

# LAMAR FFA MEMBER HANDBOOK



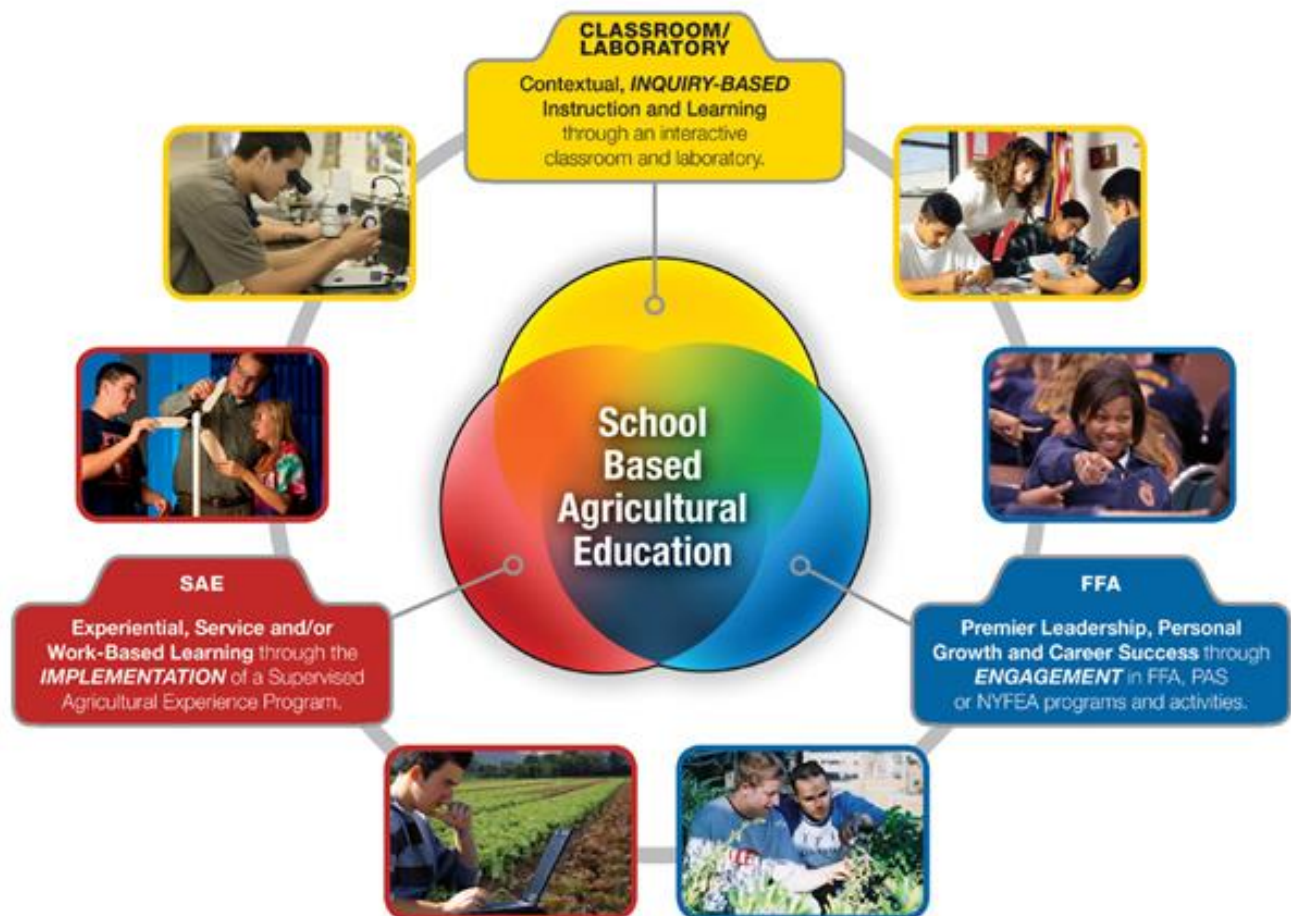
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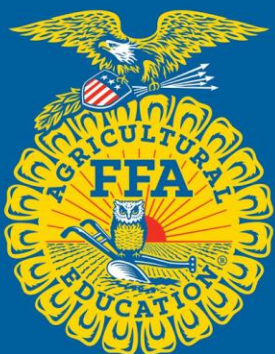
# WHAT IS FFA?

