

# **FREDERICKSBURG**

## **FFA & Ag Department**



# **Introduction Packet**

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# Fredericksburg FFA

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Are you interested in your child improving his/her leadership skills, speaking ability, and receiving scholarships? Well, these skills and opportunities can be obtained at the Fredericksburg FFA and Agricultural Department. For many decades' students have been developing their ability to be successful in life after high school through their involvement in the Fredericksburg FFA. For those unfamiliar with FFA, it is a youth organization that focuses on three components: ***premier leadership, personal growth and career success***. An important issue to remember is that FFA is not just for farm and ranch kids! FFA is for anyone interested in gaining the components just mentioned along with many other benefits such as traveling, earning money and scholarships, being part of a team, conducting community service and having fun.

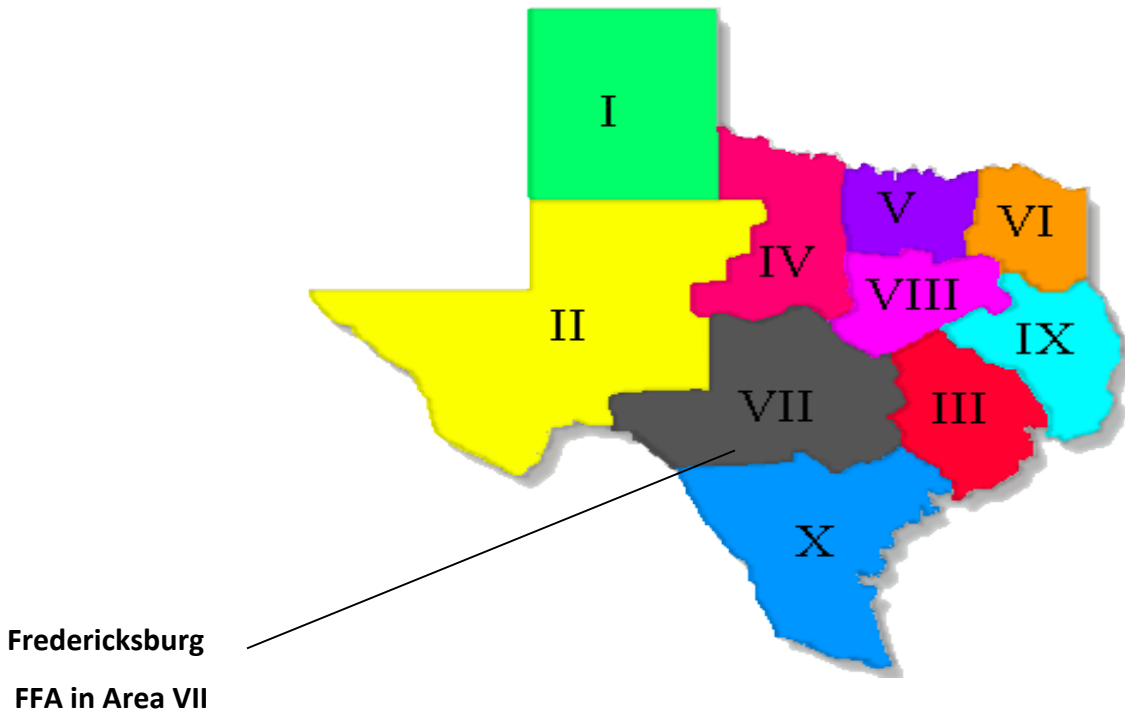
The National FFA is a strong organization with over **525,000** members nationwide and over **120,000** in Texas! Locally we want to grow the FFA program and provide the members with opportunities that will contribute to their success in life through their participation in the Fredericksburg FFA Chapter. Career development events (CDEs) and leadership development events (LDEs) give the students the chance to learn valuable life skills, compete and ultimately succeed. In the following pages we have listed and briefly described some of the activities that are available to our members. We know your child can find something he/she is interested in as the FFA offers a wide array of activities and opportunities. One of the most important is scholarships! The National FFA annually awards over 2.5 million dollars to its members. In addition, we also award many local and state FFA scholarships as well!

