



TO: Minnesota FFA Chapter Advisors

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RE: EXPECTATIONS FOR THE 96th MINNESOTA FFA CONVENTION

Welcome to the 96th Minnesota FFA Convention. The Minnesota FFA officer team has planned a conference designed to inspire and motivate every member. The theme, “Stand As One” will challenge your student leaders to set new visions and goals for themselves and their chapter. Caroline Groth, National FFA Eastern Region Vice President, will be our guest during convention. We know that participation in this event will aid your chapter and each member in their leadership, personal growth and career development activities.

The Minnesota FFA Officers, the Adult Board of Directors, and all of our staff at FFA, join me in defining our expectations for the conduct of the students representing your chapter at the 96th Minnesota FFA Convention.

- Advisors should have discussions with their members and set expectations for appropriate and inappropriate behavior while at convention. Please impress upon your chapter members that we are guests of the University of Minnesota community. Inappropriate behavior will result in expulsion from the convention and state finals, and the loss of eligibility for the chapter and its members.
- All members will wear official dress while at FFA Convention: an official FFA jacket (zipped), a tie/scarf, white dress shirt/blouse, black dress skirt/pants (professional style), black shoes, etc. Athletic wear is not allowed. FFA members participating in Career and Leadership Development Events in attire that is deemed inappropriate by the Adult Board of Directors of the Minnesota FFA Association will be disqualified from competition.
- Advisors or chaperones will remain with their members at their hotels and convention events. Students must be supervised at all activities, including your hotel. We expect your chapter to present a positive image of our organization during you stay in hotels, dining, shopping, and all activities.
- Prior to convention, FFA Advisors and members should review the convention activities found on the Minnesota FFA website. Each member needs to understand where they are expected to be during the convention, including the time, place, and activity. It is expected that participants will present to their advisor(s) a copy of the Code of Conduct, signed by themselves and their guardians. Members who violate the code of conduct and are reported to the state leadership team will have a letter of reprimand sent to their administration.



- Members will demonstrate courtesy, respect for property, and the rights of others. Avoid loud talk, noise in the meeting rooms, workshops, restaurants, hotel, etc., and adhere to the curfew set by advisors and chaperones.
- Members must understand, prior to departing from school, that the convention is an educational experience, not a vacation from school.
- Advisors are expected to observe the same standards of behavior as the students - including professional dress, abstinence from the use of drugs and alcohol, etc., while at the convention.

We trust that you will instill in each participant, and yourself, a sense of responsible conduct and behavior. Countless people will observe the behavior of your students and the image they convey of Agricultural Education and FFA.

Thank you for joining us in helping to create a positive, professional, and attentive attitude for the many people who observe you, your students, your community, and the FFA organization.

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