FFA is the top school-based youth leadership development organization in the United States. FFA cultivates and nurtures future leaders who go on to change how the world grows. Through a unique combination of education, experiential learning, and service-based opportunities rooted in agriculture, FFA empowers middle and high school students to become our next generation of courageous and knowledgeable leaders. Membership in FFA requires middle and high school students to be enrolled in a local school-based agricultural education program and involved in a supervised agricultural experience.

Students engaged in FFA find out who they are, who they want to become and how they can make an impact. They gain increased agricultural literacy, prepare for success in an ever-changing future, and demonstrate selflessness and citizenship through courageous acts of service.

FFA is an acronym that stands for Future Farmers of America — the organization's original name as established in 1928. However, the national organization was officially renamed National FFA Organization.



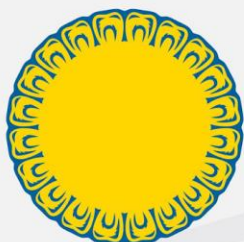


# The FFA Emblem

The history of the FFA emblem dates back to 1926, when Henry Groseclose was working on the Future Farmers of Virginia constitution and bylaws. He was inspired by drawings of an owl perched on a spade that he found in materials from a Danish agriculture organization.

Working with R.W. Cline, then a graduate student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Groseclose made some substitutions and additions to the drawings, resulting in an emblem similar to the one used by the National FFA Organization today.

The five symbols that make up the FFA emblem represent five individual aspects of the organization. Together with the words "Agricultural Education" and the letters "FFA," they tell the story of the organization's history, mission and vision.



## Cross-section of an ear of corn represents "Unity"

Whether you live in Alaska, Puerto Rico, Maine, Hawaii or one of the states in between, corn is grown somewhere in your state. Corn signifies unity and, from the first Thanksgiving feast on, corn has historically served as the foundation crop of American agriculture. It is appropriate then that the cross section of corn be used as the foundation of the National FFA emblem.



## Rising sun signifies "Progress"

Just as the industry of agriculture has developed new technologies and evolved to meet the next generation of consumer demands, the National FFA Organization has continued to evolve as well and continually looks to the future to meet each member's needs. The rising sun signifies progress and holds the promise that tomorrow will bring a new day, shining with opportunity.



## Plow signifies "Labor and Tillage of the Soil"

The National FFA Organization is founded in agriculture, the backbone of our country. The plow signifies labor and tillage of the soil and the historic foundation of our country's strength.



## Eagle symbolizes "Freedom"

The eagle is a national symbol that reminds all FFA members of our freedom and our ability to explore new horizons for the future of agriculture.