I hope you find the Fredericksburg FFA an activity in which your child should be an active member as well as yourself through the Ag Science and FFA Booster Club.

Thank you,  
Joel Bush  
Caleb Elrod  
Patrick Padgett

## Texas FFA Structure

The state is divided into ten administrative areas which operate as semi-autonomous associations.



### **Area VII Structure**

Seven Districts make up area VII. They are:

Alamo, Centex, Guadalupe, Hill, Lonestar, Revaldina, San Saba

### **Hill District Structure**

Fourteen schools make up the Hill District. They are:

Blanco, Boerne Champion, Boerne High, Center Point, Comfort, Dripping Springs, Fredericksburg, Harper, Ingram, Johnson City, Junction, Mason, Menard, Tivy

## Career Development Events

Career Development Events build on what is learned in agricultural classes and encourage members to put their knowledge into practice. These events are designed to help a member prepare for a career in agriculture by testing and challenging the student's technical, leadership, interpersonal and teamwork skills as well as their knowledge of the subject matter.

CDEs answer the question, "*When will I use this knowledge in the real world?*"

Contest range from practices, district, area, state and national opportunities.

**Floriculture**

**Entomology**

**Range**

**Dairy Cattle**

**Livestock Horse**

**Land**

**Wildlife**

**Wool**

**Meats**

**Home Site**

**Vet Science**

## Leadership Development Events

Leadership Development Events focus on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization. Team and individual events are used to reinforce what is taught in agricultural science classrooms.

### **Agricultural Issues Forum**

A team of 3 to 7 students research and analyze a current agricultural issue, create a portfolio and also develop and deliver a presentation that stresses both pros and cons of their selected agricultural issue. At the event competition, members use verbal skills and presentation abilities to defend their findings and answer judges' questions.

### **Chapter Conducting**

Teams conduct a mock chapter meeting to demonstrate knowledge of basic parliamentary law and the use of correct parliamentary procedures. At the conclusion of the meeting, team members are asked questions regarding parliamentary law. There are both Greenhand and senior levels for this event.

### **Creed Speaking**

A member presents the FFA Creed from memory and answers questions about its meaning and purpose. This event is just one way to boost self-confidence, earn recognition, and develop powerful, organized and professional communication skills. There are both Greenhand and Senior levels for this event.

### **Greenhand FFA Quiz**

An exam testing knowledge of the Grays Guide to Parliamentary Procedure for FFA and FFA knowledge including history, facts, business structure, leadership and programs is given to individuals. Quiz teams can be made of 3 or 4 members.

### **Senior FFA Quiz**

An exam testing team members' understanding of the FFA, agricultural education, current agricultural events and parliamentary procedure is given. Teams can be made of 3 or 4 members.

### **FFA Radio**

A team of 3 members presents an informative radio program covering one or more agricultural subjects that is current in nature and local in content. The contest assumes that the chapter has a regularly scheduled non-commercial radio program once each month over a local station.

### **Job Interview**

At the competition, each member submits their resume, completes a job application for an agricultural position on site and participates in an interview via telephone, in person one-on-one and with a panel of possible employers. State winning individual advances to National competition that is held during the National FFA Convention the end of October

### **Public Relations**

A team of between two and four FFA members develops and presents a 5-8 minute program to inform a specified target audience regarding the Texas FFA and what it represents. The presentation is developed assuming that the target audience has no knowledge of the FFA. Team members are asked questions in response to their program following the presentation.

### **Skills Demonstration**

A team of 3-5 members performs an actual demonstration of an agricultural skill including anything in the Agricultural Science and Technology curriculum using effective public speaking and communication methods. There are both Greenhand and senior levels for this event.

### **Talent Contest**

Members from a chapter perform a talent that can consist of singing, dancing, a skit or any activity that can be classified as talent. Teams can consist of one or multiple members from the same chapter.

