

## Colors

As the blue field of our nation's flag and the golden fields of ripened corn unify our country, the FFA colors of national blue and corn gold give unity to the organization. All FFA functions and paraphernalia should proudly display the colors.

For printing specifications, the official FFA colors are:

<b>Coated Stock</b>	<b>Uncoated Stock</b>
Blue – PMS 2945C	Blue – PMS 2935U
Yellow- PMS 116C	Yellow- PMS 115U
Red- PMS 485C	Red- PMS 2035U

### Hex Colors (for web)

Blue - #004c97  
Red - #da291c  
Yellow - #ffcd00

## Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance is the official salute of the FFA organization. To properly conduct the salute, face the United States flag, place the right hand over the left part of the chest, and holding it there, repeat the following pledge:

**“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”**

Note: Repeat the pledge as it is punctuated. There is no comma or pause following the word “nation.”

The salute should always be used in the official closing ceremony for meetings and at other FFA gatherings. At the conclusion of the pledge, the hand should be dropped to the side, and the members should again face the president's station.

## FFA Official Dress

The uniform worn by FFA members at local, state and national functions is called Official Dress. It provides identity and gives a distinctive and recognizable image to the organization and its members. Official Dress has been worn with pride by millions of FFA members since 1933.

## Official Dress Guidelines

Official Dress for an FFA member includes:

- An official FFA jacket zipped to the top.
- Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons.
- White collared blouse or white collared shirt.
- Official FFA tie or official FFA scarf.
- Black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.

**Note:** Official garb of recognized religions may be worn with Official Dress.



The official FFA jacket was established by the delegates at the 1933 National FFA Convention. Official Dress standards were created by the delegates at the 1973 national convention and most recently revised by the delegates at the 2016 National FFA Convention & Expo.

## Proper Use of the FFA Jacket

The blue corduroy jacket is the most recognizable symbol of the organization. As a member, it is one of your responsibilities to ensure its proper use. Specific guidelines are outlined below.

- The jacket is to be worn only by members.
- The jacket should be kept clean and neat.
- The back of the jacket should have only a large official FFA emblem, the name of the state association and the name of the local chapter, region, district or area. The front of the jacket should have only a small official FFA emblem, the name of the individual, one office or honor and the year of that office or honor.
- The jacket should be worn on official occasions with the zipper fastened to the top. The collar should be turned down and the cuffs buttoned.
- The jacket should be worn by members and officers on all official FFA occasions, as well as other occasions where the chapter or state association is represented. It may be worn to school and other appropriate places.
- The jacket should only be worn to places that are appropriate for members to visit.
- School letters and insignia of other organizations should not be attached to or worn on the jacket.
- When the jacket becomes faded and worn, it should be discarded or the emblems and lettering removed.
- The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given or sold to a non-member.
- A member should act professionally when wearing the official FFA jacket.
- Members should refrain from use of

tobacco and alcohol when underage and at all times when representing FFA. In addition, members should exhibit their leadership qualities when they encounter substances including tobacco and alcohol and serve to discourage others from inappropriate behavior.

- All chapter degree, officer and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket, with the exception of a single State FFA Degree charm or American FFA Degree key. These should be worn above the name or attached to a standard degree chain. **No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent 1.) the highest degree earned, 2.) the highest office held and 3.) the highest award earned by the member.**

## Give the Gift of Blue Program

The Give the Gift of Blue Program was established as a way to provide official blue corduroy jackets to FFA members who may not otherwise be able to afford them. FFA members who want to apply for a jacket can go to [FFA.org/giveblue](http://FFA.org/giveblue). Members will be required to write a short essay on what owning an FFA jacket would mean to them and provide a list of their FFA, community and school activities. FFA advisor approval is required. Members will receive an email confirmation of their application and be placed in a queue to receive a jacket as funds become available.

FFA advisors and members can also nominate a member to be awarded a jacket. A similar application process, including advisor approval, is required.

The program is funded by individual donations and corporate sponsors. Donations are tax deductible and can be made at [FFA.org/giveblue](http://FFA.org/giveblue).



## Responsibilities of Members

For a chapter to operate effectively, each member must play an active role. FFA is truly an organization of, by and for its members. Members decide and direct the activities of their own chapter. They hold positions of leadership and conduct all activities. The success or failure of chapter activities and programs rests with the membership.

Each member is charged with the responsibility of upholding the ideals and principles of the organization, as well as participating in all chapter activities.



## The FFA Code of Ethics

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family. As an FFA member, I pledge to:

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion. (See page 29 for proper use of Official Dress.)
4. Respect the rights of others and their property.
5. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
7. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
8. Make myself 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 my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
11. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

Adopted by the delegates at the 1952 National FFA Convention. The Code of Ethics was revised by the delegates at the 1995 National FFA Convention.

## Kinds of FFA Membership

To be eligible for active membership in a chartered FFA chapter, a student must be enrolled in a secondary agricultural education program.

State associations may consider "secondary agricultural education programs" to be grades 7-12.

To become an active member and retain membership, a student must:

1. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study. Either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program, the objective of which is preparation for a career in agriculture.
2. Show an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
3. Pay all current state and national dues by the date determined by the chapter.
4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.



A member may retain active membership until Nov. 30 following his or her fourth National FFA Convention & Expo after graduation from high school. For more information on active membership, read the National Constitution and Bylaws, Article V, Section B on page 82.

Annual national dues are \$7 for active members, of which \$2 is used to provide a year's subscription to *FFA New Horizons* magazine. State associations and local chapters may also collect dues.

FFA clothing, jewelry and gift items can be ordered through the *National FFA Blue* catalog. Chapter supplies, plaques, trophies and award pins can be ordered through the *National FFA Gold* catalog. All items, including agricultural education resources and teaching tools, are available online at [ShopFFA.org](http://ShopFFA.org). Profits earned from the sale of official items help finance the FFA organization and national activities.

In addition to active membership, individuals can become members in three other ways—honorary, alumni and collegiate. Honorary membership is conferred upon those individuals who have rendered outstanding service to FFA and agricultural education. The Honorary Chapter, State and American FFA Degrees are limited at each level by a majority vote at regular meetings or conventions. Alumni membership is open to former active members, collegiate and honorary members and other FFA supporters. For more information on alumni membership, visit [FFA.org/alumni](http://FFA.org/alumni). Collegiate FFA was

formed in 1931 and has continued to be an influential part of agricultural education on the postsecondary level. Since college is considered higher education, Collegiate FFA provides a higher level of opportunity for membership and empowers values-driven pre-professionals to lead and serve in education, industry and communities.

## FFA Degrees

FFA is structured into a degree program that rewards active FFA members for progress in all phases of leadership, skills and occupational development. The Discovery FFA Degree, the Greenhand FFA Degree and the Chapter FFA Degree are awarded at the chapter level. State associations award top members with the State FFA Degree. The highest degree, the American FFA Degree, is conferred upon an elite group of members at the national level. For the most up-to-date degree requirements, visit [FFA.org](http://FFA.org).



### Discovery FFA Degree

To be eligible to receive the Discovery FFA Degree from a chapter, a member must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Be enrolled in an agriculture class for at least a portion of the school year while in grades 7-8.
2. Have become a dues-paying member of FFA at local, state and national levels.
3. Participate in at least one local FFA chapter activity outside of scheduled class time.
4. Have knowledge of agriculturally related career, ownership and entrepreneurial opportunities.
5. Be familiar with the local FFA chapter's Program of Activities.
6. Submit written application for the degree.