



NATIONAL
FFA ORGANIZATION

The FFA Creed

I BELIEVE in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I BELIEVE that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I BELIEVE in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I BELIEVE in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so--for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I BELIEVE that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The creed was written by E.M. Tiffany and adopted at the Third National FFA Convention. It was revised at the 38th and 63rd Conventions.

Requirements for Degrees

<u>Greenhand Degree</u> - Be enrolled in at least one Ag class - Have plans made for an SAE project - Have learned the FFA Motto - Have learned the FFA Salute - Have learned the FFA Creed - Explain meaning and colors of the FFA Emblem - Understand the code of Ethics and proper use of the FFA Jacket	<u>Chapter Degree</u> - Have earned the Greenhand Degree - Have a satisfactory SAE in operation - Have earned and invested \$150 or 45 unpaid hours outside of class - Have led a group discussion for 15 min. - Have demonstrated 5 parliamentary laws - Has 10 hours of community service
<u>County (Red Rose) Degree</u> - FFA member for at least 2 years - Has earned the Chapter Degree - Is a High School Junior or Senior - Has a satisfactory SAE in operation and records are well maintained - Has \$750 invested or 225 hours outside of class - Demonstrated leadership - Participated in at least 7 chapter activities and at least 3 above the chapter level	<u>State (Keystone) Degree</u> - FFA member for at least 2 years - Has earned Chapter Degree - 25 hours of Community Service - Has \$1000 invested or 300 hours outside of class. - Has participated in at least 10 chapter activities and at least 5 above the chapter - Has at least 2 years of Ag. Education - Is a Senior or has already Graduated
<u>American FFA Degree</u> - Have received State Degree - Active member for at least 3 years - At least 3 years of Ag. Education - Have graduated 1 year prior to the National FFA Convention - Have in operation an outstanding SAE - Have earned \$10,000 or \$2,500 and 2,250 hours - 50 hours of Community Service	<u>Awards</u> • Star Awards • Placement • Proficiency