




NATIONAL TEACHER AMBASSADORS FOR FFA *Monthly Update*

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Educational Development and Evaluation Team









**SPRING/SUMMER 2026
Teaching Guide**

In this guide, you will find activities for six articles in the spring/summer 2026 issue of *New Horizons*. Management primer topics can be found at the end of the activity worksheet. The activities are aligned to educational standards. (See each activity for the specific standards.)

VOCABULARY ACTIVITY

Description of the activity: Students will create four vocabulary words from the start of terms on the worksheet. For each word, they will create a four-panel comic strip.

 ARTICLES IN ANIMAL SCIENCE This activity uses three career journeys and other areas to help students understand the industry.	 HOOKED ON CONSERVATION Through a 7th grade lesson about fish and water quality issues, students...	 FARM FIRE SAFETY This 2nd grade FFA member transformed the content into a script for a play about farm fires.
 MEMBERSHIP INSIGHTS From career office to careers, these are the latest insights from our members and career groups.	 AG 101 This activity is designed to help students understand the industry better.	 ON THE RECORD: WILL CLARK This 2nd grade FFA member transformed the content into a script for a play about farm fires.

[Click Here to Download the Google Worksheets](#)

Spring/Summer 2026 New Horizons Teaching Guide Now Available

The latest [FFA New Horizons Teaching Guide](#) is here, packed with ready-to-use lesson plans, activities, and discussion questions to connect the articles with your classroom. Whether you're looking for a way to bring current events into your classroom, incorporate literacy activities or just want ready-made lessons to drop into your curriculum, this guide makes it easy to engage students and spark meaningful conversations.

SAE For All

SAE Information Sheets for Parents and Administrators

As many students begin working on their summer SAEs, it's a great time to help families and school leaders better understand the role of Supervised Agricultural Experiences in agricultural education. These [SAE Information Sheets for Parents and Administrators](#) provide a clear overview of what SAEs are, why they matter, and how they help students develop career skills through real-world learning. These ready-to-share resources are perfect for parent communication, advisory committees and administrator conversations, helping highlight the value of SAEs and the impact they have on student growth and career exploration.



Grants, Scholarship and Service



Give the Gift of Blue

Give the Gift of Blue provides members the opportunity to receive a free FFA jacket. To nominate a member or learn more about the program, [visit here](#). FFA chapters may receive up to ten jackets per membership year.

Student Engagement and Travel Assistance Grants – Apply Now!

Grants are now available for students attending Next Gen Agribusiness, Animal Science, and New Century Farmer Conferences. To learn more about these grants and apply by the April 15 deadline, visit [here](#).

Alumni and Supporters

Upcoming Development Conferences

The registration deadline to attend a free Regional Development Conference in Dighton, MA, is April 19. On May 1-2, teachers, alumni, and supporters can join a networking event and workshops on how volunteers can better support students and teachers. Can't attend in person? A Remote Development Conference will be held from 12-1 on Zoom, April 21-23. For more information on these and other development conferences. For more information, [click here](#).



Explore the Northeast

Join National FFA Alumni and Supporters from June 24-28, 2026, for an exciting exploration of the Northeast coast! For more information, [click here](#).

Belonging and Engagement

2026-27 Chapter Connect Application and Selection Process

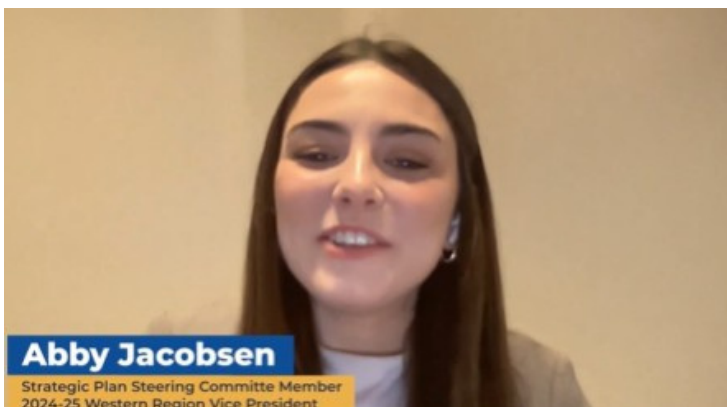
- [Application Open](#): Monday, March 16, 2026
- Application Deadline: Friday, April 24, 2026
- Requirements: Chapters must complete an online application, including several brief essays and demographic information to support the pairing process if selected.
- Eligibility: Chapters must be in good standing based on State FFA leadership.
- Notification: Selected chapters will be notified by May 15, 2026 of their status.
- Acceptance: Chapters will have until Friday, May 22, 2026 to respond to their acceptance or alternate invitation by completing the participation or potential participation agreement and committing to all aspects of the program.



