

Keota FFA Handbook for Membership

County Fair Exhibition

- Eligible to show in Keokuk and Washington Counties
- Cannot Show FFA in both counties
- Must show different animals in each county
- Must show 4-H in the county you belong to a 4-H club in
- Can show non livestock projects but they cannot advance to State
- Must fill out an FFA Membership form that is sent to the County Extension Office (Yellow Form)
- Must fill out a **4-H** identification form (106) and return to Extension Office by May 15 to exhibit the following animals:

Breeding Beef	Bucket Bottle Calf	Dog
Horse and Pony	Market Beef	Rabbit
Sheep	Swine	Dairy and Dairy Goat
Meat Goat		

- Go to Weigh Ins as needed for the following animals. Tags sometimes can be transported to another county for weigh-ins if prior arrangements are made. (more than 24 hours in advance)
- Horse exhibitors must attend the needed number of workouts in each county
- Entries are due by July 1 to County Extension Office. This is the exhibitor's responsibility unless arrangements have been made with Mrs. Amelon.
- Washington County has fees for members to exhibit which must be **paid by the exhibitor** when entries are turned in.
- Mrs. Amelon is not a mind reader and will not know that you want to show with FFA unless you tell her.
- An exhibitor t-shirt will be provided for FFA exhibitors. Washington Co. has exhibitor shirts provided for us by Federation Bank. For the Keokuk County Expo the Keota FFA provides the exhibitor with the t-shirt.
- FFA signs are available to be hung near FFA exhibits.
- FSQA certification is needed for all exhibitors showing most animals. Mrs. Amelon can give you dates to take the certification classes at each county or a test may be taken to get the certification through either extension office.
- Mrs. Amelon needs to be notified at least 24 hours in advance if she needs to be at a weigh in to provide tags, collect DNA, etc. This is the exhibitor's responsibility to let her know when to be available.



State Fair Exhibition

- FFA members cannot exhibit the same sex of animals in both 4-H and FFA (Example Beef Heifers) but could show market swine in 4-H and breeding swine in FFA. Also they cannot exhibit photography at the state level in 4-H and FFA.
- FFA members **cannot** switch back and forth with animal from 4-H to FFA. Example of what cannot happen: 4-H at county fair, FFA at State Fair and then 4-H for Aksarben.
- Mistakes made at time of nominations can be corrected before July 1st. After July 1st, animals with errors will not be allowed to show.
- Members nominating for state fair will be asked to provide an email to which a copy of the nomination will be sent for verification. A copy of the nomination will need to be signed by parents and FFA members for correctness.
- No late nominations or entries will be accepted by the State Fair.
- Photography exhibits can be given to Mrs. Amelon before she leaves for the ISF to be turned in for you. All other exhibits require your attendance to enter/show the exhibit.
- Payments need to be made to the state fair by the exhibitor for DNA/Tags and for entry fees. Non-payment of these by the exhibitor will mean not showing at the fair.
- If you are showing in partnership with another exhibitor, a partnership agreement must be turned in with nominations.
- Entries are due by July 1st. Animals nominated earlier just need to designate number of pens and pay entry fees. Other State Fair exhibiting opportunities are due on July 1st.

They include:

Agricultural Mechanics and Tech	Horticulture
Photography	Floriculture
Farm Crops	Poultry
Rabbits	

- Dates to be aware of:

Performance Beef	Weigh in between November 1-Janu 15 Feb. 1 Nominations Due
Derby Pigs	Mid- April Weigh In April 30 Nominations Due with Weights, DNA & Payments
Poultry	Early May Market Broiler Order Form Due with Payment
Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Horse, Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine	Nominations due May 15. DNA due for Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goats. Extra tags returned to ISF

Horse May 15 — Lease Agreements,
Registration Papers, and
Partnership forms due

Grandstand May 15 — Applications Due
Usher/Stage Attendants

May 27 — Signature Forms Due

FSQA/PQA Plus Forms Due by July 1st for all Swine Exhibitors.

All Exhibitors that are out of school must have PQA Plus Certification Code of Ethics Form Due by July 1 but Mrs. Amelon would like these filled out before you leave school for summer if possible.

Iowa State Fair Scholarship

Applications are due July 1 to the Iowa FFA Foundation

Leadership Conferences

- Washington Leadership Conference — Chapter will pay for registration fees and members pay for transportation costs. Held in Washington DC during June and July. Mrs. Amelon needs to know sooner rather than later of your interest as space on the Iowa Bus fills up fast. Mrs. Amelon attended in 2016 and plans to attend again in 2019.
- 360 and 212 Degree Conferences — Leadership conferences held at the Enrichment Center in Ankeny. 360 Degree Conference is for 11-12 graders and 212 Degree Conference is for 9-10 graders. Held in Early November.
- State Convention — Held in Ames in April. We leave on Sunday afternoon and return on Tuesday evening. Applications must be filled out to attend. 9-12 grades are eligible.
- National Convention — Held in Indianapolis IN. Applications must be filled out to attend. Held in late October. Boys participating in football are encouraged to attend their sophomore year. Freshman are generally not allowed to attend.

