

## 2026-2027 Maryland FFA Calendar of Events

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PLEASE NOTE: For the most current calendar, [www.mdffa.org](http://www.mdffa.org) and click on Full Calendar on the homepage.

Submit all uploads through the following JotForm link: <https://form.jotform.com/230967411830051>

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| DUE DATE | APPLICATION, FORM OR EVENT | LOCATION/SUBMISSION |
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### August 2026

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| 1          | 2026-2027 Membership Year Begins                                                          | <a href="mailto:membership@ffa.org">membership@ffa.org</a> |
| 1          | DUE ONLINE: All CDE/LDE Certifications for National Events                                | Advisor Portal on ffa.org                                  |
| 1          | DUE: BIG E Housing-Submit via JotForm at <a href="http://www.mdffa.org">www.mdffa.org</a> | Fairfield Inn & Suites, Enfield                            |
| 15         | All Next Gen Conference Applications Open                                                 | <a href="mailto:nextgen@ffa.org">nextgen@ffa.org</a>       |
| 27-Sept 13 | Maryland State Fair (3 Weekends, Thurs.-Sun and Labor Day)                                | Timonium, Maryland                                         |
| 27         | State Safe Tractor Operators Event, Check in 12 PM                                        | MD State Fair, Grandstand infield                          |
| 31         | Due Online; Living to Serve All Semester Grants                                           | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>               |

### SEPTEMBER 2026

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| 1     | Special need request form for National Convention                | <a href="mailto:ADARRequests@ffa.org">ADARRequests@ffa.org</a>                       |
| 1     | ONLINE Days of Service Mini-Grant application due                | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>                                         |
| 1     | ONLINE: Alumni & Supports Grants DUE                             | <a href="mailto:alumni@ffa.org">alumni@ffa.org</a>                                   |
| 1     | ONLINE: SAE Grant Application opens                              |                                                                                      |
| 1     | Team Registration closes for Big E events, documents due         | <a href="http://www.thebige.com/judgingcard.com">www.thebige.com/judgingcard.com</a> |
| 1     | DUE Online CDE/LDE Uploads: Ag Issues Portfolio                  | <a href="mailto:cde@ffa.org">cde@ffa.org</a>                                         |
|       | Employment Skills, Marketing Plan, Prepared Speaking Manuscripts |                                                                                      |
| 2     | Deadline to cancel National convention rooms without penalty     |                                                                                      |
| 5     | State Horticulture Judging CDE-8:00 am                           | MD State Fair, Admin Building                                                        |
| 9     | National Convention Registration opens @ 6pm                     | <a href="mailto:registrationsupport@ffa.org">registrationsupport@ffa.org</a>         |
| 15    | #ApeakAg Showcase Submissions DUE                                | <a href="mailto:cglowacki@ffa.org">cglowacki@ffa.org</a>                             |
| 15    | Last day to order FFA jackets for delivery prior to Convention   | <a href="mailto:orders@shopffa.org">orders@shopffa.org</a>                           |
| 16    | MSDE Joint CTSO Advisor Training                                 | Maritime Inst. Linthicum, MD                                                         |
| 16    | ONLINE: National FFA Convention & Rodeo tickets @6pm             |                                                                                      |
| 17-19 | Eastern States Exposition FFA events                             | Springfield, MA                                                                      |
| 15    | Registration DUE-COLT Conference                                 | submit through Jot form link                                                         |
| 17    | National Teach AG Day                                            |                                                                                      |
| 23    | National Convention housing CLOSES @5pm                          | <a href="mailto:registrationsupport@ffa.org">registrationsupport@ffa.org</a>         |
| 30    | Convention Early Bird Registration CLOSES @8pm                   | <a href="mailto:registrationsupport@ffa.org">registrationsupport@ffa.org</a>         |

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### OCTOBER 2026

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| 1        | SAE Grant Applications Open                           | <a href="mailto:saegrants@ffa.org">saegrants@ffa.org</a> |
| 1        | DUE ONLINE: Days of Service Mini Grant Applications   | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>             |
| 9        | DUE: Registration for Regional Leadership Conferences | Submit thru Jot form link                                |
| 9-11     | National Junior Horticulture Assoc. (NJHA) Michigan   | <a href="https://www.njha.org">https://www.njha.org</a>  |
| 15       | DUE: Registration for State Land Judging              | Submit thru Jot form link                                |
| 15       | DUE ONLINE: Next Gen Plant Systems Conference         | <a href="mailto:nextgen@ffa.org">nextgen@ffa.org</a>     |
| 20-24    | 99th National FFA Convention & Expo                   | Indianapolis, Indiana                                    |
| 30-Nov 1 | COLT Conference-River Valley Ranch, Manchester, MD    |                                                          |

