

# Membership Policy

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Active involvement of individuals and local affiliates are key to fulfillment of the purposes of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association, Inc. as outlined in the Association Bylaws. To further those objectives the Association depends on state and national individual membership in vibrant local affiliates throughout the state. To that end the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association has developed the following policy regarding maintenance of local affiliate membership in the state association.

## Active Affiliate

To maintain active status in the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association an affiliate must annually, by March 1, submit to the Executive Director of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association:

- An updated roster listing a minimum of ten annual or life state and national members of the affiliate
- Payment of state and national dues that reflect the membership recorded on the roster
- An up-to-date list of affiliate officers with contact information including address, telephone number(s), and email address, if available, for each

## Inactive Affiliate

Affiliates that do not comply with the requirements and timetable listed above will be classified as inactive. After the second consecutive year of being on inactive status the names of state and national life members listed on the affiliate's roster will be transferred to the Wisconsin At-Large member roster.

Inactive affiliates can return to active status at any time by coming into compliance with the requirements listed above. The process is started by a representative of the inactive affiliate contacting the Executive Director of the Wisconsin association, one of their sectional representatives on the state Alumni council, the state membership chairman, or any other state council member.

## Benefits of active state and national affiliate status of local Alumni affiliate for its FFA chapter and members

- FFA members are eligible to apply for Washington Leadership Conference Scholarships awarded by the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association
- FFA chapters are eligible to apply for \$1,000 National Chapter Grants awarded by the National FFA Alumni

## Benefits of active state and national affiliate status for local Alumni affiliates and Alumni members

- Regular and timely communication of opportunities and issues affecting FFA Alumni and FFA in the state or nationally from state FFA Alumni Council
- Eligible to influence state association policies and programs through discussion and vote at FFA Alumni state convention
- Access to success stories from other affiliates about effective ideas for fund-raising, program of activities, public relations, and other programs to foster goals of the local affiliate
- Assistance with planning responses to threats to the local agriculture education and FFA program
- Eligible for recognition of affiliate and individual local achievements at state and national levels through FFA Alumni awards program.