

University of New Hampshire, Collegiate FFA Chapter Durham, New Hampshire

Article I. The National FFA Organization and the Collegiate National FFA Organization (CFFA)

Section A: Objectives of the National FFA Organization

Subsection 1: The objectives of the organization shall be consistent with Section 3 of the organization's federal charter, Public Law 105-225 "(formerly Public Law 81-740)." The organization shall cooperate with national and state government agencies and officials for vocational education in accomplishing the following objectives:

1. To be an integral part of the organized instructional programs in agricultural education which prepare students for a wide range of careers in agriculture, agribusiness, and other agriculture-related occupations.
2. To strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and in their work by developing desirable work habits and the effective usage of their time; by learning to assume responsibility; and by developing competencies in communications, human relations, and other social abilities leading to the intelligent choice of a career and successful employment or entrepreneurship in the agricultural industry.
3. To provide agriculture-related programs and activities which will develop pride, responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, patriotism, and thrift, and which will improve the economic, environmental, recreational, and human resources of the community.
4. To encourage and recognize achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs, scholarship, leadership and other individual and group activities by providing awards to deserving members and chapters.

Section B: Objectives of the Collegiate National FFA Organization (CFFA)

1. The National FFA Organization also strives to provide these benefits to college age students pursuing courses of study in areas related to the food, fiber and natural resource industry or have an interest in agriculture. The primary purpose of the Collegiate FFA's purpose statement is to enhance the collegiate experience through service and

engagement to create premier leaders, enable personal growth, and ensure career success.

2. Other purposes of the organization include developing career and leadership skills for future professions, building civic minded leaders, serving our communities, assisting active FFA members in local, state and national levels, to prepare better FFA Advisors, promote scholarship, social experiences, and to serve as a bridge between active FFA membership and the world of a career in the agricultural industry.
3. Collegiate FFA chapters can be chartered at any 2 or 4-year institution of higher education where students have an interest in agriculture.

Article II. Name, Mission, Affiliation, and Purpose

Section A: Name

Subsection 1: The name of this chapter will be the “University of New Hampshire Collegiate FFA Chapter.” Hereafter, the members will have the option of being referred to as FFA members or as Future Farmers of America, according to their personal preference. The letters “FFA” may be officially used to designate the organization, its units of members thereof.

Section B: Mission

Subsection 1: The National FFA Organization was founded in 1928 as the youth organization for boys studying vocational agriculture in high schools throughout the United States. Over the past **78** years the FFA organization has grown to include over more than **475,000** students studying for careers in the food, fiber and natural resources industry. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Section C: Affiliation

Subsection 1: The University of New Hampshire Collegiate FFA shall be chartered under the New Hampshire FFA Association (Granite State FFA Association); which has been given an official charter by the National FFA Organization.

Section D: The purposes for which this chapter is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural, urban, and agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love of agricultural life.

3. To strengthen the confidence or agricultural young men and woman in themselves and their work
4. To encourage the intelligent choice of agricultural occupations.
5. To encourage member in the development of agricultural jobs.
6. To encourage members to improve the agricultural home and its surroundings.
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8. To participate in cooperative efforts.
9. To encourage thrift among members.
10. To encourage improvement in scholarship

Article III. Organization

Section A: The University of New Hampshire Collegiate FFA Chapter is a chapter of the New Hampshire FFA Association, which was given official charter by the National FFA Organization.

Section B: The members of the chapter must meet, organize, and adopt a constitution, which may not conflict with the New Hampshire FFA Association's Constitution. The membership must also elect officers or an executive committee (to be determined by the members the year previous to the year mentioned) and also set up and implement a Program of Activities (POA). All activities of the University of New Hampshire Collegiate FFA Chapter shall be in harmony with the purposes, principles of the National FFA Organization.

