

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW FARMERS OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION A. The name of this organization shall be "The New Farmers of America." Members are hereinafter referred to as "New Farmers of America." The letters "NFA" may be officially used to designate the organization, its units, or members thereof.

SECTION B. The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive, agricultural and rural leadership.
2. To encourage intelligent choice of farming occupations.
3. To encourage members in the development of individual farming programs.
4. To encourage members to improve the home, the farm and surroundings.
5. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
6. To practice and encourage thrift.
7. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
8. To participate in cooperative effort.
9. To provide and encourage the development of organized rural recreational activities.
10. To strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To create and nurture a love of country life.

ARTICLE II

ORGANIZATION

SECTION A. The New Farmers of America is the national organization for farm boys who are studying vocational agriculture in the public schools. It shall consist of chartered State associations which, in turn, are composed of not less than three local chapters chartered by a State association and having a total active membership of not less than 100. Collegiate chapters may also be organized and chartered under the direct jurisdiction of the respective State associations.

SECTION B. Active chapters of the New Farmers of America shall be chartered only in such schools where recognized systematic instruction in vocational agriculture of the all-day or day-unit type is offered under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

SECTION C. Delegates from active chapters shall meet in State convention, organize, adopt a constitution not in conflict with the national constitution, elect officers, set up a program of work, and then apply to the National Executive Secretary for membership in the national organization. Upon receipt of a charter from the national organization, the members of a State association in the various chartered chapters thereof will be recognized as New Farmers of America.

SECTION D. Collegiate chapters, designed primarily for training prospective

teachers of vocational agriculture in their duties as local advisers of the NFA, may be established only in institutions officially recognized in State plans for vocational education approved by the U. S. Office of Education for training of teachers of vocational agriculture. The general plan for the provisions under which collegiate chapters operate shall be included in the by-laws attached to this constitution.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. Membership in this organization shall be of four kinds: (1) Active; (2) Associate; (3) Collegiate; and (4) Honorary.

SECTION B. Active Membership. Any male student not over 21 years of age who is regularly enrolled in an all-day class in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any chartered NFA chapter. A member may retain his active membership, continuously, throughout his entire school career and for three years after the first national convention following graduation from, or leaving school. No individual, however, may retain his active membership beyond his 25th birthday.

Any member who is in good standing at the time he is inducted into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during the period of his induction without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces and the age of the inductee shall not be considered in determining the maximum period of three years after the first national convention following completion of vocational agriculture classroom instruction or leaving school. Members making use of this waiver of service time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application for advanced degrees, must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from service, indicating such a desire by payment of dues and attendance at meetings.

SECTION C. Associate Membership. Following the termination of active membership status, a member automatically becomes an associate member.

SECTION D. Collegiate Membership. This may include all trainees preparing to teach vocational agriculture, and former active NFA members of chartered local chapters who may be enrolled in the institution concerned.

SECTION E. Honorary Membership. Supervisors, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, instructors, teachers of agriculture, business men, farmers, and others, who are helping to advance vocational agriculture and the NFA, and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting or convention.

Honorary membership shall be limited to the Honorary Improved Farmer Degree in the local chapter; to the Honorary Modern Farmer Degree in the State association; and to the Honorary Superior Farmer Degree in the national organization.

ARTICLE IV

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

SECTION A. There shall be only four degrees of active membership based upon achievement. These degrees are: (1) Farm Hand, (2) Improved Farmer,

(3) Modern Farmer, and (4) Superior Farmer. The national organization shall set the minimum standards for these degrees.

SECTION B. Farm Hand Degree. Minimum requirements for election:

1. Be regularly enrolled in an all-day class in vocational agriculture and have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a program of supervised farming.
2. Be familiar with the purposes of the NFA and the program of work of the local chapter.
3. Recite from memory the Creed of the New Farmers of America.
4. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of a local chapter of the New Farmers of America.