### NOVEMBER 2026

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| 2  | ONLINE: National FFA Scholarship Application opens<br>(Members must be active on the Chapter roster to apply) | <a href="mailto:scholarships@ffa.org">scholarships@ffa.org</a>          |
|    | DUE ONLINE: Days of Service Mini-Grant application                                                            | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>                            |
|    | DUE ONLINE: Chapter Affiliation Requests to State Staff                                                       | <a href="mailto:tshank@maefonline.com">tshank@maefonline.com</a>        |
| 10 | MD Land Judging CDE-Schmidt Center<br>18501 Aquasco Road, Brandywine, MD 21613                                |                                                                         |
| 15 | DUE ONLINE: SAE Grant applications                                                                            | <a href="mailto:saegrants@ffa.org">saegrants@ffa.org</a>                |
| 17 | <b>Region 3 Leadership Conference</b>                                                                         | <b>Howard Co Fairgrounds</b>                                            |
| 18 | <b>Region 1 Leadership Conference</b>                                                                         | <b>Allegany College, Cumberland</b>                                     |
| 19 | <b>Region 4 Leadership Conference</b>                                                                         | <b>Carroll County Ag Center</b>                                         |
| 20 | <b>Region 5 Leadership Conference</b>                                                                         | <b>Chesapeake College HEC</b>                                           |
| 15 | ONLINE: SAE Grant applications due                                                                            | <a href="mailto:saegrants@ffa.org">saegrants@ffa.org</a> by 5 PM        |
| 30 | DUE ONLINE: Completed Chapter Roster                                                                          | Submit for State Approval <a href="http://www.ffa.org">www.ffa.org</a>  |
| 30 | DUE ONLINE: Chapter Program of Activities & Budget                                                            | Nat. Chapter Form I- <a href="http://www.theaet.com">www.theaet.com</a> |

### DECEMBER 2026

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| 1   | ONLINE: Days of Service Mini-Grant application due       | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>       |
| 1   | ONLINE: Teacher Ambassador Application opens             |                                                    |
| 1   | ONLINE: Living to Serve Spring Semester-Long Grant opens | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>       |
| 5-6 | MD Farm Bureau Next Gen Conference                       | Hyatt-Cambridge, MD                                |
| 15  | ONLINE: New Century Farmer Conference Application opens  | <a href="mailto:alumni@ffa.org">alumni@ffa.org</a> |

### JANUARY 2027

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| 1    | ONLINE: Days of Service Mini-Grant application due                | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>                   |
| 5-17 | ILSSO-Travel dates for State Officers                             |                                                                |
| 14   | DUE ONLINE: National FFA Scholarship application                  | <a href="mailto:scholarships@ffa.org">scholarships@ffa.org</a> |
| 15   | DUE: payment-Fall semester Annual and Affiliate membership        | Mail to Terrie Shank                                           |
| 20   | DUE: FFA Day in Annapolis Registration                            | Submit through Jot form link                                   |
| 31   | National FFA release of CDE-LDE Handbook/Rubrics/Updates for 2028 |                                                                |

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### FEBRUARY 2027

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| 1     | DUE: American Degree Application                                                                                  | submit through <a href="http://www.theaet.com">www.theaet.com</a>      |
| 1     | ONLINE: Days of Service Mini-Grant application due                                                                | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>                           |
| 1     | ONLINE: Spring Semester-Long Living to Serve Grant due                                                            | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>                           |
| 4     | MD Ag Council-Taste of MD Legislative Dinner                                                                      | Live Casino, Arundel Mills                                             |
| 10    | DUE: MD Gift of Blue Orders                                                                                       | Submit through Jot Form link                                           |
| 15    | ONLINE: New Century Farmer Application due                                                                        | <a href="mailto:alumni@ffa.org">alumni@ffa.org</a>                     |
| 15    | DUE ONLINE: Completed Chapter Roster- Spring Sem.                                                                 | Submit for State Approval <a href="http://www.ffa.org">www.ffa.org</a> |
| 20-27 | National FFA Week Paper Emblem Sales-Tractor Supply stores to support Grants for Growing                          |                                                                        |
| 25    | <b>MD FFA Day in Annapolis</b>                                                                                    | <b>Calvert House</b>                                                   |
|       | Chapters can schedule virtual legislative tours of Annapolis and with legislators:                                |                                                                        |
|       | <a href="http://dls.maryland.gov/library/educational-tours">http://dls.maryland.gov/library/educational-tours</a> |                                                                        |
| 25    | National "Give FFA Day"                                                                                           | <a href="http://www.ffa.org">www.ffa.org</a>                           |
| 26    | Registration Due-Region 2 Leadership Conference                                                                   | Submit through Jot form link                                           |