## Owl represents "Knowledge"

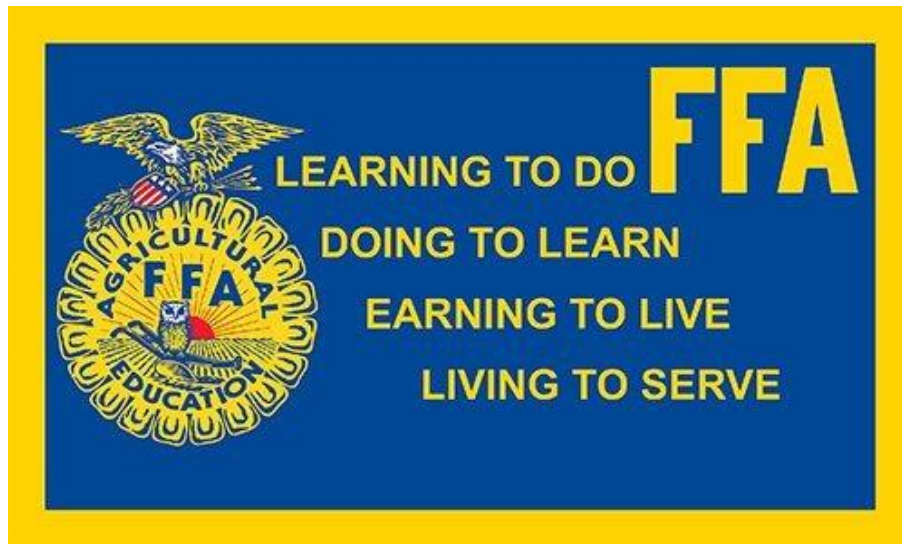
Long recognized as a symbol of wisdom and knowledge, the owl symbolizes the knowledge required to be successful in the industry of agriculture.



## Agricultural Education and FFA

The words "Agricultural Education" and the letters "FFA" are emblazoned in the center of the emblem to signify the combination of learning and leadership necessary for progressive agriculture.

## FFA MOTTO



## LAMAR FFA CHAPTER INFORMATION

**Chapter Number:** TX0006

**District:** Lake Houston

**Area:** 3

**Instagram:** @lamarffa

**Twitter:** @lamarffa

**Facebook Page:** Lamar Houston FFA

**Website:** [www.lamar.ffanow.org](http://www.lamar.ffanow.org)

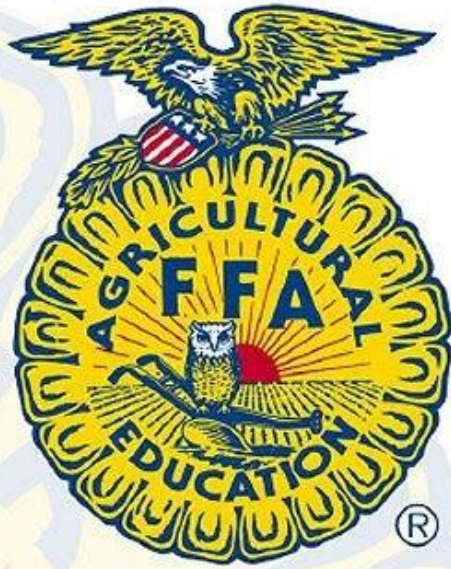
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**Texas FFA Area Map**





# The 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.

*The creed was written by E. M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. It was revised at the 38th Convention and the 63rd Convention.*

## **2023-2024 CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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## **FFA DUES**

To join FFA, students must be enrolled in an agriculture class at the high school. The dues are **\$50**. This includes chapter, district 2, area 3, state, and national FFA dues. Membership also includes a subscription to the FFA Horizons magazine and the year's current FFA T-Shirt. Dues will be paid on SchoolPay or by cash in the business office before/after school and during lunch.

## **JUNIOR FFA MEMBERSHIP**

Junior FFA membership is open to siblings of current Lamar High School FFA members or future Lamar students. Dues are **\$50**. Dues will be paid on SchoolPay or by cash in the business office before/after school and during lunch. Joining the junior FFA allows the member to participate in local meetings, fundraise, and complete a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) under the supervision of Lamar HS agriculture advisors. Space for livestock projects is limited at the Lamar farm, and the Lamar High School students are given priority for stall assignments. Space is not guaranteed for the junior FFA members at the farm until all LHS students have been assigned to a stall/pen.

