

HISTORY OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA PROGRAM

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HISTORY

The Future Farmers of Virginia formed in 1926. This group became the model for the Future Farmers of America.

In November, 1928, representatives from the state associations met in Kansas City, Missouri, to establish a national farm organization for high school boys. They adopted a constitution and founded the Future Farmers of America.

Congress granted it a charter in 1950.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA)

--an organization for high school students who study vocational agriculture

(1) to prepare for careers in agriculture and businesses involving agriculture

(2) it also trains them to become responsible citizens and leaders in their communities

--FFA forms part of the agricultural education program in many public schools

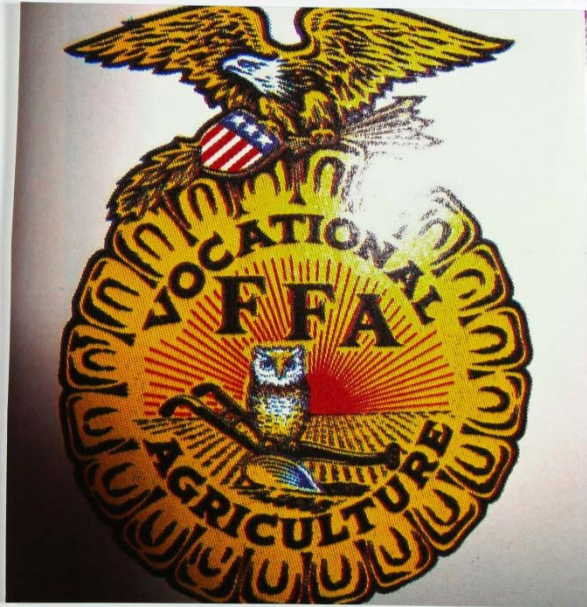
--both boys and girls may join the FFA

--the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare sponsors the FFA nationally

The official motto of the FFA expresses its entire program:

Learning to do,
Doing to learn;
Earning to live,
Living to serve.

1. In "learning to do", FFA members study practical and scientific agriculture to become good farmers or prepare themselves for other careers in agriculture.
2. In "doing to learn", members work on projects from which they gain practical experience.
3. In "earning to live", FFA members manage farms or agribusiness enterprises that produce income.
4. In "living to serve", members develop qualities of competent leadership and responsible citizenship, and work to improve their school and community.



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- The owl represents wisdom and knowledge.
- The plow stands for labor and tilling the soil.
- The rising sun symbolizes the new day that will dawn when all farmers learn to work together.
- The corn stands for the agricultural interest that is common to all FFA members.
- The eagle stands for the national scope of the FFA.

The FFA slogan is:
"The Successful Farmer of Tomorrow is the Future Farmer of Today"

In the 1964 Fabius Central School yearbook, page 49 under the FFA photo, this information was provided.

Future Farmers of America or the F.F.A. is a national organization of boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture.

The F.F.A. operates at a local, county, State, and National level. Fabius received its Charter February 15, 1935, and has been active since that date.

The Fabius Chapter has 65 members paying state and county dues for 1963-1964.

F.F.A. members are enrolled in Agriculture and Agriculture Mechanics where they study and practice a wide variety of skills and management. These courses help prepare boys to work in agriculture and allied occupations.