will be accepted. Procrastination will be taken into account if there is a tie, which means don't get your signatures on the day that it is due!
- DO NOT duplicate activities; just put how many years you were involved.
- Essays will be scored on content quality, spelling and grammar by two anonymous judges. Each judge will give you a score out of 10 points for each essay question. The judge's scores will then be averaged to give you a total score for each question answered. You should limit your essay to half a page. (This is the ONLY part of the application that is SUBJECTIVE; the rest is OBJECTIVE as you can see by viewing the rubric attached to this application.

\$350 will be due October 21, 2025. If fruit sales go well, the price could drop! If paying is a problem, please email Mrs. Haag.

I. Student Information

Name: _____

Year in School: _____

Years in FFA: _____

Have you ever been to National FFA Convention before? _____

If so, how many times? _____

FFA Offices held: _____

If you have never been an officer, have you ever run for an office (which office and what year)? _____

II. Academics

Please have your teachers fill out the chart below in regards to your performance in their class. This will need to be done by hand.

Period	Class	Current Grade	Teacher Signature	Comments
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

III. CDE Involvement

List any Career or Leadership Development Events (CDE's/LDE's) that you have attended.

CDE:	Level (Area, District, State)	How many years?
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		

IV. FFA Activities

Please fill in the chart with any FFA activities you have been involved in besides Career Development Events, including, conferences, conventions, and any chapter or community service activities. Make sure to fill in the number of years you participated in the event. (Do not duplicate events)

FFA Activity	Years of Participation

V. Availability Questions

Do the dates of National FFA Convention conflict with another activity in which you are involved? _____

If yes, which activity? _____

If yes, have you spoken to the sponsor of that activity about your possible absence?

VI. Essay Questions

Please respond to the questions below... limit your questions to a half page response for each.

1. Why do you want to attend the National FFA Convention?
2. The FFA motto gives members twelve short words to live by as they experience the opportunities in the organization. The FFA motto is “Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to serve.” Explain the FFA motto, and how you plan to incorporate that saying into your FFA experience.

Application Rubric

Typed Application Yes & with proper settings-5pt
 Yes but without proper settings-3pt
 No, handwritten-1pt

Total:

Section I Complete-5pts Incomplete-1pt

Section I Total:

Section II # A's _____ x 3 pts
 # B's _____ x 2 pts
 # C's _____ x 1 pts
 # D's _____ x -3pts
 # F's _____ x -5 pts

Section II Total:

Section III #Chapter Level _____ x2 pts
 #District Level _____ x 4 pts
 #State Level _____ x 6 pts

Section III Total:

Section IV FFA Activities
 #Fundraising _____ x5 pts
 # Chapter Fun Nights _____ x.3pts
 #Volunteer/Service _____ x3pts
 #other activities _____ 1 pt

Section IV Total:

Section V Essay

	Judge #1	Judge #2	Average
Question #1	/10	/10	
Question #2	/10	/10	
		Total	

Section V Total:

Total Score _____