## **WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN LAMAR FFA**

There are a variety of ways to be involved in the FFA. Below are just a few ways that you can participate in the Lamar FFA:

- Join an LDE, CDE, or Public Speaking Team event or participate in Public Speaking Contests
- Create your own Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) which falls in any of the following categories:
  - Placement/Internship
  - Ownership/Entrepreneurship
  - Research: Environmental, Analysis or Intervention
  - School-Based Enterprise
  - Service Learning
- Raise a livestock project. Please refer to the Lamar FFA Agricultural Science Facilities & Livestock Handbook for an in-depth explanation of the regulations and requirements to raise an animal through the Lamar FFA.
- Raise bees at the Lamar FFA Farm. Please refer to the Lamar FFA Bee Program Guide for an in-depth explanation of the project, time commitment, and requirements to raise bees.
- Participate in the Lamar FFA Livestock Show & Auction- Creative Arts, Floral Design, Horticulture, or BBQ Scholarship Cook-Off
  - Please refer to the Lamar FFA Livestock Show & Auction Handbook for an in-depth explanation of each contest and the regulations and requirements for each individual contest.
- Leadership- Through Lamar FFA leadership development opportunities, members begin to discover their unique talents, values, and ambitions. LDE's provide members with the opportunity to develop leadership skills.

- Become an FFA Officer. Applications begin in the end of the spring semester. See an Agriculture Teacher or FFA Advisor for an application in April.
- As a first year FFA member, students can apply to become a Greenhand FFA Officer. See an Agriculture Teacher or FFA Advisor for an application.
- Community Service, Fundraising, Barn Workdays, and Social events are a requirement of every Lamar FFA Member.
- Attend **ALL** scheduled FFA chapter meetings.

## **SAE EXPLAINED**

### What is an SAE?

Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) is a **student-led, instructor-supervised, work-based learning experience** that results in **measurable outcomes** within a predefined, agreed upon set of **Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) Technical Standards and Career Ready Practices** aligned to your **Career Plan** of study.

### HERE'S WHAT THAT DEFINITION MEANS FOR YOU.

#### **Aligned to Your Career Plan**

SAEs are designed to grow and modify as you grow and develop your skills and identify new interests that may affect your Career Plan. The end goal of an SAE is that you are career-ready, no matter what path you take to get there!

#### **Student-Led**

You will be the primary decision maker throughout your SAE. Many options may be shared with you by your instructor and other supporting adults, but you ultimately have control.

#### **Connected to Agriculture**

No matter what type of SAE you choose, it needs to be agriculturally-related. You can choose to experience any of the AFNR career pathways: Agribusiness Systems, Animal Systems, Biotechnology Systems, Career Ready Practices, Environmental Systems, Food Products and Processing Systems, Natural Resources Systems, Plant Systems, Power, Structural and Technical Systems.

AN **SAE** IS

#### **Instructor Supervised**

Your agricultural education instructor will help guide and foster growth within your SAE as needed. They serve as your SAE mentor.

#### **Measurable**

Because SAEs are connected to agriculturally-based knowledge and skills your growth can be measured as a graded component of your agricultural coursework. Your SAE experience may also be considered for high school graduation credits.

#### **Work-Based Learning**

Depending on the type of SAE you select, your work-based experience could be in or out of school. Specific definitions of each SAE work-based category can be found on pages 9-20 of this guide.



## **LAMAR FFA HOUR SYSTEM**

All FFA members are **REQUIRED** to participate in the Lamar FFA fundraisers, barn workdays, and social events. FFA Members are not required to attend Lamar Athletic Booster sponsored events but are highly encouraged to. Every FFA member must meet the minimum requirements to maintain active membership.

- 10 Fundraising hours per semester = 20 total hours per school year
- 10 Barn Workday hours per semester = 20 total hours per school year
- 3 Social Events per semester- not calculated in hours as events are not limited to timed activities.
- Students must meet a minimum of 10 hours per semester.
- Hours are calculated based on times that students have signed in and out of fundraising activities or are calculated based on number of items sold for any given fundraiser that sells physical items or goods.
- Hours can roll over into the following semester for the current school year.

