

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
TRENTON

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November 8, 1928.

Mr. Henry Groseclose,
Dept. of Agricultural Education,
Virginia Polytechnic Institute,
Blacksburg, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Groseclose:

I am enclosing an application for a charter of the Future Farmers of America from the Young Farmers Association of New Jersey. Our boys have had state and local organizations since 1924 and at a meeting held October 31 it was voted to retain the present name of the state association. We have always used the term "Future Farmer" in referring to the membership, but did not include it in the name of the association.

As I wrote you recently, our boys were not able to hold their state meeting until October 31. This accounts for the delay in making application for a charter. It was voted to send one boy delegate to Kansas City, the state organization paying his expenses. I shall accompany him and if need be will act as a second delegate in case any "honorary members" like ourselves are needed to help the boys.

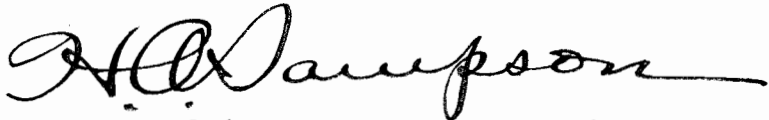
You will note on page 6 of the Constitution and By Laws that our state meeting is called for 15 days prior to the National Congress. It so happens that our young farmers have held their annual meeting at the time of our state judging contests and that these are held during the last week in October. If this meeting was held 30 days prior to the National Congress it would change the date of our judging contests to the middle of October and this is too early. Please give this matter your attention. Of course if you find it impossible to allow us the 15-day margin, I suppose we shall abide by the decision, but I hope you can see a way to allow the statement about the 15 days to remain in the Constitution and By Laws.

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Let me congratulate you on the fine work you have done with this national organization of our vocational agriculture boys. The organization I feel sure will mean much for the boys under our supervision.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. W. Sampson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

HOS:ES.

Supervisor of Agricultural Education.

Branch Office,
Room 32, Poultry Bldg.,
State Agricultural College,
New Brunswick, N. J.

THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Application for Charter

To Henry C. Groseclose,

Blacksburg, Va.

We, ... Elvin Schafer ..., President; .. Erwin Smith, Secretary; and H. O. Sampson, Adviser, officers of the State organization known as Young Farmers Association of New Jersey, a State organization for students of vocational agriculture, having at present ... 19 (number) chapters and ... 369 members, and being empowered to act for this (number) organization, do hereby make application to be chartered as a branch of the "Future Farmers of America".

We are attaching to this application (1) the proposed State constitution and by-laws under which we desire to work; (2) a copy of our State program of work for the year; (3) a list of all local chapters and a statement of the total membership of each; and (4) a check for \$5 to cover cost of issuing charter.

The names and addresses of our State officers are as follows:

President:	<u>Elvin Schafer</u>	<u>Bridgeton</u>	<u>Future Farmer</u>
Vice President	- <u>Leslie Applegate</u>	<u>Freehold</u>	<u>Future Farmer</u>
Secretary	.. <u>Erwin Smith</u>	<u>Madison</u>	<u>Future Farmer</u>
Treasurer	.. <u>John Washko</u>	<u>New Brunswick</u>	<u>Future Farmer</u>
Reporter	.. <u>Edward Crispin</u>	<u>Woodstown</u>	<u>Future Farmer</u>
Student members	.. <u>Marvin Ent</u>	<u>Flemington</u>	<u>Future Farmer</u>
of the ex-	.. <u>Phillip Alampi</u>	<u>Glassboro</u>	<u>Future Farmer</u>
ecutive committee	<u>Bertrand Stow</u>	<u>Moorestown</u>	<u>Future Farmer</u>

If granted a charter, we promise to comply with the national constitution and by-laws of the Future Farmers of America and to work for the success of the organization.

We certify that the information given in this application and attached hereto is correct.

Signed: .. *Elvin Schafers* ..
State President
.. *Erwin Smith* ..
State Secretary
.. *H. W. Sampson* ..
State Adviser

YOUNG FARMERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

Constitution and By-Laws

Constitution

Article I. Name and Purposes of the Organization.

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Young Farmer's Association of New Jersey, a branch of the "Future Farmers of America." Members of local chapters are hereinafter referred to as "Future Farmers of America."

Section B. The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To promote vocational education in agriculture in the public schools of the State of New Jersey.
2. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
3. To create and nurture a love of country life.
4. To encourage recreational and educational activities for students in vocational agriculture.
5. To promote thrift.
6. To encourage cooperative effort among students of vocational agriculture.
7. To strengthen the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work.
8. To promote scholarship among students of vocational agriculture.
9. To develop rural leadership.

