

Wisconsin Association of FFA

*90th State FFA Convention
June 10-13, 2019*

Proposals to be considered by the 2019 FFA Delegates

Each chapter, their two official convention delegates and advisor(s) should review these proposals before arriving at the State FFA Convention.

Please bring this proposal along with the budget and convention minutes with you to the State Convention. You can contact the Wisconsin FFA Center for any clarifications to the enclosed proposal.

Proposal #1- Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitutional Updates

Article III—Procedure for Determining Standing of Chapters and Members

Section B. **Student** ~~Active~~ members shall be considered in good standing when:

1. The members attend local chapter meetings where the local chapter is established.
2. The members show an interest in, and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
3. The members pay their dues annually.
4. The members conduct themselves in harmony with the Code of Ethics.

Article IV—Membership

Section B. **Student** ~~Active~~ Membership.

Any student who is regularly enrolled in agriculture education is entitled to become **a student** ~~an active~~ member of any chartered FFA chapter. To retain membership during high school, the member must be enrolled in at least one agriculture education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study for an agricultural occupation (including a supervised agricultural experience program), the objective of which is establishment in an agricultural occupation. Members may retain their **student** ~~active~~ membership until November 30, following the fourth national convention following graduation from high school or leaving high school. Only student active members may vote or hold office, except that office of Executive Secretary or Advisor in the chapter or the State Association.

FFA members in good standing at the time of their induction into the armed forces of the United

States of America, shall be in good standing during the period of their induction without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces, shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of three years after the first national convention, following graduation from high school or leaving high school. Members making use of this waiver of service time for the purpose of maintaining **student** ~~active~~ membership for application for advanced degrees, must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from service, indicating such a desire by payment of dues and attendance at meetings. Members participating in the six-month Armed Service Program, shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership. No individuals, however, may retain their **student** ~~active~~ membership beyond their 23rd birthday.

Section C. ~~Adult~~ Alumni Membership.

Membership in the FFA Alumni Association is open to anyone interested in supporting the FFA, including ~~student active~~ FFA membership.

~~Section D. Collegiate Membership.~~

~~Collegiate chapters may be established in two or four year institutions where agricultural courses are taught. Membership shall be open to students enrolled in agriculture courses, or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture or who have an interest in supporting and developing the FFA Organization and the industry of agriculture.~~

~~Section E. Honorary Membership.~~

~~Farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, businessperson, and others who are helping to advance agriculture education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting or convention.~~

Article V—Active Membership Degrees and Privileges

Section A.

There shall be only ~~six~~ **five** degrees of active membership based upon achievement. These are (1) Discovery FFA Degree; (2) Greenhand FFA Degree; (3) Chapter FFA Degree; (4) State FFA Degree; ~~and~~ (5) American FFA Degree; ~~and~~ **(6) Honorary FFA Degree**. The National Organization shall set the standards for the several degrees.

Section B.

Each chapter shall be entitled to send two delegates from its ~~student active~~ membership to the State Convention. Such delegates shall be in good standing as FFA members and shall hold the Chapter or Wisconsin FFA Degree.

Section E. State FFA Degree

Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Have received the Chapter FFA Degree, and have been ~~a student an active~~ FFA member for at least two years (24 months).

Section F. American FFA Degree

1. Have received the State FFA Degree, have been ~~a student an active~~ member for the past three years (36 months) and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities on the chapter and state levels.

Section G. Honorary FFA Degree

Honorary Membership FFA Degree - Farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, business people and others who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA and

who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to receive an honorary FFA degree membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting or convention. The Honorary membership FFA Degree shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree in the local chapter, Honorary State FFA Degree in the state association and the Honorary American FFA Degree in the national organization. All Honorary Degree recipients will be considered alumni/adult members as part of their Honorary Degree.

Motion: I move to approve the amendments as read for Article III, Article IV, and Article V of the Wisconsin FFA Association Constitution.

Rationale: At the last National FFA Convention, delegates voted to modify “active” membership to be phrased as “student” membership and “alumni” membership to be phrased as “adult” membership. Delegates voted at the 2017 National Convention to eliminate collegiate membership as that now fits under adult membership. The two types of membership in the National FFA Organization are student and adult. Honorary membership has been converted into the Honorary FFA Degree to correlate with nationals. As National FFA continues to make changes, we as a state organization strive to align our constitution and bylaws to the national constitution and bylaws, as closely as possible.