

## **National FFA Code of Ethics**

FFA members will conduct themselves at all times in order to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, and community.

As an FFA member, I pledge to:

1. Develop personal potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
3. Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion. (See page 38 of the Official FFA Manual for proper use of Official Dress)
4. Showing respect for the rights of others and their property
5. Being courteous, honest, and not taking unfair advantage of others.
6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
7. Demonstrating sportsmanship in the show ring, at career development events and meetings, and being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
8. Make themselves aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
9. Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience program
10. Strive to establish and enhance skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
11. Appreciate and promote diversity in the organization.

## **Minnesota FFA Code of Conduct:**

FFA is a youth-serving, school-based organization dedicated to providing opportunities to develop premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. Participation in the FFA's programs is subject to the observance of the organization's rules and procedures. The activities outlined below are strictly prohibited. Any participant or staff member who violates this Code is subject to discipline, up to and including removal from the program at their own expense.

- Abusive language towards a staff member, volunteer, or another participant.
- Possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, vapes, or illegal drugs on the event property or reporting to any program while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Possession or use of dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives, firearms, weapons, or other similar items at FFA events.
- Discourtesy or rudeness to a fellow participant, staff member, or volunteer.
- Actual or threatened violence toward any individual or group.
- Conduct endangering the life, safety, health, or well-being of others.
- Failure to follow any agency policy or procedure.
- Bullying, harassment, or taking unfair advantage of any participant.
- Failure to cooperate with an adult supervisor/leader/mentor.

FFA members “make a positive difference in the lives of others; respect the rights of others and their property; [are] courteous, honest, and fair with others; communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner; and appreciate and promote diversity in our organization” (National FFA Constitution). Individual actions otherwise are a violation of the FFA Code of Ethics. Violations of the Code of Ethics will be reported to local school administrators for disciplinary action.

## **PHOTO WAIVER FORM**

Minnesota FFA has my permission to use my photograph, video and audio recordings, likeness, artwork, profile, and/or story in this and future publications, web pages, and other promotional materials produced, used by, and representing Minnesota FFA Association, Alumni and Foundation. I understand the circulation of the materials could be state/nationwide and that there will be no compensation to me for this use.

**Rules of Conduct:**

1. I have read the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct, understand them, and I will abide by them.
2. I will dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion. Remember delegates and members must wear official dress during all general sessions, at competitions and events, at the workshops and while attending the convention. (Blazers or business suits with ties are acceptable)
3. I will show respect for the rights of others and being courteous to everyone at all times. I will be courteous at all times and respect the rights of others in my words and actions. I understand that racism, sexism, and any other discriminatory behaviors are not in line with our values at Minnesota FFA and are not tolerated by our organization and student leaders.
4. I will be honest and not take unfair advantage of others.
5. I will respect the property and rights of others. I will care for campus/accommodations property and respect the rights of others at the campus/motel/hotel.
6. I will be in my room and remain there after curfew time, and I will be dressed and out of my room by the time designated by the advisor/chaperon for each day.
7. I will refrain from loud, boisterous talk, profanity, and other unbecoming conduct.
8. I will demonstrate sportsmanship in the showing, judging arenas, and meetings. I will show modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
9. I will arrive at events on time and respecting the opinions of others in discussion.
10. I will take pride in our organization, in our activities, in our supervised agricultural experience programs, in our exhibits, and in the careers in agriculture.
11. I will not purchase, use, or have in my possession any kind of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or other chemical substances.
12. I will present a positive image of our organization during the stay in hotels, dining, shopping, and all activities.
13. I will accept the authority of the supervisors, advisors, and/or chaperones/adults in charge of the trip.

I understand that any infraction of these rules will be grounds for termination of my participation in the conference and for me to be sent home at my parent's / guardian's expense. Members violating or ignoring rules of proper conduct at the convention will be subject to disciplinary action and dismissal. Violations of the Code of Ethics or Rules of Conduct will be reported to local school administrators for disciplinary action. I understand that upon receipt of "evidence of infringements on the provisions of the State or National Constitutions," Minnesota FFA will "suspend" local chapters, resulting in a loss of privileges including participation in conferences, conventions, CDEs and LDEs, and other programs of Minnesota and National FFA.

*I have read and I understand the expectations of the (chapter ) Chapter in regards to dress code and travel. I understand that failure to meet these expectations will subject me to consequences.*

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read and understand the expectations of the (chapter) FFA Chapter in regards to dress code and travel for my child. I understand that if my child fails to meet these expectations they will be subject to consequences.*

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_