Article II. Organization.

Section A. The New Jersey Association of "Future Farmers of America" is a State organization of affiliated local chapters in schools having organized instruction in vocational agriculture under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Act.

Section B. Local chapters of this organization shall not be organized in schools where systematic instruction in vocational agriculture is not given under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Act.

Section C. Members of local chapters shall meet, organize, and adopt this constitution as their own, elect officers, set up a program of work, and then apply to the secretary of the State association for membership

in this organization. After this application has been approved by the secretary the members of the local chapter may then be known as "Future Farmers of America."

Article III. Membership.

Section A. Membership in this organization shall be active, associate, and honorary.

Section B. Active membership. Any student of vocational agriculture, who is regularly enrolled in a part-time, day-unit, or all-day class in this State, is entitled to active membership upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership for three years after completing his systematic instruction in vocational agriculture.

Section C. Associate membership. Any former student of vocational agriculture may be elected to associate membership upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting. Any former active member may be elected to associate membership upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting.

Section D. Honorary membership. Instructors, school principals, superintendents, business men, and others who are helping to promote vocational agriculture may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting.

Article IV. Membership Grades and Privileges.

Section A. There shall be four grades of membership based upon achievement. These grades are (1) Green hand, (2) Future farmer, (3) State farmer, and (4) American farmer. (These terms are to be used until approved or modified by the First National Congress).

Section B. "Green Hand." Qualifications for Election:

1. Fourteen years of age.
2. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture.
3. Possess facilities for and have a satisfactory program of supervised practice.
4. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

Section C. "Future Farmer." Qualifications for Election:

1. Satisfactory completion of at least one year in vocational agriculture, including a program of supervised practice.
2. Earn and deposit in a bank, or otherwise productively invest at least \$25.

Note.- Any modification of (2) above must be approved by the State advisers.

3. Be regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture with an amplified supervised practice program.
4. Recite from memory the "Future Farmers" creed.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for ten minutes.
6. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting.

Section D. "State Farmer." Qualifications for Election:

1. At least two years of systematic instruction in vocational agriculture with an outstanding supervised practice program in operation.
2. Pass some occupational test supplied by the State staff.
3. Earn and deposit in a bank, or productively invest at least \$200. This may include the \$25 saved while advancing to the grade of "Future Farmer."
4. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure by having held office in the local chapter.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for forty minutes.
6. Make the school judging team, debating team, or some other team representing the school.
7. Show marked attainment in scholarship in all school subjects.
8. Possess qualities of leadership as shown by having held responsible positions in connection with student and chapter activities.

9. This State shall be entitled to elect 10 qualified individuals to this degree. In case, however, the membership exceeds 500, not more than 2 per cent of the total membership may be elected, fractions counted to the nearest whole number. Copies of written records of achievement verified by the local adviser shall be submitted to the State advisers by the local executive committee at least one month prior to the State convention. The advisers will then review the records and submit their findings to the Executive Committee. This committee will nominate at the regular State Convention the candidates who have been found most worthy to receive the honor. Synopses of these records shall then be read by a member of the Executive Committee when the students are nominated. The delegates shall then proceed to elect to the "State Farmer Degree" the number of candidates to which the State is entitled.

Section E. "American Farmer." Qualifications for Election:

1. Hold the degree of "State farmer."
2. Be engaged in a farming occupation or have definite plans for becoming a farmer.
3. Possess demonstrated ability to farm by having conducted an outstanding program of supervised practice throughout the period of vocational training.
4. Earn and deposit in a bank or otherwise productively invest at least \$500.

Note.- In cases where the applicant had assisted in the support of dependents the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.

5. Must have held office in a State organization or have represented a State in a national contest.
6. Possess demonstrated ability to work with others by having participated in some agricultural co-operative enterprise or movement.
7. Be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a National Congress of "Future Farmers of America."

Section F. Associate and honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office except that of adviser in the State and local organizations and that of Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Adviser in the National Organization. Exceptions to this provision are permitted during the first two years of a chapter's existence.

Section G. Only members who have been elected to the grade of "American Farmer" are eligible to hold national offices after 1929. One year after the New Jersey organization has been chartered all New Jersey officers shall have attained the "State Farmer degree." Officers in the local chapters must not rank lower than the grade of "Future Farmer."

Section H. Associate and honorary members are eligible to election to any degree provided they have done outstanding work in promoting vocational agriculture and the organization of Future Farmers of America.