SECTION C. Improved Farmer Degree. Minimum requirements for election:

1. Must have held the degree of Farm Hand preceding election to the degree of Improved Farmer and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an improved supervised farming program, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class.
3. Be familiar with the purposes and programs of work of the State association and national organization.
4. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the local chapter.
5. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.
6. Be able to lead a group discussion for fifteen minutes.
7. Must have earned by his own efforts from his supervised farming program and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$50.00.
8. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting.

SECTION D. Modern Farmer Degree. Minimum requirements for election:

1. Must have held the Degree of Improved Farmer preceding election to the degree of Modern Farmer, have been an active member of the NFA for at least two years, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class (or have completed all the vocational agriculture offered in the school attended).
3. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the State association and national organization.
4. Demonstrate proficiency in parliamentary procedure.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for twenty minutes and pass some occupational or NFA test provided by the State Executive Committee.
6. Must have earned by his own efforts from farming or other agricultural work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested in farming at least \$200, provided that at least two-thirds of the amount must be derived from his supervised farming program.

7. Show leadership ability by having held responsible positions in connection with student, chapter, or community activities or a member of the school judging team, debating team, or some other team representing the school.
8. Possess a satisfactory scholarship record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal.
9. Must have participated in an outstanding way in activities for community improvement and the development of agriculture.
10. Each State shall be entitled to elect five qualified individuals annually, but where State membership exceeds 250, not more than 2% of the total State membership shall be elected (fractions counted to the nearest whole number). Written records of achievement verified by the local adviser should be submitted to the State adviser by the local executive committee at least one month prior to the State convention. The State adviser should then review the records, prepare the briefs, and submit his recommendations to the State Executive Committee. This committee should nominate at the regular State convention the candidates who have been found most worthy to receive the honor. Briefs of the records should be made available to the delegates when the candidates are nominated. The delegates shall then proceed to elect or reject to the Modern Farmer Degree the candidate nominated.

SECTION E. Superior Farmer Degree. Minimum requirements for election:

1. Must have held each of the three prerequisite degrees prior to election to the Degree of Superior Farmer, have been an active member of the NFA continuously for at least 36 months, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and State association.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least three school years of instruction in vocational agriculture, or have completed all of the vocational agriculture offered in the school last attended, have been out of school for at least 12 months prior to the convention at which the degree is granted, and have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming. Productive projects must show comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope as substantiated by complete, accurate and neat records.
3. During the period covered by his application, the candidate must have earned by his own efforts from farming and other agricultural work and have deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested in farming at least \$600, provided that at least two-thirds of this amount is derived from his supervised farming program. In the cases where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.
4. Show outstanding ability in leadership and cooperation and possess a satisfactory scholarship record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal.
5. Superior Farmer candidates must be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at the National NFA Convention.
6. The time limit of awarding the Superior Farmer Degree shall be three years after the first national convention following graduation from or leaving high school.

ARTICLE V

EMBLEM

SECTION A. The emblem of the New Farmers of America shall be made up of five symbols: (1) The plow, representing tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture; (2) the owl, representing wisdom; (3) the rising sun, representing progress; (4) an open boll of cotton with two leaves attached at its base, representing important economic agricultural interests of many members; and (5) an American eagle with shield, arrows, and olive branch, representing the wide scope of the organization. The emblem shall also carry the three letters "NFA" and the words "Vocational Agriculture."

SECTION B. Emblems shall be uniform in all associations and recognized units thereof. All members are entitled to wear the emblem.

SECTION C. "Farm Hands" are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem degree pin; "Improved Farmers" are entitled to wear the regulation silver emblem degree pin; "Modern Farmers" are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm; and "Superior Farmers" are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

SECTION D. "Honorary Improved Farmers" are entitled to wear either the regulation silver or gold emblem degree pin; "Honorary Modern Farmers" are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm; and "Honorary Superior Farmers" are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

SECTION E. Collegiate chapter members and advisers are entitled to wear a pin of special design.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

SECTION A. The student officers of the national organization shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents (one from each NFA section), a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Reporter.

The adult offices of the national organization shall consist of an Administrative Adviser, an Adviser, three Sectional Advisers, (one from each NFA section), an Administrative Executive Secretary, an Executive Secretary and an Executive Treasurer.

