



2016

State FFA Convention
Ambassador Program

Purpose

The purpose of the ambassador program is to provide a leadership program to Georgia FFA members which will allow opportunities during State FFA Convention to interact and connect with FFA supporters, donors and potential sponsors. The program, in turn, gives industry representatives and donors the opportunity to interact with FFA members and to learn more about the FFA program and its mission.

Being Selected as an Ambassador

Prospective ambassadors must complete an application by February 15, 2016. Each chapter may submit up to three ambassador applications. Applications will be judged and ambassadors will be announced by March 1, 2016. Judging will be based on FFA activities, advisor's recommendation and the student's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).

Expectations of an Ambassador

Ambassadors must attend the mandatory training on Wednesday, April 27 at 2:00 pm at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley.

The training will include:

- Overview of the Foundation (its purpose, mission, goals, activities, etc.)
- Overview of the Ambassador Program
- How to Interact with Business & Industry Representatives and Donors
- Role of the Ambassadors while at the Convention
- Specific Assignments for each Ambassador

Ambassadors will be served a meal after the training and stay over night at Camp John Hope.

FFA members selected for the program must feel comfortable and confident greeting guests, sharing their own FFA story, and having their assigned guests where they should be at all times. This will require prior planning and preparation by each ambassador. Therefore, ambassadors will be required to know the following information:

- Convention Schedule
- Convention Center Layout
- Guest Registration Process
- Award Program Sponsors
- Their Assigned Business & Industry Representatives, Judges and Donors

*Please Note

We want students, parents and agriculture teachers to be well aware of the commitment being made when applying to be a Foundation ambassador. If chosen for the program, students should expect to be involved in ambassador activities throughout the entire FFA Convention. **If a FFA member is competing in a state CDE at convention or running for state office, this program is not ideal for the student to participate in.** This commitment begins with training on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. Hours may be unpredictable as we work with special guests who may show up unannounced, or assist with additional guests joining current sponsors -- ambassadors will need to be on high alert at all times. It is encouraged for potential ambassadors to sit down and discuss this opportunity with their agriculture teacher BEFORE applying. Teachers must be willing to support your time commitment to the program as well as bring you and pick you up on time. Travel to and from the convention center is the responsibility of the ambassador.

2016 Ambassador Application

PLEASE RETURN BY 2/15/2016

Student Name: _____ Chapter Name: _____

Student Address: _____

Student Email Address: _____ Student Cell Number: _____

Year in School: _____

Career Objective:

FFA Experience

Year Membership Began: _____ Years of Ag Education Completed: _____

Have you received the Greenhand, Chapter, or State Degrees? If so, please state below which degrees and what year degrees were received.

What is your Supervised Agricultural Experience? (Be sure to list your responsibilities, details of scope, hours, etc.)

Explain how you are involved in your local chapter.

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Advisor's Recommendation—Please use the space below to explain why your student should participate in the ambassador program.

I highly recommend, _____, as a 2016 Georgia FFA Foundation Ambassador.

Advisor Signature

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Ambassador Applicant Statement—Please use the space below to explain why you wish to be selected as an ambassador.

I, _____, have read and agree to all duties and responsibilities required of me if selected as a 2016 Georgia FFA Foundation Ambassador.

Student Signature