Career Development Events

- Leadership CDE's

Public Speaking	1 member Prepares a speech on an agricultural topic 6-8min in length
Extemporaneous Speaking	1 member Has 30 min to prepare a 4-6 min speech on 1 of 3 topics
Job Interview	1 member Prepares a cover letter, resume and completes a

	job application for an entry level ag career
Ag Broadcasting	1 member Presents a 4-5 min radio broadcast (with commercial) after preparing for 30 min.
Ag Issues	6 member team Prepares a 15 min roundtable discussion on ag related topics Members role play
Ag Sales	1 member Prepares a 6-12 min. sales presentation and sales materials
Chapter Website	1 member Development of a website to promote the local FFA chapter Presents an 8 min presentation
Chapter Program	3 members (2 speaking and 1 non speaking role) Presents a 12 min. presentation about chapter's activities
Conduct of Meetings	7 Member Team (Freshman/Sophomores) Conduct a mini meeting with opening & closing ceremonies and items of business and answer questions at the end
Experience the Action	5 Member Team Demonstration of how middle school members are recruited
Creed Speaking	1 member (Freshman) Present the FFA creed and answer questions
Parliamentary Procedures	5 Member Team Present 5 examples of parliamentary procedures and answer questions at the end
Welding	2 members —Team 1 member— Individual Complete 2 welds correctly and wear proper safety equipment

Greenhand and Chapter Quizzes Multiple Choice Quizzes are given on FFA Knowledge

- Most of the CDE's listed above start at the Sub-District level. Teams/Individuals advance to District, then State Levels in most events. There are a few which begin at the District Level. Some of these CDE's also can advance to the National level.

Skills CDE's

Ag Communications	Ag Mechanics
Ag Sales Team	Agronomy
Dairy Cattle	Dairy Foods
Environment and Natural Resources	Farm Business Management
Floriculture	Food Science
Forestry	Horse
Livestock Evaluation	Marketing Plan
Meats	Nursery/Landscape
Soils	Vet Science

- All members are eligible to participate in these contests. Each contest is different and rules should be examined to determine if this is a CDE for you. Mrs. Amelon welcomes assistance from parents/community members in training teams in the skill areas. Skills CDE's are held at a variety of times and locations. There are due dates for signing up for contests so let Mrs. Amelon know early of your interest.

Recordbooks/SAE's

- Recordbooks are needed to advance to higher degrees. State and American degree applications must be accompanied by records. Records are computerized and can be completed at home or at school. See Mrs. Amelon about setting up a recordbook.
- Projects taken to the county and state fair as FFA projects need to be included in these recordbooks.
- If you are struggling with developing an SAE project please see Mrs. Amelon to schedule a time to work on this.
- State FFA Degrees are due to Mrs. Amelon by Jan. 15 and will be reviewed at the district level to determine eligibility for the award. State Degrees will be awarded during the State FFA Convention.

- American FFA Degree applications are due by May 15. All records must be complete and applications reviewed by an Iowa Ag Teacher. Applications will be completed through AgCN this year.

AgCN

- Ag Career Network is a nationwide online portal system designed for FFA members and others with a vested interest in agricultural education. Developed by the National FFA Organization, AgCN participants can document achievements, link to educational opportunities, and explore careers.
- Members wanting to apply for proficiency awards, American FFA Degrees or National FFA Scholarships must be signed in to AgCN. See Mrs. Amelon about how to do this.

Dues Payment

- Dues need to be paid by all members by September 15. Dues are \$30 and can be paid at the start of each school year. Members receive a chapter t-shirt when they have paid their dues and attended one chapter activity.
- It is best if out-of-school members pay for 3 years of membership at one time. This way it does not have to be done each fall. Out of school members, membership is \$20.00.

Chapter Activity Notification

- Members are encouraged to come to the Ag Room on a regular basis to look at the board for upcoming dates
- Signs will be hung up in the hallway promoting FFA meetings and committee meetings.
- All members are part of one of the committees.
- Members who are active in FFA most likely will want to have Mrs. Amelon's cell phone number and vice versa. There are times when more information is needed and this is an easy way to keep in contact with her. Mrs. Amelon will answer back to texts as quickly as possible. Be aware a text sent after 9 pm to Mrs. Amelon is most likely not going to be answered until the next morning.
- Over the summer —typically 1 newsletter will be sent out reminding members of activities.
- Members showing at the County Fair and State Fair may receive more mailings due to need of distributing materials. (1 goes out in June before entries are due and 1 goes out in July when tickets, and other info comes to the chapter)
- If a member needs assistance with rides to activities, please let Mrs. Amelon know because rides can sometimes be arranged with older members.
- The chapter does have a facebook page (Keota FFA) — with photos of activities; a twitter account (@KeotaFFA); and has a website which can be reached from the HS Webpage by clicking on FFA under the activities/club tab
- The school website has a calendar and the FFA Dates should be up to date on it.

Good Conduct Policy

- The Good Conduct Policy does affect FFA members. If a member is found to be in violation of the Good Conduct Policy, FFA activities will be involved in your punishment. The Good Conduct Policy is read at the September meeting and all members are asked to sign an agreement to abide by the rules.

Missing School for FFA

- If you are going to miss even 1 class you will need to have a field trip form filled out and signed by your parents. These are best turned in sooner rather than later and must be turned in before you leave school grounds.

Availability of Advisor

- Mrs. Amelon is available most days before school (7:30-8:15 am) and after school (3:15-5:00 pm) If you want to discuss a specific topic or to make sure she is available, it is best to make an appointment with her. Contact information: Cell phone: 319-936-8657 email: alyssa.amelon@keota.k12.ia.us