Marketing and Communications

2027-31 Strategic FFA Plan Update

Abigale Jacobsen, the 2024-25 Western region vice president and a member of the strategic plan steering committee, [provides an update](#) on the 2027-31 strategic FFA plan.



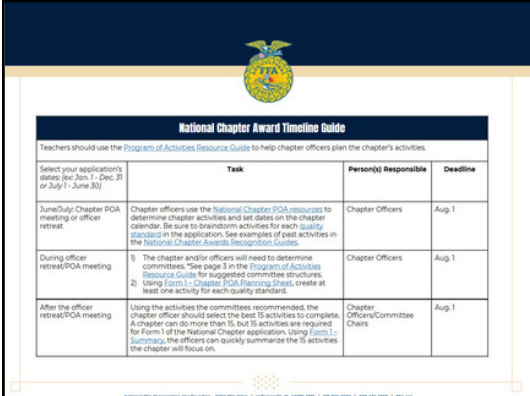
Abby Jacobsen

Strategic Plan Steering Committee Member
2024-25 Western Region Vice President

Awards and Recognition

Program of Activities Timeline Guide

Starting your National Chapter Award application journey? It's like planning a road trip – you need a map! The [Program of Activities \(POA\) timeline guide](#) is your essential tool, helping you organize your chapter's activities into three divisions: Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Strengthening Agriculture. This guide helps you track progress, meet deadlines, and ensure your application reflects your chapter's dedication. Don't let the details overwhelm you; let this guide be your compass!



The table is titled "National Chapter Award Timeline Guide" and includes the FFA logo at the top. Below the title, it states: "Teachers should use the Program of Activities Resource Guide to help chapter officers plan the chapter's activities." The table has four columns: "Select your application's dates (see Jan. 1–Dec. 31 or July 1–June 30)", "Task", "Person(s) Responsible", and "Deadline".

Select your application's dates (see Jan. 1–Dec. 31 or July 1–June 30)	Task	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
June/July Chapter POA meeting or officer retreat	Chapter officers use the National Chapter POA resources to determine chapter activities and set dates on the chapter calendar. Be sure to brainstorm activities for each quality standard in the application. See examples of past activities in the National Chapter Awards Recognition Guides.	Chapter Officers	Aug. 1
During officer retreat/POA meeting	1. The chapter and/or officers will need to determine committees. See page 3 in the Program of Activities Resource Guide for suggested committee structures. 2. Using Form 1–Chapter POA Planning Sheet, create at least one activity for each quality standard.	Chapter Officers	Aug. 1
After the officer retreat/POA meeting	Using the activities the committees recommended, the chapter officer should select the best 15 activities to complete. A chapter can do more than 15, but 15 activities are required for Form 1 of the National Chapter application. Using Form 1–Summary, the officers can quickly summarize the 15 activities the chapter will focus on.	Chapter Officers/Committee Chairs	Aug. 1

National FFA Endorsed Activities

The goal of National FFA Endorsed Activities is to provide opportunities for every FFA member to participate in FFA programs that fit their needs and interests. National FFA is partnering with other organizations to create a variety of [endorsed activities](#). There are currently 20 endorsed activities currently open to FFA members.

Membership and Merchandise

Free Personalization on Polos and Woven Shirts

Enjoy [FREE PERSONALIZATION](#) on select polos and woven shirts from now through March 31.

Best Tees Sale

Save 20% on our [BEST TEES](#) with coupon code BESTTEES20 from now through March 31.

FFA Style Squad Applications Open

Know a student who would be great for the FFA Style Squad? Encourage them to [apply today!](#)

