



How to Charter an Alumni Chapter

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The process for a FFA program or association to charter/reactivate their FFA alumni chapter/association.

To charter a **State FFA Alumni Association**, meet and maintain these qualifications:

- 1. Have at least 50 members who have paid National FFA Alumni member dues.
- 2. Have bylaws in harmony with the National FFA Alumni Bylaws.
- 3. Have an executive group with a designated membership chairperson.

To **CHARTER/REACTIVATE** a **local FFA Alumni chapter**, meet and maintain these qualifications:

- 1. Have at least 10 annual/life members at state (if applicable) and national level (if applicable).
- 2. Have current constitution/bylaws in harmony with the National FFA Alumni Bylaws.
- 3. Have a council of elected officers.
- 4. Complete the Application for Alumni Chapter Chartering/Reactivating/Renaming.
- 5. Submit the completed application to your state FFA alumni association. Your state FFA alumni association will complete the process on their CREATE NEW CHAPTER tab of the ALUMNI STATE PROFILE page of Manage My FFA. Once the state has completed the process they will then notify alumni leaders of their FFA.org account information. You will have 30 days to submit your initial roster using Manage My FFA on FFA.org and 30 days following submission of your membership to pay your membership dues invoice. After this has been completed you will then be allowed to apply to be a part of National FFA's 501c3 status.

Reasons to Have a Local FFA Alumni Chapter

National FFA alumni chapters work to:

- Support and promote the FFA Organization, FFA activities and agricultural education on local, state and national levels.
- Facilitate involvement and support of former members and others interested in FFA and agricultural education.
- Promote and maintain an appreciation of the American free enterprise system.
- Enhance the personal development aspect of FFA.
- Serve as advocates for FFA and agricultural education on local, state and national levels.
- Utilize volunteer management tools provided by National FFA Alumni.

With the increased diversity of agricultural education programs, it is becoming more difficult for advisors/teachers to keep up with all the additional activities. Former FFA members and interested adults are a natural resource of help and support. Focus is on new technology in agriculture and agribusiness, therefore it is important to involve all types of people in your community. An FFA alumni chapter can unify the local community to support agricultural education and FFA activities and provide valuable assistance to agriculture advisors and help with the work/life balance of their profession. With the FFA Advisor coordinating activities, the alumni can provide time, talents and financial resources to ensuring success.