## **Speaking Events**

Speaking Development Events are designed to develop the ability of all FFA members to express themselves on a given subject. Students are encouraged to develop their communication skills and learn to formulate their remarks for presentation in a variety of situations. The state finals of the speaking development events are held in conjunction with the Texas FFA convention.

### **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**

Members learn how to think on their feet and make a case quickly and persuasively. Contestants are given 30 minutes to prepare a speech on one of three randomly selected agricultural topics. *State winner advances to National competition that is held during the National FFA Convention the end of October.*

### **Senior Prepared Public Speaking**

Each contestant writes and delivers a six- to eight-minute speech about a current agricultural subject in one of the following categories: Animal Science, Plant Science, Agribusiness, Natural Resources, Ag-Science and Ag-Policy.

*State winner advances to National competition that is held during the National FFA Convention the end of October.*

### **Junior Prepared Public Speaking**

Each contestant writes and delivers a four- to six-minute speech about a current agricultural subject of their choice. Participants are then rated based on the written speech, speech delivery and their answers to judges' questions.

### **Soil Stewardship Prepared Public Speaking**

Contestants write and deliver a six- to eight-minute speech in accordance with the year's theme selected by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Prior to competition the speech must be presented to the local chapter and to at least one civic or school group if competing above the district level.

## **Agri-Science Fair**

Students use the scientific process as they reinforce skills and principles they have learned in agri-science courses. They conduct research projects and prepare a scientific report and display for judging at the state level.

Competition is divided into five categories:

**Biochemistry/Food Science/Microbiology-** Biology of microorganisms-bacteriology, virology, protozoology, fungi bacterial genetics, yeast. This area also can include chemistry of life processes-molecular biology, molecular genetics, enzymes, photosynthesis, protein chemistry, food chemistry, hormones, etc.

**Botany** - Study of plant life-agriculture, agronomy, horticulture, forestry, plant taxonomy, plant physiology, plant pathology, plant genetics, hydroponics, algae, etc.

**Engineering-** Technology; projects that directly apply scientific principles to manufacturing and practical uses-mechanical, chemical, electrical, environmental engineering, etc.

**Environmental Sciences-** Study of pollution (air, water and land) sources and their control; ecology

**Zoology-** Study of animals-animal genetics, ornithology, ichthyology, entomology, animal ecology, paleontology, cellular physiology, animal husbandry, cytology, histology, animal physiology, invertebrate neurophysiology, studies of invertebrates, etc.

## **Degrees**

Each degree of active membership requires commitment and a lot of hard work, but you don't have to be a gifted student or live on a large farm or ranch to reach your goals. The FFA degree system is organized so that all FFA members, no matter where you are from, have an equal chance of obtaining each degree of membership including the highest degree of membership within the FFA, the American FFA Degree. However, you must show progress in your Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program to have a realistic chance at attaining this goal. If you are a freshman or sophomore in high school, now is the time to set your goal and create a road map on how you plan to achieve your goals within the FFA.

### **Discovery**

This degree recognizes students enrolled in 7-8 grade agricultural science class making strides toward successful involvement in the FFA. Receipt of this degree is not necessary in order to obtain the Greenhand FFA Degree. This degree of active membership is awarded at the chapter level.

## **Greenhand**

FFA members enrolled in their first year of high school credit agricultural science, that have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program and that have demonstrated their understanding of the history and purpose of the FFA may apply for their Greenhand Degree. This degree of active membership is awarded at the chapter level.

## **Chapter**

Those FFA members that have received their Greenhand degree may apply for the Chapter Degree. Members must be enrolled in an agricultural science class, have completed at least two semesters in agricultural science at or above the ninth grade level, have in operation an approved SAE program, demonstrate leadership skills and be actively involved in the activities of the local FFA chapter. This degree of active membership is awarded at the chapter level.

## **Lone Star**

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. Those wishing to receive their Lone Star Degree must have been an active FFA member for at least two years, complete at least four semesters of agricultural science at or above the ninth grade level, maintain a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program, invest significant time and money in their SAE, demonstrate their leadership skills and show a commitment to the FFA through involvement at the chapter level and above. This degree of active membership is awarded at the state level during the Texas FFA convention.