By-Laws

Article I. Officers.

Section A. 1. The officers of the Young Farmer's Association of New Jersey shall consist of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, and four advisers. One of the advisers shall be the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, the others shall be teachers of vocational agriculture in the State. The officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular State convention of the organization. The officers shall perform the usual duties of the respective officers. Each local chapter shall be entitled to two delegates in the State convention, who shall represent the local chapter in balloting for officers and members who are nominated to be advanced to the grade of "State Farmer."

2. Officers of the local chapter shall be identical with those for the State organization and shall be elected annually at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

Section B. The executive committee of the Young Farmer's Association of New Jersey shall consist of the State officers ex-officio and three active members elected by the delegates in State convention. This committee shall perform the usual duties of an executive committee, review and approve receipts and disbursements, act as a nominating committee, and be responsible for the welfare of the organization.

Article II. Meetings.

Section A. A meeting of the Young Farmer's Association of New Jersey will be held annually and at least 15 days prior to the meeting of the National Congress of "Future Farmers of America", at such time and place as may be determined upon by the State Executive Committee.

Section B. Local chapters shall hold their meetings monthly or oftener and at such time and place as may be decided upon by the Executive Committee of the local chapter.

Article III. Dues.

Section A. Membership dues in this organization shall be 50¢ per annum.

Section B. The dues of any local chapter shall be fixed by a majority vote of the membership of that chapter.

Article IV. Amendments.

Section A. Amendments to the constitution and by-laws may be submitted in writing by the delegates from any chapter at any annual State Convention of this organization. Amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

Section B. In order to secure flexibility, additional by-laws may be adopted at any time to fit the needs of the State organization or local chapters, provided they are not in conflict with this constitution and by-laws.

Article V. Insignia.

Section A. The insignia of this organization shall be made up of four symbols, namely (1) cross section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests, since corn is native to America and grown in every State; (2) the owl, representing wisdom; (3) the plow, representing tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture, and (4) the rising sun, representing progress.

Section B. All active, associate, and honorary members shall be entitled to wear the insignia. All "Green hands" are entitled to wear a bronze insignia. All "Future Farmers" are entitled to wear a gold insignia. All members selected to the degree of "State farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia on a rectangular key base. All members elected to the degree of "American farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia directly mounted on a key.

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YOUNG FARMERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

Program of Work for 1928-29

1. Hold the State Convention of the Association during the time of the State Interscholastic Judging Contests in October.
2. Publish the annual Year Book of the Association as heretofore.
3. Send local chapters mimeographed news letters from time to time for the purpose of stimulating interest in both the State and the local associations.
4. Work with the State office in a campaign to promote Vocational Agriculture in the schools, to create an active interest in farming among the members, and to cooperate with all the other agricultural organizations of the State in their programs of work.

YOUNG FARMERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

List and approximate membership of local chapters

Chapter	Mambership
1. Sussex	14
2. Newton	18
3. Paterson	30
4. Hackettstown	12
5. Madison	20
6. Clinton	18
7. Flemington	20
8. Lambertville	16
9. New Brunswick	30
10. Leonardo	25
11. Freehold	20
12. Mt. Holly	20
13. Moorestown	16
14. Glassboro	25
15. Woodstown	20
16. Salem	10
17. Vineland	20
18. Bridgeton	25
19. Cape May	10

Note:- Due to the brief time between voting to apply for a charter in the National Organization and the date of the annual convention of that association it is not possible to furnish an accurate record of the membership in the Young Farmers Association of New Jersey. A corrected list will be furnished as soon as all members have paid their state dues.

YOUNG FARMERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

State Officers

President - Elvin Schafer, Bridgeton
Future Farmer degree

Vice President - Leslie Applegate, Freehold
Future Farmer degree

Secretary - Erwin Smith, Madison
Future Farmer degree

Treasurer - John Washko, New Brunswick
Future Farmer degree

Reporter - Edward Crispin, Woodstown
Future Farmer degree

Student members of the executive committee -

Marvin Ent, Flemington
Future Farmer degree

Phillip Alampi, Glassboro
Future Farmer degree

Bertrand Stow, Moorestown
Future Farmer degree

Advisers -

H. O. Sampson, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education
Honorary membership

A. J. McConnell, Teacher of Agriculture, Newton
Honorary membership

E. C. Stillwell, Teacher of Agriculture, Freehold
Honorary membership

S. L. Faust, Teacher of Agriculture, Bridgeton
Honorary membership