Article IV. Emblem

Section A: The official emblem of the National FFA Organization shall include five symbols, namely: the plow, representing labor and tillage of the soil; the owl, representing wisdom; the rising sun, representing progress; a cross-section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests; and an American eagle surmounting the cross-section of the ear of corn, representing the national scope of the organization. The emblem shall also include the letters FFA, and the words "Agricultural Education."

Section B: Collegiate FFA chapter members and FFA advisors shall be entitled to wear the official gold owl pin.

Article V. Dues

Section A: Annual membership dues of the National FFA Organization shall be established by a majority vote of the delegates at the national convention. The National FFA Board of Directors shall submit its recommendation concerning dues to each state association at least 45 days prior to the National FFA Convention.

Section B : The membership year of the National FFA Organization shall be from September 1 to August 31.

Section C: Annual membership dues of a state FFA association shall be established by a majority vote of the delegates present at the state FFA convention.

Section D : The annual membership dues of a chapter shall be established by a majority vote of the members at a regular chapter meeting.

Section E: The cost of annuals dues shall be set at ten dollars, unless a different amount is voted upon in the course of a chapter meeting.

Article VI. Parliamentary Authority

Section A: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the National FFA Organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution and bylaws, any special rules of order the National FFA Organization may adopt and any statutes applicable to this organization that do not authorize the provisions of this constitution and bylaws to take precedence.

Article VII. Financial Policies

Section A: The following financial policies shall be upheld by the University of New Hampshire Collegiate FFA Association.

1. The books shall be audited annually
2. The bank accounts of the University of New Hampshire Collegiate FFA Chapter shall be held in the name of the Chapter's Advisor.

Article VIII. Membership

Section A: Membership into the New Hampshire Collegiate FFA Chapter who:

1. Membership shall be open to students who are enrolled in agricultural courses or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture at a two- or four-year post-secondary institution having a collegiate FFA chapter.
2. Membership in the New Hampshire Collegiate FFA Chapter is an honor and privilege. Members not with holding the principles set forth by the

National FFA Organization and the New Hampshire Collegiate FFA Chapter shall be subject to dismissal by a majority vote from the membership at large.

Article X. Official Dress

Section A: Though there is no official dress for Collegiate FFA Members, members appearing at an official function and representing the New Hampshire Collegiate FFA Chapter will adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Business Casual Function: a function in which members would be meeting with representatives from local FFA chapters, other Collegiate FFA Chapters, and/or members from another post secondary Agricultural organizations. Members should be in Business Casual Dress (BC):
 - a. Men: Khakis, knee length dress shorts or dress pants with a polo or button-up, collared shirt (dress shoes or dress sandals--no flip flops).
 - b. Ladies: Khakis, dress pants, dressy capris or knee length or longer skirts with **polo shirts** or a dress shirt (dressy shoes or **appropriate** sandals--no flip flops).
2. Formal Functions: Functions in which members will be required to wear an outfit of dress. Examples of Functions: Banquets, State Convention, and Meeting with University Officials (President, Deans of Colleges, Professors, ect.) shall be in Dressy Business Casual (DBC)
 - a. Men: Dress pants with a button-up, collared shirt and tie. Jackets are optional.
 - b. Ladies: Dress pants or knee-length or longer skirts with appropriately formal shirts. Conservative summer dresses are also appropriate.
3. Casual Functions: Functions in which members can dress in a casual manner, or casual dress (CD). Examples include Chapter Meetings, Committee Meetings, etc.
 - a. Includes everything except tank tops, halter tops, extremely short shorts or short skirts and cut-offs. Please use your best judgment.
4. When attending a University of New Hampshire Collegiate FFA Chapter event, New Hampshire FFA Event, National FFA Event, or other Event in which you are representing the chapter remember that we are an organization that builds on leadership and professionalism. How you dress and act in the presence of others is how that person will see our organization.

5. “New Hampshire Collegiate FFA Chapter” shirts and polos will be made available to anyone who wishes to purchase them; at this time they are not mandatory.