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TO: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Educators/ FFA Advisors
FROM: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist
C: Nancy J. Trivette, Program Leader, Agricultural Education/ State FFA Advisor
DATE: September 7, 2011
RE: Program Affiliation Fees for 2011-12

Submitting an FFA chapter membership roster and paying the program affiliation fee is a requirement to keep your chapter in “good standing” with the New Jersey FFA Association and retain your chapter's charter. Your cooperation in submitting rosters on time is appreciated. Last year, New Jersey's membership was 1,820.

HOW DO I COMPLETE MY ROSTER?

New in 2011, all membership will be entered using the Agricultural Career Network (ACN). Set to launch on September 15, the Agricultural Career Network is a new, nationwide system designed to help FFA members document their education achievements, create robust portfolios and pursue scholarships and employment opportunities. Initial training on ACN will take place at the September 30th Fall Ag Ed Conference. If you need help, please contact our office at (877) 243-3332.

WHEN ARE ROSTERS DUE?

Chapter rosters must be submitted by November 1. If you are on block scheduling, you can add your second semester students by April 1. Don't forget to include students who have recently graduated and want to maintain their FFA membership to be eligible to receive scholarships and higher FFA degrees. As a reminder, ALL of the agricultural education students enrolled in your program should be entered into the system. This will allow FFA opportunities for every student in every classroom every day.

IS GRADUATE MEMBERSHIP ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP?

No. Graduate FFA membership after high school graduation is not alumni membership. Anyone can be an FFA Alumni member, prior to or after graduation. Alumni membership is paid to an Alumni affiliate or state Alumni association, which is separate from state and national FFA dues.

Alumni membership information can be found at

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/partners/AlumniBro.pdf

CAN POST-SECONDARY ADULTS BE MEMBERS?

Yes, but on the state level only and therefore, adult student (post secondary agriculture student) membership is not to be included on this roster unless the member would like a magazine subscription. A separate New Jersey FFA Association Post-Secondary roster is available at http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/chapter/postsecondary.pdf. Adult students must be dues-paid adult student members to compete in state level activities. Competition beyond the state level is not available for post-secondary or adult students.

WHAT IF OUR SCHOOL IS ON BLOCK SCHEDULING?

It is recommended that you complete and submit your roster for the first semester by the November 1st deadline. You should then submit additional students by April 1st, 2012.

HOW DO I ADD STUDENTS ONCE MY ROSTER HAS BEEN SUBMITTED?

If you have additional students to add once your roster has been submitted, simply add the students to ACN.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Please reference the Program Affiliation Handbook for fee structure.

Description of New Jersey FFA Affiliation Fee 2011-2012

Affiliation options for 2010-11 are as follows:

1. **Basic Affiliation** (mandatory)
2. **Blue Supplemental Package** (optional)
3. **Gold Supplemental Package** (optional)
4. **FFA New Horizons** Magazine Subscription:
1 year (recommended for friends of FFA, school board members, administrators, school library, local businesses, etc.)..... **\$12.00**

***Options for Middle School FFA chapters**

- No Affiliation – pay \$13/member (no option for basic, blue, or gold packages)
- Affiliate according to 2010-11 student enrollment numbers for full access benefits

CAN I CHANGE MY ROSTER AFTER SUBMITTING IT?

Members can be added and address corrections made using the supplemental roster, however, members cannot be deleted after the roster has been submitted.

WHAT IF I DON'T SUBMIT THE ROSTER AND DUES BY NOVEMBER 1, 2011?

Chapters not submitting rosters and fees by November 1 cannot submit other state registrations unless accompanied by the dues and roster. For example, registrations will not be accepted for the Horticultural Exposition, Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day, Spring CDEs or State Convention without your chapter's membership dues being paid. *If chapter dues payment is not received by March 1, there will be a \$75 fee charged for overdue rosters.*

“The New Jersey FFA Association is a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the state FFA constitution, bylaws or policies.”