



97TH MINNESOTA FFA STATE CONVENTION

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TO: Minnesota FFA Chapter Advisors

FROM: Mrs. Mary Hoffmann, State FFA Executive Director
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RE: EXPECTATIONS FOR THE 97th MINNESOTA FFA CONVENTION

As we prepare for the 97th Minnesota FFA Convention, we are excited to welcome your chapter to this important leadership and educational experience. Convention is one of the most visible events of the year for our organization, and it is an opportunity for members to represent their chapters, schools, and communities with professionalism and pride. With that opportunity comes responsibility. The Minnesota FFA Officer Team, Adult Board of Directors, and staff are committed to creating a safe, respectful, and inspiring environment for all participants. Clear expectations help ensure that every member can fully benefit from the convention while maintaining the high standards of conduct that define FFA.

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

- As FFA members, we promote belonging, engagement, and respect for all individuals. Advisors are encouraged to review expectations for appropriate behavior with their members prior to attending. Please remind students 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 appreciate your partnership in ensuring that your chapter presents a positive image of Agricultural Education and FFA during your stay including your stay in hotels, dining, shopping, and all activities.
- Prior to Convention, please review the schedule via the mobile app or website. Each member should understand where they are expected to be. Signed Codes of Conduct must be submitted prior to departure, as Convention is an educational experience, not a vacation from school. 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.
- We also ask advisors to model the same professional standards expected of students, including professional dress, abstinence from the use of drugs and alcohol, etc., while at the convention.
- The FFA Convention mobile app and Teach Reach app will be available before convention for you to be a part of to ensure that all can receive information and safety alerts in a timely manner.

Thank you for your leadership and for helping us create a positive, professional, and memorable 97th Minnesota FFA Convention!

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