## **American**

This degree of active membership is awarded by the National FFA Organization and is the highest level of active membership which can be achieved within the FFA. This final step in the FFA Degree system encourages members to grow and achieve personally toward establishing yourself in an agricultural career. Members may apply for their American degree only if they have received the State FFA Degree, have graduated from high school at least twelve months prior to the national convention and meet the very high standards for the degree.

## **Supervised Agricultural Experience Program**

The **Supervised Agricultural Experience Program** is a hands-on, real-life agricultural career preparation experience that ties curriculum, student interests and career and educational goals to the agricultural industry. Each agricultural education student should have an SAE that is documented in an approved record book.

### ***Types of SAE Programs:***

#### **Placement**

Members who's SAE is employment in production agriculture and/or agri-business fall under the placement division. Students who work for others, including their parents, are considered to be a placement SAE.

#### **Entrepreneurship**

SAE programs where the student owns and invest their own money and labor are considered entrepreneurship SAE's.

#### **Agri-science**

SAE's can be placement, entrepreneurial or experimental. In general, agri-science SAEP's are those student programs which are aimed at developing higher order scientific knowledge and skills.

## Proficiency Awards

The Agricultural Proficiency Awards program encourages members to set personal goals and learn practical skills. The program provides recognition to FFA members at the local, state and national levels for exceptional accomplishments and excellence in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. There are 51 proficiency award areas that individuals can apply for, ranging from Agricultural Communications to Wildlife Production and Management.

Members may apply for proficiency awards while in or within one year after graduation from high school. At minimum, applicants must have kept one full calendar years' worth of records as an FFA member to apply for any proficiency award above the chapter level. Proficiency application must advance through district, area and state level competition to reach national.

### PROFICIENCY AWARD APPLICATION TYPES

Entrepreneurship: A student plans, implements, operates and assumes financial risks of ownership in an agricultural related enterprise or business. Examples include owning/operating a lawn care service, holiday poinsettia business or a pay-to fish operation.

Placement: Non ownership, agriculturally related paid or unpaid/volunteer work. Examples include working at a nursery, working as a groom at a horse stable or volunteering at a local park.

Proficiency awards will be judged by the following criteria:

- Skills and competencies learned that relate to an agricultural career field.
- Financial achievements, including growth in scope.
- Personal growth and development through FFA activities.
- Evidence of student accomplishments based on available resources and opportunities.
- Communication skills as demonstrated in the written portions of applications and clear, concise answers given during interviews.

### Recognition

Chapter- Certificate and Medal received at chapter awards program. (*Sponsor: National FFA Foundation*)

District- Recognition varies. Generally, a certificate and/or plaque are presented at the District Banquet or Convention.

Area- Recognition varies. Generally, a certificate and/or plaque are presented at the Area Banquet or Convention.

State- **\$1,000** scholarship and plaque presented at the Texas FFA Convention (*Sponsor: Texas FFA Foundation*)

National Finalist- **\$500** cash award, National Finalist plaque presented at National FFA Convention

National Winner- Additional **\$500** cash award, National Winner plaque presented at National FFA Convention

### 2017 Proficiency Award Areas

1. Agricultural Communications – Entrepreneurship/Placement
2. Agricultural Education – Entrepreneurship/Placement
3. Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication – Entrepreneurship/Placement
4. Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship
5. Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement
6. Agricultural Processing – Entrepreneurship/Placement
7. Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship
8. Agricultural Sales – Placement