## **LAMAR FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW & AUCTION**

Each year the Lamar FFA hosts its annual Livestock Show & Auction. This is a school-wide event that includes a BBQ Cook-Off, Art Contest, Livestock Show, and Horticulture Contests. Participation in the Lamar FFA Livestock Show & Auction is not mandatory but highly encouraged. All proceeds earned from selling of student projects are given directly back to the students through scholarships. Please refer to the Lamar FFA Livestock Show & Auction Handbook for the complete list of contest explanations, regulations, and requirements.

### **General Requirements to show at the Lamar Auction**

- 10 Fundraising hours per semester
- 10 Barn Workday hours per semester
- 3 Social hours per semester
- 5 Advertisements for Show book in the Spring
- No more than 2 missed FFA meetings **ALL YEAR**

## **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

### **Student Assistance**

Students on free or reduced lunch may receive student assistance for their FFA Dues. This form may be obtained from the Agriculture Science Teachers by way of the business office manager.

### **Behavior while at FFA Sanctioned Events or Livestock Shows**

Livestock shows and activities are an extension of the Houston ISD classroom. Therefore, students will be responsible for their personal conduct. All Lamar High School rules are in effect at these shows and activities regardless of the time of infraction, or whether an FFA advisor is present.

### **Equipment and Trailer Use**

Students are encouraged to buy their own equipment that they may use on a daily basis with their animal project. Transportation to jackpot shows or show clinics will only be provided if within Harris County or Houston City limits and the surrounding counties. Transportation will also be provided for major shows and rodeos (Houston Livestock Show, Ft. Worth Livestock Show, & San Antonio Livestock Show). Hauling of livestock projects to any event will be at the discretion of the Lamar FFA Advisors and Lamar HS Administration.

## **OFFICIAL DRESS FOR FFA**

The uniform that is worn by FFA members at local, state, and national functions is called official dress. It provides identity and a distinctive, recognizable image to the organization.

Any student participating in the Lamar FFA Show & Auction must purchase Official Dress.

Female members wear:

- White button up shirt with collar
- Black skirt (knee length & no frays) or Black Dress slacks
- Official FFA scarf
- Black hose
- Black shoes (close toed & no higher than 4 inches)
- Official FFA jacket

Male members wear:

- Black slacks
- White button up shirt with collar
- Official FFA tie
- Black socks
- Black dress shoes
- Official FFA jacket

Official FFA Jackets can be purchased from the National FFA website. All members are strongly encouraged to purchase an Official FFA jacket. Jackets can be provided by Lamar High School for use by students unable to purchase their own. Chapter jackets are not guaranteed due to size and fit and are not personalized.

**Female:**



**Male:**



# **LAMAR FFA CODE OF CONDUCT**

FFA members should always conduct themselves to be a credit to their organization, family, chapter, school, and community.

## **As an FFA member, I pledge to:**

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.
2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
4. Respect the rights of others and their property.
5. Be courteous, honest, and fair with others.
6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful, and positive manner.
7. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
8. Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
9. Conduct and value a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program.
10. Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
11. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.
12. Utilize social media in a positive manner and refrain from posting negative or inappropriate comments and pictures.

## **FFA member should NOT:**

1. Be a part of any robbery or theft on any Lamar High School Facilities and or Lamar FFA Agricultural Complex Facilities.
2. Assault or vandalize people or their property.
3. Fight or be a part of a violent situation.
4. Fail or average any grade less than a 70 for a cycle or semester in an Agricultural Science Course.
5. Use unethical practices to show or exhibit their projects.
6. Partake, possess, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages.
7. Partake, possess, or be under the influence of tobacco or tobacco related paraphernalia.
8. Partake, possess, or be under the influence of illegal substances.
9. Participate in or contribute to any slander about the Lamar FFA, it's members or advisors.