The Chief of the Agricultural Education Service of the U. S. Office of Education shall be the Administrative Adviser and he shall designate a member of his staff as Administrative Executive Secretary. All other officers of the national organization should be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled at a national NFA convention. These officers shall perform the duties of their respective offices as set forth in the by-laws attached to this constitution.

The student officers, Administrative Adviser, Adviser, Administrative Executive Secretary, Executive Secretary, and Executive Treasurer, together with the outgoing National President shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the national organization. The Board of Trustees shall have full authority and control over the organization subject to such regulations and by-laws as may be adopted by the national organization of the New Farmers of America.

SECTION B. The officers of the State association shall consist of: a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Administrative Adviser, and Adviser. Other officers may also be designated if desirable. The State Supervisor

of Agricultural Education shall be the administrative Adviser. The State Adviser shall be appointed from the State professional agricultural education staff by the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education. All other State officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular State convention of New Farmers of America.

SECTION C. Chapter officers shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Adviser. Other officers may also be designated if desirable. The local teacher of vocational agriculture shall be the local adviser. Officers of the local chapter shall be elected annually or semi-annually at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

SECTION D. Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office except that of:

1. Adviser in the local chapter,
2. Administrative Adviser, Adviser and Treasurer in the State association,
3. Administrative Adviser, Adviser, Administrative Executive Secretary, Executive Secretary and Executive Treasurer in the national organization.

SECTION E. Only members who have been elected to the degree of Superior Farmer or Modern Farmer are eligible to hold national office. Two years after a State association has been chartered, all State officers shall have attained the Modern Farmer Degree. Officers in a local chapter must not rank lower than the grade of Improved Farmer after the chapter has been established in any given school for one year or longer.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

SECTION A. A national convention of New Farmers of America shall be held annually, except in case of an extreme emergency when it may be cancelled by the National Board of Trustees with the approval of the National Advisory Council in which event all powers of a convention shall be assumed by the National Board of Trustees. The time and place of meeting shall be determined by the National Board of Trustees.

SECTION B. Each State shall be entitled to two delegates for the first 1,000 active members or fraction thereof and shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each 1,000 active members above the first thousand or major fraction thereof. The scale is as follows:

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| 1,000 or less active members..... | 2 delegates |
| 1,501 or more active members..... | 3 delegates |
| 2,501 or more active members..... | 4 delegates |

A State association may empower one delegate to cast the total vote for their State at the national convention. Fifteen delegates from at least eight States shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION C. State associations shall determine the number of delegates to State conventions.

SECTION D. The several State conventions shall, except in case of extreme emergency, be held annually and should be at least 30 days prior to the national convention at a time and place to be determined by the State Executive Committee.

SECTION E. Local chapters should hold their meetings monthly or more often throughout the calendar year, and at a time and place as may be decided upon by the Executive Committee of the local chapter.

ARTICLE VIII

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

SECTION A. There shall be a National Advisory Council of the New Farmers of America composed of: The Administrative Adviser, Adviser, Administrative Executive Secretary, Executive Secretary, Executive Treasurer, the Southern Regional Agent for Agricultural Education, and three Sectional Advisers (one from each NFA section). State Advisers shall serve as Sectional advisers and shall annually rotate from State to State within each section, in alphabetical order of the States except the States having National Adult Officers. In the event that a member of the Advisory Council is absent from a meeting of the Advisory Council, the chairman shall possess the power to appoint a qualified individual to serve during that meeting.

SECTION B. The National Advisory Council shall cooperate with and serve in an advisory capacity to the Administrative Adviser of the NFA on the general direction of the national organization and on the interpretation of the national constitution of the NFA.

SECTION C. The council shall possess the power to approve the actions of the Board of Trustees and delegates to National Conventions, in order to assure conformity with the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts and policies of the U. S. Office of Education.

SECTION D. Nominations for the Honorary Superior Farmer Degree shall be approved by the National Advisory Council. This approval shall be based upon outstanding service to the New Farmers of America organization.