9. Agricultural Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement
10. Agriscience Research – Animal Systems
11. Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems
12. Agriscience Research – Plant Systems
13. Beef Production – Entrepreneurship
14. Beef Production – Placement
15. Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship
16. Dairy Production – Placement
17. Diversified Agricultural Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
18. Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship
19. Diversified Crop Production – Placement
20. Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship/Placement
21. Diversified Livestock Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
22. Environmental Science and Natural Resources – Entrepreneurship/Placement
23. Equine Science – Entrepreneurship
24. Equine Science – Placement
25. Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
26. Food Science and Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement
27. Forage Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
28. Forest Management and Products – Entrepreneurship/Placement
29. Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
30. Goat Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
31. Grain Production – Entrepreneurship
32. Grain Production – Placement
33. Home and/or Community Development
34. Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement
35. Nursery Operations – Entrepreneurship/Placement
36. Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement
37. Poultry Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
38. Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
39. Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement
40. Specialty Animal Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
41. Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
42. Swine Production – Entrepreneurship
43. Swine Production – Placement
44. Turf Grass Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement
45. Vegetable Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement
46. Veterinary Science – Entrepreneurship/Placement
47. Wildlife Production and Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement

### **Star Awards**

An outstanding member at each degree level can be awarded the Star Award based on an exceptional overall Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program and FFA involvement. These divisions reflect the diversification of supervised agricultural experience programs and student populations in the state.

**Star in Production**- Outstanding achievement in an entrepreneurial production agriculture SAE and active participation in the FFA.

Star in Agribusiness- Outstanding achievement in an entrepreneurial agribusiness SAE that focus on agricultural sales, service or other entrepreneurial endeavors along with active participation in the FFA. (All horticultural enterprises fall under agribusiness even if they are production oriented.)

Star in Agricultural Placement- Outstanding achievement in an employment SAE, these can include work-based learning, along with an active participation in the FFA.

Star in Agri-science- Outstanding achievement in an SAE where the student's SAE programs are aimed at developing higher order scientific knowledge and skills along with active participation in the FFA.

Members wishing to apply for a star award above the chapter level must apply for their Greenhand, Chapter, State or American degree using the American Degree Application and also complete the Star Battery.

All Texas FFA Star award finalists are recognized during convention on stage and presented with a state finalist plaque. The winner is announced at that time and is presented with a **\$1,000** Dina Wallrath Robertson Memorial Star Award and an additional plaque.

### **Meetings, Banquets and Conventions**

**Fredericksburg FFA Monthly Meetings- please see calendar for exact dates**

Fredericksburg FFA Booster Club General Membership Meeting- September, December, April

Fredericksburg FFA Kick-Off- September

Fredericksburg FFA Annual Banquet- May

District Convention-Late Spring

Area Convention- Late Spring

State Convention- Second full week of July

National Convention- Last part of October

### **Leadership Roles as an Officer**

Running for office is a big step that involves a degree of risk. When one steps out and away from their familiar surroundings to ask other members of their local chapter, district, area or state for their vote, there is always a chance of disappointment. Millions of Americans wrestle with the same discomfort when they file as candidates for city councils, cooperative boards, county commissioner courts, school boards, state legislatures, U.S. Congress and a host of other offices. **However**, because of these risk-takers, the process is competitive and our nation is stronger. No matter what happens in student's FFA election, the officer election process is stronger because members take the risk, step out of their comfort zone to have that sweaty-palm experience of putting themselves before the voters in a competitive process. Each candidate gains an added strength of character that comes from this unique experience.

Texas FFA members have the opportunity to serve others in as officers beyond the local chapter by serving as officers of one of 57 district associations, ten area associations or of the state association.

Offices can be held at the **Chapter, District, Area, State and National Levels**.

## **Leadership Camps**

The Texas FFA and the National FFA offer many leadership training opportunities. From camps, conferences and being officers, leadership skills can be gained easily through involvement in the following activities. Many FFA members will tell you that their most memorable times in FFA were at leadership camps.

Chapter Greenhand Camp- Freshmen and Sophomores

Area Greenhand Camp- Freshmen and Sophomores

Area Leadership Camp- Area Officers, District Officers and upper classmen

State FFA Leadership Conference: This conference is only for State Officers, Area Officers, and Area Advisors

Washington Leadership Conference- Chapter Officers

## **State and National Band and Choir**

For those with an interest for music, band and choral opportunities are available during the State and National FFA Conventions.