## **Consequences:**

1. Notification of the parent or guardian and issued demerit.
2. Notification of Lamar High School administration.
3. Removal of student from activity and or Lamar FFA Program (if the student is an officer, they will be removed from the officer team).
4. Removal of the animal or exhibit. The animal/exhibit will be declared ineligible for further participation in the event or further participation in the Lamar FFA.

## **FFA MEMBER DEMERIT SYSTEM**

All Lamar FFA Chapter members will be placed on a demerit system. This will ensure that all members are held accountable for their actions and responsible to the chapter, fellow members and FFA Advisors. An accumulation of 5 demerits will result in suspension from FFA activities for 30 days or until the required merits are earned. If they do not earn the required merits within 30 days of the 5<sup>th</sup> Demerit, they will be removed from the chapter permanently. The earned merits required to be removed from suspension will be 2 (or 4 hours of service).

- Members cannot receive or exceed 5 demerits, or they will be removed from the organization.
- Merits may be obtained AFTER the demerit is issued. Members MAY NOT earn them prior to the demerit.
- All officers are expected to know and follow the Chapter Guidelines, FFA Code of Conduct, HISD Student Code of Conduct and FFA Member Demerit System.
- Please note that some FFA Activities are last minute items. All efforts will be made to provide 48-hour notice to the Advisors. In the event that 48-hour notice cannot be given, no demerit will be issued. All other scheduled activities are required, and members are expected to attend.
- Excused absences are defined as school related events, death in the family, illness (with doctor's note), religious activities and/or community service activities. ALL absences must be **PRE-APPROVED** at least 48 hours in advance by an FFA Advisor. If attending another school related event, documentation from the sponsor of that event may be required. Tutoring for another class and work are NOT excused absences. **Your attendance at meetings and events is ESSENTIAL to the development and success of our chapter.**
- Should an infraction occur more than once, no opportunity will exist for receiving replacement merits (example: if you are late to an officer meeting twice, you will only be able to earn merits for than infraction once).

### **Demerits**

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>Demerit</b>
Conduct unbecoming an FFA Member (demerit depends on severity of conduct)	1 to 3
Inappropriate Language or Conversations (after verbal warning)	1
Late to Chapter Activity (without pre-approval)	1
Failure to attend FFA Chapter Meeting	2
Inappropriate use of social media	2
Failure to participate in Community Service Activity	2
Assigned to ISS	3
Failure to participate in required FFA Activity	3
Academic Ineligibility (second infraction will result in termination of membership)	4
Failure to participate in required Fundraiser	4



## Merits

**All merit activities require at least 2 hours of service. 2 hours = 1 merit earned**

<b>Merit Activities</b>	<b>Merit</b>
Community Service (school activities are not eligible - No Double Dipping)	1
Working for LHS Staff Member	1
Working for FFA Advisors	1
Working at the Farm	1

## **AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE FACILITY REGULATIONS**

The purpose of the Lamar Agriculture Complex located at 11611 Riceville School Road is to provide an extension of the classroom and to allow FFA members to utilize the complex for their Agricultural Experience Programs (SAEP). Houston ISD Student Code of Conduct applies to this facility. To ensure compliance, Lamar High School and Houston ISD employees including agriculture science teachers, facility managers, and administrators will monitor and manage the complex both physically and via security cameras. It is our goal as a district to establish, monitor, and continuously improve a strict set of rules and guidelines to be followed. This, in turn should provide a safe, educational, and rewarding atmosphere that is conducive to learning.

The agriculture science facility regulations handbook will be given to each student raising a livestock project or bee project. Please refer to the handbook for a more information.

## **AWARD & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Greenhand Degree-** This degree is given to a student that has completed their first year in FFA and has also completed a supervised agriculture experience project (SAE).

**Chapter Degree-** This degree is given to a student that has completed their second year in FFA, have received their Greenhand degree, and have also completed an SAE.

**Lonestar Degree-** This is the highest degree of membership the State FFA Association can award. FFA members may apply to receive the Lone Star Degree only after they have received the Chapter degree.