ARTICLE IX

DUES

SECTION A. Annual membership dues in the national organization shall be fixed by the National Board of Trustees on the basis of a budget submitted by said trustees and approved by a majority vote of the delegates present at a national convention of New Farmers of America. The NFA year for the payment of national dues shall be July 1 to June 30.

SECTION B. Annual membership dues in State associations shall be fixed by the State Executive Committee, subject to approval by a majority vote of the delegates present at a State convention of New Farmers of America.

SECTION C. The dues of any chapter shall be fixed by the Chapter Executive Committee subject to a majority vote of the membership of that chapter.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

SECTION A. Proposed amendments to the national constitution and by-laws must be submitted in writing by authorized representatives of State associations to the Administrative Adviser at least sixty days prior to any annual national convention of New Farmers of America. The Administrative Adviser shall submit all proposed amendments to the State Administrative Advisers at least thirty days prior to the national convention at which they are to be considered. These proposed changes must be reviewed by the National Board of Trustees and submitted to the delegates in national convention with recommendations. Amendments may be adopted or revisions made in the national constitution at any national convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, providing they represent a quorum.

SECTION B. By-Laws may be adopted to fit the needs of any unit of the national organization, providing they are not in conflict with the national constitution.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

SECTION A. The President. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over national conventions of New Farmers of America and over meetings of the National Board of Trustees. The President shall call one national convention each year on such date and at such place as shall be fixed by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. The President shall appoint all committees and may serve as an ex-officio member of these committees.

SECTION B. Vice-Presidents. It shall be the duty of the three Vice-Presidents, acting under the direction of the President, to look after the welfare of the organization in the three NFA sections. In case the office of President becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise, the First Vice-President shall assume his duties, followed in turn if occasion demands, by the Second and Third Vice-Presidents in the order named.

SECTION C. The Student Secretary. The Student Secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office, such as keeping an accurate record of the sessions of the national convention and of the meetings of the Board of Trustees, retaining copies for his own files. He shall perform such other duties as he is directed to perform by the Board of Trustees, or by the Executive Secretary.

SECTION D. The Student Treasurer. The Student Treasurer shall keep a record of receipts and disbursements based upon records submitted to him by the Executive Treasurer, make a report to the delegates assembled in national convention on the condition of the treasury; and serve as chairman of the Auditing Committee.

SECTION E. The Reporter. The Reporter shall collect news to be published in the press; clip and assemble articles on the NFA that have been published; and keep a national scrapbook to be presented at national conventions, meetings of the Board of Trustees and at other appropriate gatherings.

SECTION F. The Administrative Adviser. The Administrative Adviser is an ex-officio member of all committees and chairman of the National Advisory Council. It is his duty to advise the Board of Trustees, delegates and committees on matters of policy, and to review all applications for the Superior Farmer Degree, making his recommendations, in turn, to the Board of Trustees.

SECTION G. The Administrative Executive Secretary. The Administrative Executive Secretary shall act as agent for the Board of Trustees; issue charters to States, and receive and review reports from State associations, informing the Board of Trustees of any proceedings which appear to be in conflict with provisions in the national constitution. He shall keep the permanent records of the organization, assist the Executive Secretary in making preliminary arrangements for national conventions, and perform such other duties as directed by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION H. The Adviser. The Adviser shall assist the Administrative Adviser in conducting the work of the national organization; serve as Adviser at national conventions; and assist the Executive Secretary in arranging for and carrying through national conventions.

SECTION I. The Sectional Advisers. The Sectional Advisers shall assist the Administrative Adviser.

SECTION J. The Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall assist the Administrative Adviser and the Administrative Executive Secretary in promoting the general welfare of the organization; prepare, in cooperation with the Adminis-

trative Adviser, budgets covering the same periods as covered by the annual reports of the Executive Treasurer, submitting them to the Board of Trustees. He shall receive applications for State charters, forwarding them on to the Administrative Executive Secretary. He shall be in charge of annual national conventions and shall provide the Administrative Executive Secretary with originals of minutes of national conventions, meetings of the Board of Trustees, and other records and reports for the permanent files of the organization.