## **Scholarships**

Local Fredericksburg FFA Scholarships  
Scholarship Texas FFA Scholarships  
Gillespie County Stock Show Scholarships  
Capitol Farm Credit Scholarship  
Scholarship

Hill Dist. Livestock Show  
Farm Bureau Scholarships  
National FFA Scholarships  
Jerry Durst Memorial

## **Fundraising**

Funding for the Fredericksburg FFA comes from three sources. One is budget money from the school, another is fundraising activities performed by the FFA and its booster clubs and the third is donations from local supporters and businesses. The funds raised allow the local chapter to buy FFA supplies, pay for travel for national trips such as the Washington Leadership Conference and to fund local scholarships.

Seitz Fruit and Meat Sales October through November- Thanksgiving and December delivery

## Livestock Showing

The FFA Advisors are looking forward to helping with any of our FFA members who need help with their animals. Mr. Padgett has experience with sheep, goats and swine, Mr. Bush has experience with swine and cattle, and Mr. Elrod has experience with swine. If you need help with selection, nutrition, health, showmanship and fitting please let us help you. We look forward to cooperating with the Gillespie County 4-H to offer the best showing experience that we can.

Gillespie County Fair  
Hill District Stock Show  
Ft. Worth Stock Show  
San Angelo Stock Show  
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Gillespie County Livestock Show  
Texas State Fair  
San Antonio Stock Show  
Star of Texas Stock Show

## Fredericksburg Ag Science Center

Beginning the 2015-2016 show season the Fredericksburg Ag Science Center (School Farm) will be available for kids to use to house SAE/show projects. Sheep, goats and swine maybe housed at the facility. If you already show or you are interested, but do not have a place to keep an animal be sure to contact Mr. Padgett for more information. It is an exciting opportunity that will greatly benefit your child through hands on learning and building their financial responsibility.

## Junior FFA Program

A strong FFA chapter not only centers around its current high school members, but places importance on its future members through junior high and elementary programs. The goal is to spark an interest in FFA that will motivate these students to enroll in agriculture classes when they reach high school. Current FFA officers will develop curriculum that will entertain and teach the basics of agriculture and introduce opportunities in FFA to its members. Of course showing livestock will be encouraged for all students' grades 1st and up.

## Support Groups

The involvement of adults, parents and volunteers is key to the success of the local FFA Chapter. We must understand that any help must keep the best interest of the whole chapter and all of the kids at heart. Also, support groups are in place to do just that for the ag teachers, support their needs. We hope to develop partnerships with local people that will move the chapter forward.

Duties of the support groups are:

- Raise funds for scholarships.
- Raise funds for national activities.
- Volunteer for Fredericksburg FFA activities.
- Volunteer to help train and organize CDE's and LDE's.
- Promote the Fredericksburg FFA in the community and surrounding areas.
- Provide a social setting for adults that have agriculture and FFA at heart!

For more information, please contact one of the ag teachers for Booster club contacts.

Thank you for taking the time to look through our packet. We hope to get the opportunity to work with your child and bring out their best qualities which will help them in their future, whether it is in agriculture or not. The rest of the packet is additional information that will increase your knowledge about FFA and explain our expectations of the students. There is also a packet of papers for you and your child to read thoroughly, fill out and return with the FFA dues. The calendar is subject to change at any time, but should be up to date for the current month you are looking at. Also like us on facebook at [www.facebook.com\fredericksburgffa](http://www.facebook.com/fredericksburgffa). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## FFA Creed

All FFA members have to recite from memory the FFA Creed to be eligible for the Greenhand Degree during their first year of agriculture. The following is a copy of the FFA Creed written by E.M. Tiffany. The first **3** students to recite the Creed in front of the class will get their FFA jacket paid for.

### THE FFA CREED

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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.

### **Behavioral Expectations**

Being Involved in FFA is not mandatory and thus certain expectations will be demanded by the ag teachers for the FFA members to abide by. Not only will the FFA members follow school rules, guidelines and policy as a school-related activity (All school district and campus policies must be followed. Please refer to the most current **FISD Student Parent Handbook** and **Code of Conduct** for these policies.), but FFA members will be held to an even higher standard

FFA Members should conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community, and family.