*For more information on FFA Degrees:* <https://www.texasffa.org/degrees-of-membership>

## **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (LDE)**

*For an explanation of information on LDEs:* <https://www.texasffa.org/lde>

SR./ GH Chapter Conducting	Ag Issues Forum
SR./GH. Creed Speaking	FFA Broadcasting
SR./GH. Quiz	Job Interview
SR./ GH. Skills	Spanish Creed Speaking
Ag. Advocacy	Public Relations

# **CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (CDE)**

*For explanation of information on CDEs: <https://www.texasffa.org/cde>*

Ag. Communications	Horse
Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems	Land
Ag. Sales	Livestock Evaluation
Agronomy	Marketing Plan
Applied Agricultural Engineering	Meats
Cotton	Milk Quality
Dairy Cattle	Nursey/Landscape
Entomology	Plant ID
Environmental & Natural Resources	Poultry
Farm & Agribusiness Management	Range
Floriculture	Tractor Technician
Food Science	Veterinary Science
Forage	Wildlife
Forestry	Wool
Homesite Evaluation	



# **LAMAR FFA GRADUATION HONORS REQUIREMENTS**

Students who demonstrate hard work and success through their involvement with the Lamar FFA will be eligible to receive the following Graduation Honors, if they meet the set requirements outlined below.

## **Requirements:**

- **FFA Blue Cord**
  - Complete all requirements for a Chapter FFA Degree
  - Participate in one LDE and one CDE
  - Submits Graduation Honors Request by April 1st of Graduating Year
- **FFA Gold Sash/Stole**
  - Must have completed all requirements for the Blue Cord
  - In addition, complete at least 1 year of service as a Chapter Officer or higher
- **To Obtain Both**
  - Must have completed all requirements for the Blue Cord
  - In addition, must have completed at least 2 years of service as a Chapter Officer or higher

*If students do not submit Graduation Honors Request Form by April 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be required to pay for their sash or cord.*

# **LAMAR FFA LETTERMAN JACKET REQUIREMENTS**

To receive a Letterman Jacket through Lamar FFA, a member must have proven to be a vital member of the organization. The following qualifications outline what it takes for a member to earn their FFA Letterman.

## **Automatic Qualifications:**

- Placed top 10 in State for an LDE or CDE event
- State Finalist for Star or Proficiency Award
- National FFA Band or Chorus Member
- Obtained a District, Area or State Office
- Completed 2 years as a chapter officer, with 3 demerits or less
- Be in good standing with the Lamar HS Business Office

## **Basic Qualifications (*Must complete all Basic Qualifications to earn Jacket*)**

- Participated in one LDE and one CDE per year for a minimum of 2 years
- Obtained and maintained a Chapter Officer position for one year
- Completed at least one Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)
- Participated in a minimum of 2 fundraisers per year for each year in FFA
- Be in good standing with the Lamar HS Business Office

*Once qualifications are complete, you must complete the Letterman Jacket Request and submit it to an FFA Advisor.*

## **SWEETHEART & BEAU SELECTION**

Each year at the Lamar FFA Show & Auction, the chapter is represented by the Chapter Sweetheart and Beau. The Sweetheart must provide a baked cake known as the Sweetheart Cake to kick-off the start of the live auction. The Sweetheart will be presented with a Sash and awarded the amount received for the Sweetheart Cake sales. The Beau will be presented with a custom belt buckle.