### MARCH 2027

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| 1  | DUE: Proficiency Award Applications                | submit through <a href="http://www.theaet.com">www.theaet.com</a> |
| 1  | DUE ONLINE: Teacher Ambassador Application         |                                                                   |
| 1  | ONLINE: Grants for Growing Application opens       | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>                      |
| 1  | ONLINE: Alumni & Supporters Grants DUE             | <a href="mailto:alumni@ffa.org">alumni@ffa.org</a>                |
| 1  | DUE: Registration for Spring Judging Events        | Judging Card.com                                                  |
| 1  | DUE: Special Needs request form for Spring Judging | Scan or Fax to Naomi Knight                                       |
| 3  | ONLINE: WLC registration opens                     | <a href="mailto:wlc@ffa.org">wlc@ffa.org</a>                      |
| 15 | DUE: Payment for Spring Semester Membership        | Mail to Terrie Shank                                              |
| 24 | <b>Region 2 Leadership Conference-Building #9</b>  | <b>Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick</b>                           |

### APRIL 2027

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| 1   | DUE: Registration for Horse Evaluation Due                                                                                                                                                               | Submit thru JotForm link                     |
| 1   | ONLINE: Days of Service Mini-Grant Application due                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a> |
| 1   | DUE: Student Nominating Committee. Applications                                                                                                                                                          | Submit thru JotForm link                     |
| 15  | DUE: 2026-2027 State Officer Candidate Application                                                                                                                                                       | Email to Terrie Shank                        |
| 15  | ONLINE: Year-Long Living to Serve Grant opens                                                                                                                                                            | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a> |
| 17  | <b>Spring Judging CDE-Carroll Co CTC, Westminster HS</b>                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Westminster, MD</b>                       |
|     | Check in 8 AM                                                                                                                                                                                            | Carroll Co Career Center                     |
|     | Ag Technology and Mechanics, Agronomy, Food Science, Farm Business Mgt, Floriculture, Meat Evaluation, Nursery/Landscape, Milk Quality, Veterinary Science, Agriscience Fair, Middle School Ag Challenge |                                              |
| 26  | National FFA Scholarship Awards Announced                                                                                                                                                                |                                              |
| TBD | Maryland FFA Horse Evaluation 9 am                                                                                                                                                                       | Frederick Fairgrounds                        |
| 28  | Maryland FFA Turfgrass CDE 9am                                                                                                                                                                           | UMCP Turf Farm                               |
| 30  | DUE: State Convention Registrations                                                                                                                                                                      | Blue Panda                                   |
| TBD | National Land Judging Event                                                                                                                                                                              | El Reno, Oklahoma                            |

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### MAY 2027

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| 1   | ONLINE: Days of Service Mini-Grant Application due        | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>                 |
| 1   | DUE: State FFA Degree & Honorary State Degree Application | Email to Terrie Shank                                        |
| 1   | DUE: State Star Greenhand Applications                    | Email to Terrie Shank                                        |
| 7-8 | State Officer Candidate Personal Interviews               | Carroll Co Ext. Westminster                                  |
| 15  | DUE: National Chapter Award Application                   | submit on <a href="http://www.theaet.com">www.theaet.com</a> |
| 15  | DUE: All State Convention manuscripts & portfolios        | Email to Terrie Shank                                        |
| 15  | DUE: Honorary American Degree Applications                | Email to Terrie Shank                                        |
| 15  | DUE: VIP Citation & Distinguished Service Applications    | Email to Terrie Shank                                        |
| 15  | DUE ONLINE: Grants for Growing Applications               | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>                 |

### JUNE 2027

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| 1     | DUE: All State winning Agriscience Fair Applications         | submit through <a href="http://www.theaet.com">www.theaet.com</a> |
| 1     | DUE: Special needs request form for State Convention         | Submit through JotForm link                                       |
| 1     | DUE: Waivers of participation for those attending Convention | email to Naomi Knight                                             |
| 1     | ONLINE: Days of Service Mini-Grant Application due           | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>                      |
| 15    | DUE: Submit payment for State Convention                     | Mail to Terrie Shank                                              |
| 15    | ONLINE: Living to Serve Year-Long Grant Application due      | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>                      |
| 21-24 | 99th Maryland FFA State Convention- Tentative                | TBD                                                               |
| 22-26 | Next Gen: Food Systems Conference (Detroit, MI)              | <a href="mailto:nextgen@ffa.org">nextgen@ffa.org</a>              |