SECTION K. The Executive Treasurer. The Executive Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts, bank deposits, and disbursements and make an annual report on the same to the National Board of Trustees. He shall act as the custodian of the funds of the organization, collect State dues, and prepare such other reports as may be directed by the Board of Trustees.

He shall pay out of the treasury such funds as are ordered paid by the Board of Trustees and the Administrative Adviser on checks countersigned by the President, and furnish the Auditing Committee with an annual bank statement signed by an officer of the bank in which the funds are kept. He shall furnish a suitable bond, the amount to be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE II

NFA SECTIONS

The NFA Sections and the States included therein are:

1. The Booker T. Washington Section—Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.
2. The H. O. Sargent Section—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.
3. The Almmot Section—Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

ARTICLE III

COMMITTEES

The President of the New Farmers of America shall appoint three regular committees annually: the Nominating Committee; the Auditing Committee; and the Committee on Program of Work. Other special committees may be appointed as necessary.

The Nominating Committee shall, after careful consideration of personnel, place in nomination the candidates for the various national student offices.

The Auditing Committee shall examine the books of the Treasurer.

The Committee on Program of Work shall set up the annual objectives and goals of the national organization and suggest ways and means of attaining them.

The members of these committees shall serve through one convention.

ARTICLE IV

REPORTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Each State association shall submit the following information to the Administrative Executive Secretary, copies or summaries of which shall be sent to the Executive Secretary.

1. A list of the newly elected State association officers immediately following each State convention.

2. A report on any changes in, or amendments to, the State association constitution and by-laws immediately following each association convention.
3. A list of official delegates to the national convention at least two weeks prior to the convention.
4. An annual association report on forms furnished by the Executive Secretary, giving such data on status, activities, and progress as may be deemed advisable and called for by the National Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE V

PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING NATIONAL OFFICERS

A Nominating Committee, consisting of two members from each of the three NFA sections and one at large, shall study and review the qualifications for all members who are eligible for consideration for national office. This committee shall report during the national convention. Election of officers shall require a majority vote.

The President shall be elected from the membership at large, but shall not be elected from the same section for two successive years.

The election of Vice-Presidents shall follow a seniority cycle. The section from which the Second Vice-President comes during the current year shall be entitled to a First Vice-President the succeeding year and so on for the other sections.

All other student officers shall rotate from section to section.

National student officers shall be elected to serve from one national convention through the next succeeding national convention and shall not be re-elected to any National office at any time. If, in case of extreme emergency a national convention is not held in any given year, the student officers already serving shall continue to hold office through the next succeeding national convention. The National Board of Trustees shall have the power to appoint temporary officers to fill any office declared vacant between national conventions, with the approval of the National Advisory Council.

The Adviser, Executive Secretary and Executive Treasurer shall be elected by the house of delegates at national conventions upon the recommendation of the State NFA Advisers.

ARTICLE VI

PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING CHARTERS TO STATE ASSOCIATIONS

States shall apply through the Executive Secretary for affiliation with the New Farmers of America organization, using the form available. Such application shall be signed by the State President, Student Secretary and Adviser. The following materials shall accompany the application for an association charter:

1. A copy of the proposed constitution and by-laws.
2. A copy of the annual program of work.
3. A complete list of local chapters, with statement of total membership of each.
4. A list of the association officers, with name, grade of membership, and address of each.
5. A remittance of \$5 to cover the cost of charter and engraving.

A charter shall be granted by the National Board of Trustees upon the receipt of such application, provided that the proposed State association constitution is

not in conflict with the national constitution of the New Farmers of America. The charter will be signed by the National President and by the Administrative Adviser.

The delegates of any annual national convention shall have the power to suspend State association charters upon receipt of evidence of infringement on provisions of the national constitution.

ARTICLE VII PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING STANDING OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS, CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS

A State association of NFA shall be considered in good standing with the national organization of New Farmers of America when the following general conditions are met:

1. All current annual national dues paid into the national treasury on or before June 30.
2. All current reports received by the Administrative Executive Secretary on or before June 30.
3. State association constitution not in conflict with the national constitution in any of its provisions. Activities in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the national organization.