- **Sweetheart Requirements:**

- Must have completed 3 years of being an FFA Member
- Must have completed the year's current show requirements (ad sales, fundraising, barn workday, and social hours)
- Must have completed at least one Supervised Agricultural Experience
- Must be academically eligible to participate in the Lamar FFA Show & Auction
- Must not have any academic referrals or suspensions in the current year
- Must follow the FFA and Lamar HS Code of Conduct

- **Beau Requirements:**

- Must have completed 3 years of being an FFA Member
- Must have completed the year's current show requirements (ad sales, fundraising, barn workday, and social hours)
- Must have completed at least one Supervised Agricultural Experience
- Must be academically eligible to participate in the Lamar FFA Show & Auction
- Must not have any academic referrals or suspensions in the current year
- Must follow the FFA and Lamar HS Code of Conduct





# **LAMAR FFA CONSTITUTION**

## **Article 1- Name & Purpose**

### **Section A.**

The name of this organization shall be called “Lamar FFA”. Members are hereinafter referred to as “members” and the letters of “FFA” may be used to designate the chapter, its activities, or members thereof.

### **Section B.**

The purpose for which this chapter is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural, and agricultural leadership.
2. To strengthen the confidence of young men and women in themselves and their work.
3. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
4. To encourage members to improve the community and its surroundings.
5. To encourage members in the development of individual farming programs and establishments of farming.
6. To participate in worthy undertaking for the improvement of agriculture.
7. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
8. To participate in cooperative efforts.
9. To encourage and practice thrift.
10. To encourage improvements in scholarship.
11. To provide and encourage the development of organized recreational activities.

## **Article 2- Organization**

### **Section A.**

The Lamar FFA chapter is a chartered local unit of the Texas FFA Association, which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

### **Section B.**

The chapter accepts in full, the provisions in the constitution and by-laws of the Texas FFA Association as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

## **Article 3- Membership**

### **Section A.**

Membership of the Lamar FFA chapter shall be open to all students who are enrolled in an Agriculture Course at Lamar High School.

### **Section B.**

Junior FFA Membership is at the discretion of the Lamar HS Advisors and shall be revised as needed. Junior FFA Members must meet the same requirements as chapter members.

## **Article 4- Officers**

### **Section A.**

The officers of the Lamar FFA chapter shall be:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Reporter
- Sentinel

### **Section B.**

The officers shall be elected by the electoral process established by the FFA Advisors of Lamar FFA.

## **Article 5- Meetings & Conventions**

### **Section A.**

Regular meetings will be held once a school month unless noted.

### **Section B.**

Special meetings shall be held at the call of the president or advisor.

### **Section C.**

Only officers, and students winning awards or degrees at the State convention will be allowed to attend.

## **Article 6- Amendments**

The constitution of this chapter may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership present at any meeting provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the preceding meeting.

# **LAMAR FFA BYLAWS**

### **Section 1**

A nominee appointed by the chair shall suggest a candidate for each office in the chapter. Any member has the right to make nominations on the floor.

### **Section 2**

The elected chairman of a committee may appoint members to serve with him.

### **Section 3**

Robert's Rule of Order for FFA shall govern the parliamentary procedure of the chapter of all points not covered by the constitution and by-laws.

### **Section 4**

A majority of the members of the organization shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 5**

When a quorum is not present at a regular meeting the executive committee may transact necessary business provided that the expenditure is not in excess of \$50.00 is involved.

**Section 6**

The chapter membership shall elect candidates for sweetheart and beau from the chapter membership prior to the Lamar FFA show. Candidates shall be elected by chapter members, which one should be elected by popular votes from the chapter members.

**Section 7**

Dues will be in accordance with the national, state, and area dues and assigned by the chapter Advisors.

# **LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL**

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Texas A&M University Veterinary Medical 24-Hour Telephone- College Station, TX

979-845-3541



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## **STUDENT AND PARENT ACKNOWLEDGE AGREEMENT**

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have thoroughly read and agreed with the terms and conditions of this handbook and that any diversion from these rules and regulations may result in student eviction from the school farm, revocation of Lamar FFA membership, revocation of the privilege of participating in the Lamar FFA Livestock Show & Auction, and/or disciplinary action from Lamar High School Administration.

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent or Guardian Name(s)

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Date

Date Received: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Initials: \_\_\_\_

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