Requirements and Expectations at School and During all School Sponsored Activities:

#### ***FFA members should:***

1. Communicate in an appropriate manner.
2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
3. Respect the rights of others and their property.
4. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
5. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion as outlined in the Fredericksburg Student Handbook.

#### ***FFA Members Will Not:***

1. Be a part of the robbery and theft.
2. Assault or vandalize people or their property.
3. Fight or be a part of a violent situation.
4. Use or in the possession fireworks or firearms of any type.
5. Be a part of sexual harassment situations.
6. Use unethical practices to show or exhibit their projects.
7. Partake, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol beverages.
8. Partake, possess, or be under the influence of tobacco or tobacco related paraphernalia.
9. Partake of, possess or be under the influence of illegal substances.

#### ***Consequences:***

1. Notification of Fredericksburg Administration and appropriate authorities.
2. Notification of the parent or guardian.
3. Removal of student from activity.
4. Removal of the animal or exhibit. The animal or exhibit will be declared ineligible for further participation in the event.
5. Upon returning to the school, consequences outlined in the Student Handbook will be enforced.

## ***When you Look Good ...***

### **FFA Code of Ethics**

We will conduct ourselves at all times in order to be a credit to our organization, chapter, school and community by:

- ☑ Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion
- ☑ Showing respect for others and being courteous at all times
- ☑ Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others
- ☑ Respecting the property of others
- ☑ Refraining from boisterous talk, swearing and other unbecoming conduct
- ☑ Demonstrating good sportsmanship
- ☑ Attending meetings promptly
- ☑ Taking pride in our organization and its functions
- ☑ Sharing with others experiences and knowledge by attending state and national meetings

### ***Official Dress***

The uniform 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.

#### **Female members should wear:**

Black knee length skirt  
White collared blouse  
Official FFA Scarf  
Black Nylon hosiery  
Black dress shoes - with a closed heel and toe  
Official FFA Jacket

#### **Male members should wear:**

Black dress pants or slacks  
White button down shirt  
Official FFA Tie  
Black socks  
Black Shoes(low top dress shoes)  
Official FFA Jacket

#### **CDE Dress for contests**

- Closed Toe Shoes are required
- Nice blue jeans and regular school dress code

***....FFA LOOKS GREAT!***



## **Agricultural Information**

### Website Addresses

Fredericksburg FFA

[www.fbgffa.org](http://www.fbgffa.org)

### Quality Counts Website

[www.qualitycounts.tamu.edu/](http://www.qualitycounts.tamu.edu/)

### Stockshows

San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo

[www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com)

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

[www.hlsr.com](http://www.hlsr.com)

Star of Texas

[www.rodeoaustin.com](http://www.rodeoaustin.com)

San Angelo Stockshow

[www.sanangelorodeo.com](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com)

Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo

[www.staroftexas.org](http://www.staroftexas.org)

### Universities

Texas Tech University

[www.canrs.edu](http://www.canrs.edu)

Texas A&M University

[www.tamu.edu](http://www.tamu.edu)

Tarleton State University

[www.tarleton.edu/coahs](http://www.tarleton.edu/coahs)

Texas State University

[www.ag.txstate.edu](http://www.ag.txstate.edu)

Ag Consortium of Texas (links to all ag colleges)

[www.agintexas.org](http://www.agintexas.org)

### General Agricultural Information

National FFA Association

[www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)

Texas FFA Association

[www.txaged.org](http://www.txaged.org)

Agricultural Research Service

[www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids](http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids)

Planet Ag

[www.fl-ag.com/PlanetAG](http://www.fl-ag.com/PlanetAG)

Swine On Line

[www.swineonline.com](http://www.swineonline.com)

### Livestock Breed Information

[www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/](http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/)

[www.purina.com/Breeds profile/](http://www.purina.com/Breeds profile/)

United State Dept. of Agriculture

[www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)

American Farm Bureau

[www.fb.org](http://www.fb.org)

Progressive Farmer Magazine

[www.progressivefarmer.com](http://www.progressivefarmer.com)

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