In case any association is not in good standing, the delegates in national convention shall have the power, upon recommendation of the National Board of Trustees, to withdraw or suspend the charter and refuse such association representation at the annual national convention. When, and if, such action is taken, the State association in question, and chapters and members thereof shall be denied the regular privileges of the organization. A State association may be reinstated at any time by action of the National Board of Trustees, effective not earlier than ten days after the close of the National Convention, provided the State association pays a delinquent membership fee equal to 75 percent of its all-day enrollment as last reported to the U. S. Office of Education, and further provided no State shall be reinstated for a sum less than ten dollars (\$10.00).

A local chapter shall be considered in good standing with a State association when the following general conditions are met:

1. All current State and national dues paid by a date to be specified by each association.
2. All reports submitted as requested.
3. Chapter constitution not in conflict with the State and national constitutions in any of its provisions. Activities in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the national organization.

In case any local chapter is not in good standing with a State association the delegates in State convention shall have the power, upon recommendation of the State Executive Committee, to withdraw or suspend the charter and refuse such chapter official representation at the State convention. When, and if, such action is taken, the chapter in question and members thereof shall be denied the regular privileges of the organization. A chapter may be reinstated at any time by action of the State Executive Committee, effective not earlier than ten days after the close of the State convention.

In case a local department of vocational agriculture in which a chartered

chapter of the NFA is located is discontinued, the chapter so involved may be permitted to operate officially for a period not to exceed 36 months from the date of the discontinuance of the department in the school concerned, providing proper supervision and guidance can be given to the chapter work by a member of a school faculty having the approval of the State Adviser. Local chapter charters must be surrendered to the State Adviser at the end of the 36-month period.

An active member shall be considered in good standing when:

1. He attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity while enrolled in the school where the local chapter is established.
2. He shows an interest in, and takes part in, the affairs of the chapter.
3. He pays his local, State and national dues regularly and conducts himself in a manner becoming a member of the organization.

ARTICLE VIII

PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR THE SUPERIOR FARMER DEGREE

SECTION A. A State association may submit, annually, one candidate for the Superior Farmer Degree for the first 1,000 active members or fraction thereof and one additional candidate for each 1,000 active members above the first 1,000 or major fraction thereof in the association computed on the basis of national dues received in the office of the National Treasurer by midnight of June 30.

SECTION B. Applications for the degree approved by the State Adviser must be in the national NFA office not later than midnight of June 30, prior to the national convention at which the application will be considered. No additions or corrections will be accepted after that date, and the application as received will be considered as the final basis for selection. Applications not in the national NFA office on June 30 or received from States from which all national dues for the fiscal year have not been received by the National Executive Treasurer on or before June 30, will be rejected.

SECTION C. Neatly compiled applications conforming to regulation guide forms prepared and distributed by the Administrative Executive Secretary must be submitted.

SECTION D. Superior farmer candidates must be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at the National Convention of the NFA.

ARTICLE IX

COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Collegiate chapters of the New Farmers of America may be organized in institutions recognized for training teachers of vocational agriculture under provisions of State plans for vocational education approved by the U. S. Office of Education.

Membership may include trainees preparing to teach vocational agriculture and former active NFA members who are enrolled in the institution.

The general plans for collegiate chapter work shall be developed by the National Board of Trustees but may be approved, altered, and revised by the delegates assembled in national convention.

All activities of collegiate chapters of New Farmers of America and members

thereof shall be in harmony with the purposes, principles, and ideals of the New Farmers of America organization.

Each collegiate chapter shall submit to the State Adviser an annual report covering program of work and achievements for the current school year.

Collegiate chapters shall be chartered by and be under the authority of State associations of New Farmers of America in the State concerned.

The work of collegiate chapters shall be carried on with the regular equipment and paraphernalia of the New Farmers of America, except that members of collegiate chapters who were not NFA members in high school shall not be entitled to wear the regular emblem of the New Farmers of America.



NFA MEMBERS ARE TAUGHT TO BEAUTIFY THEIR HOMES.