



Beginning with the phrase “I believe in the future of agriculture,” the creed embodies the common goal of all involved with the organization – building the future of our youth and the future of the agricultural industry. Not able to wear the blue corduroy any more? You still have the opportunity to help ensure that agriculture “can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life.” And you will help a student grow and learn skills that will serve him or her long after retiring the jacket.

Past and Present Generations

Since 1928, the National FFA Organization has grown to a membership of more than 490,000 students. Chartered by Congress in 1950, FFA is an intracurricular part of agricultural education providing students with applied experience through supervised agricultural experience programs and unparalleled opportunities for leadership and personal development.

The Kansas FFA Association currently has more than 7,300 members in over 165 local chapters. Six students elected to state officer positions lead the association and provide leadership training to members across the state.

Agricultural Pursuits

The organization that started as “Future Farmers of America” remains true to its production agriculture roots while expanding and growing its curriculum focus to include science, business management, technology and leadership. FFA alumni are now serving as leaders in government, business, public service and other aspects applying the skills they developed as agricultural education students.

Promise of Better Days Through Better Ways

As government funding for Ag Ed/FFA programs continues to be threatened, the Kansas FFA Foundation seeks to build private industry support for the association. The foundation serves as a connection between private industry and student members while developing a base of support that will ensure the association will continue growing and serving its members.



How can you help?

The Kansas FFA provides an opportunity to pledge support to this life-changing experience for Kansas FFA members. Your contributions reward the future leaders of Kansas and the agricultural industry.

Priorities for the Foundation donations include enhancement of state FFA convention programming, investment in leadership conferences, and funding of proficiency and career development event awards.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is available to make giving easy and convenient. To make a gift via EFT, simply log onto the Kansas FFA Foundation website at www.ksffa.org and follow the EFT link.

I Believe

I/we want to become a member of the I Believe program.

Date: _____

Enclosed is \$_____ for the first contribution.

Please specify level of membership:

Membership Level Total commitment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Five star
\$10,000 to \$49,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Two star
\$500 to \$999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four star
\$2,500 to \$9,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> One star
\$250 to \$499 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three star
\$1,000 to \$2,499 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold
\$100 to \$249 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue \$1 to \$99 |

Name or company/business/organization
(This is how you will be recognized.)

Contact person _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

County _____

FFA Chapter (optional) _____

Check for more information about specific pledges.

Please return this completed form, and enclose a check payable to the Kansas FFA Foundation. You may also give through electronic transfer at www.ksffa.org.

Send to: Kansas FFA Foundation
P.O. Box 323
Garnett, KS 66032
785-448-3922 (phone)
785-448-3608 (fax)

Tear off contribution sheet

Kansas FFA in Action



Students excel in the **Agricultural Proficiency Awards** program at the local, state and national levels for exceptional accomplishments and excellence in Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs.

- Brigham Stewart of Washington FFA is the national winner of the Beef Production Proficiency.
- Kyle Smith of Arkansas City FFA is the national winner of the Grain Production Proficiency.

Based on a chapter's Program of Activities (POA), local FFA chapters are recognized for working in established areas called "quality standards" in the divisions of student, chapter, and community development through the **National Chapter** award program.

- Arkansas City FFA Chapter provided exciting leadership development at the chapter level and was recognized as a Model of Innovation - one of the top 10 chapters in the nation for their efforts in that area.

Career Development Events (CDEs) are designed to help prepare students for careers in agriculture. Classroom instruction comes alive as students demonstrate their skills in a competitive setting.

- Nellie Hill of Centre FFA placed third in the nation in Creed Speaking, and Billy Brown of Rock Creek FFA won the national Prepared Public Speaking CDE.
- The Jefferson West FFA chapter won the national Agricultural Sales CDE and, team member, John Bergin, was also recognized as the high individual over all participants.

FFA Creed --

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so--for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

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Do you believe?

Empower the future leaders of
Kansas and U.S. Agriculture.

Giving to the Kansas FFA
Foundation provides necessary
resources to continue developing
future leaders who will advance and
shape our agricultural industry.

