

2026 - How to Register for the IAVAT Conference & Register for Professional Development Workshops

1. Important Deadlines & Room Blocks

- **Registration Deadline for No Late Fees: May 31, 2026**
- **Starting June 1st: Full Conference Late Fee: \$50, & Individual Meals Late Fee is \$10 per meal; Registration Ends June 10, 2026**
- [**Food Allergies or Special Meals Form**](#) (must be received by 6/1/26)
- [**Room Blocks:**](#) Room Block Ends **Friday, May 15, 2026:**
 - *Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette for 129.00 USD per night*
 - *Courtyard Peoria Downtown for 129.00 USD per night*
 - *Last Day to Book: Friday, May 15, 2026*
 - *Daily Fee for Parking*

2. Identify Your Situation

1. [I am a current teacher who is not changing schools.](#)
2. [I am a current teacher and will be changing schools.](#)
3. [I registered with my current school, but then accepted a position at another school.](#)
4. [I will be a first-year teacher in 2026-2027, and I am paying for registration.](#)
5. [I will be a first-year teacher in 2026-2027, whose school is paying for registration](#)
6. [I am a current college Ag Ed student, Student Teacher, Ag Ed Intern, and/or GAST Intern.](#)
7. [Registration Questions](#)
8. [Questions about IAVAT Membership, including how to register as a Life Member.](#)
9. [How to Find Your JudgingCard Invoice?](#)

3. Registration Questions & Contacts:

- **Registration & Event Questions:** Patti Davis, pdavis@illinoisffa.org
- **IAVAT Membership Questions/Invoice:** Lori Copsy, lcopsy@illinoisffa.org
- **Payment Questions/W9/Credit Card:** Tammy Mullins, tmullins@illinoisffa.org

- **FCAE Program Advisors by District:**

- District 1 - John Heiser, jheiser@ilaged.org
- District 2 - Jenny Wold, jwold@ilaged.org
- Chicago Area - Luke Allen – lallen@ilaged.org
- District 3 - Allie Bode – abode@ilaged.org
- District 4 - Megan Coy – mcoy@ilaged.org
- District 5 - Casey Bolin – cbolin@ilaged.org

JudgingCard Invoice: [How to Find Your Invoice](#)

Sign up for Workshops:

Once workshop registrations are released, you will receive an email. All PD registration will take place through PD+ ([directions to use PD+](#)).

Current Teacher Who is Not Changing Schools:

Conference Registration:

Go to JudgingCard.com > Login > Event Registration and Information> Click June on the Calendar and click June 16, 2026 or List of All Contests to find the IAVAT Conference > Click Online Registration > Register as IAVAT Member (\$375) or Non-IAVAT (\$425) > Put How Many to Register > Select your name from the dropdown menu (\$50 Late Fee Starts June 1, 2026). Click SUBMIT ENTRY. For schools with multiple teachers, please register everyone attending **before** submitting your invoice for payment

IAVAT Dues:

You can pay your dues with or separately from conference registration. Please contact Lori Copsy (lcopsy@illinoisffa.org) to receive a customized membership invoice for your specific circumstances. IAVAT Dues must be paid by October 31, 2026.

If you are a life member of any organization, please contact Lori Copsy (lcopsy@illinoisffa.org) to receive a customized membership invoice for your specific circumstances. IAVAT Dues must be paid by October 31, 2026.

Pay:

How to find your [JudgingCard Invoice](#)? You can mail a check to the IAVAT, 3221 Northfield Dr, Springfield, IL 62702, or email tmullins@illinoisffa.org for a credit card link.

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Current Teacher Moving to a Different School (New School Paying Invoice):

Conference Registration:

If moving to a program with multiple teachers, your new co-teacher can register for you.

If you are moving to a single-teacher program, please complete [this form](#). FCAE will submit your registration to JudgingCard. FCAE will email you the invoice.

IAVAT Dues:

You can pay your dues with or separately from conference registration. For IAVAT Dues questions or to receive a customized membership invoice, please contact Lori Copsy (lcopsy@illinoisffa.org). IAVAT Dues must be paid by October 31, 2026.

If you are a life member of any organization, please contact Lori Copsy (lcopsy@illinoisffa.org) to receive a customized membership invoice for your specific circumstances. IAVAT Dues must be paid by October 31, 2026.

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I Registered for Conference &/or Paid My Dues But Then Switched Schools:

Registration & Event Questions: Contact Patti Davis at pdavis@illinoisffa.org.

IAVAT Dues, Lori Copsy, lcopsy@illinoisffa.org.

New Teacher in 2026-2027 Who is Paying for Their Own Registration:

*Contact the school where you will be teaching. They may pay for your conference registration and dues. *(If the [school is paying for your registration](#), please go to that section of the instructions.)*

Conference Registration (Questions email pdavis@illinoisffa.org):

[Guest Link](#) (Click the Light Yellow Guest Registration Link): Answer the required questions, select the meals you wish to attend, and pay by credit card. The guest link is intended for the people noted in this section. As a reminder, guests *(including 26-27 new teachers)* pay only for the individual meal functions they attend. The guest link only collects the name of the person paying with a credit card. If you have registered more than one person to attend the conference, please email the additional names to pdavis@illinoisffa.org.

IAVAT Dues:

If you will be a first-year member, please contact Lori Copsy (lcopsy@illinoisffa.org) to receive a customized membership invoice for your specific circumstances. The fee is \$148 for first-year members. You can pay your dues separately from conference registration. IAVAT Dues must be paid by October 31, 2026.

Pay: When registering as a guest, you will pay with a credit card.

Sign Up for Professional Development:

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New Teacher in 2026-2027 Whose School District Is Paying:

*Contact the school where you will be teaching. They may pay for your conference registration and dues.

Conference Registration:

If moving to a program with multiple teachers, your new co-teachers can register for you on the same invoice. All teachers must register **before** submitting the invoice for payment.

Please complete [this form](#), and FCAE will register you and email an invoice.

IAVAT Dues:

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College Ag Ed Student / Student Teacher / GAST Intern:

(Not yet graduated from college) As a reminder, guests (including college ag ed students, student teachers, and GAST interns) only pay for the individual meal functions they attend. Please be sure to enter your name and college/university name OR "GAST Intern" under the first line item "Guest Registration (Required)."

The site only collects the name of the person making the credit card payment. For additional guests, please email those names to pdavis@illinoisffa.org so we can print a name badge for them.

The [Guest Registration Link](#) to Pay by credit card (please select the guest link, not the exhibitor link). Complete the required contact information, choose the meals you'd like to attend, and submit your credit card payment.

Conference Registration (Questions email pdavis@illinoisffa.org):

Meals are optional, and the cost is (Late fee starts 6/1/26, adds an additional \$10 per meal):

Tuesday Awards Banquet: \$45

Wednesday Breakfast: \$35

Wednesday Awards Lunch: \$25

Thursday Awards Lunch: \$50

Not Planning to Attend Any Meals? If you are not planning to attend meals, you will register using [this form](#). This form is so that you receive a name badge.

IAVAT Dues:

If you are a student member, please contact Lori Copsy at lcopsy@illinoisffa.org to receive a customized membership invoice for your specific circumstances. Student IAVAT Dues are \$5.00 or \$15 for IAVAT/NAAE. *Be sure to check with your college if they have already paid your student dues

Pay: When you submit your registration via the guest link, you must pay by credit card.

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