### JULY 2027

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| 1     | Request for reasonable accommodation, ADA and/or assistance with National CDE/LDE must be submitted to the National FFA Organization at least 30 business days prior to the start of the National event. | <a href="mailto:adarequests@ffa.org">adarequests@ffa.org</a>                                       |
| 1     | ONLINE: Days of Service Mini-Grant application due                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="mailto:Its@ffa.org">Its@ffa.org</a>                                                       |
| 6-8   | Maryland Agriculture Educator's Conference                                                                                                                                                               | Cecil Co School of Technology                                                                      |
| 15    | DUE Entries and registrations for Maryland State Fair events<br>Tractor Driving, Horticulture judging                                                                                                    | Online MSF website<br>Email to Terrie Shank                                                        |
| 15    | ONLINE: National Band, Chorus, Talent Applications due<br>National FFA Convention Student Engagement and<br>Travel Assistance Grants Open                                                                | <a href="mailto:kriden@ffa.org">kriden@ffa.org</a><br><a href="mailto:its@ffa.org">its@ffa.org</a> |
| 17-20 | New Century Farmer Conference                                                                                                                                                                            | <a href="mailto:alumni@ffa.org">alumni@ffa.org</a>                                                 |
| 24-30 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                    |
| 31    | Membership Year Ends for 2026-2027                                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="mailto:membership@ffa.org">membership@ffa.org</a>                                         |

## MARYLAND FFA ASSOCIATION AND PARTNER ORGANIZATION MEETING DATES

### **Maryland FFA Board Meetings**- Held virtually on the second Monday of the month at 6 PM

\*All Maryland FFA Advisors are invited and encouraged to attend and/or submit topics prior to the meeting to their Regional Coordinators. Join virtually through zoom conferencing:

**Dates:** October 12, 2026, December 14, 2026, February 8, 2027 (Annual Meeting), April 12, 2027, June 14, 2027.

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

**Monthly:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUrdemhrTotH93S-zgs7UGzKF94FxxgKE0v/ics?icsToken=DM4n4ggTxCSlF8oGZAAALAAAAEtzt-1cTsERlxluSwjRjXdxQINIXb-Gy-pnm63yOTA3vw-akH9VUbWMfEemAxxO\\_K-HSEhyOHWeUEXX0GjAwMDAwMg&meetingMasterEventId=hs4MCDHPQOOgxmb0-mCFXg](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUrdemhrTotH93S-zgs7UGzKF94FxxgKE0v/ics?icsToken=DM4n4ggTxCSlF8oGZAAALAAAAEtzt-1cTsERlxluSwjRjXdxQINIXb-Gy-pnm63yOTA3vw-akH9VUbWMfEemAxxO_K-HSEhyOHWeUEXX0GjAwMDAwMg&meetingMasterEventId=hs4MCDHPQOOgxmb0-mCFXg)

**Join Zoom Meeting** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81620931759?pwd=vLO6zE7nX6cFMNxNbjmQ4xyb59gw5F.1>

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### **Maryland FFA Alumni Board Meetings**- Held bimonthly at 7 PM on the second Wednesday.

All are welcomed to Join virtually through zoom conferencing:

**Dates:** October 14, 2026, February 10, 2027, April 14, 2027, and June 9, 2027 (Annual Meeting)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

**Monthly:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcuceCsrsjHNNNzDSyPdBy6Ef3HjCbaxni/ics?icsToken=DPHIZFJ2umPess7C-XwAALAAAALHdszy59UGgx8otphUYFVBKah1iwymms30znSqWdX5kewqUJk9ZPbTilhx4a\\_GI8lLeQGrGRrXVF5jAwMDAwMg&meetingMasterEventId=mM6ErI3LQ8O1lfsriq3a-A](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcuceCsrsjHNNNzDSyPdBy6Ef3HjCbaxni/ics?icsToken=DPHIZFJ2umPess7C-XwAALAAAALHdszy59UGgx8otphUYFVBKah1iwymms30znSqWdX5kewqUJk9ZPbTilhx4a_GI8lLeQGrGRrXVF5jAwMDAwMg&meetingMasterEventId=mM6ErI3LQ8O1lfsriq3a-A)

**Join Zoom Meeting** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83369400867?pwd=leDE3QgDqTwvBVFL1ytIXT9YPZm9ld.1>

Meeting ID: 833 6940 0867      Passcode: 851602

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### **Maryland FFA Foundation Board Meetings**- Held quarterly at 7:00 PM on the fourth Monday.

All are welcomed to Join virtually through zoom conferencing:

**Dates:** December 22, 2026, April 26, 2027, August 23, 2027 (Annual Meeting)

**Maryland Agriculture Teachers Association Meetings (MATA)** - All Maryland Agriculture Teachers are welcome to attend the MATA board meetings which will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each Month at 6:30 p.m. except for October when we will meet on the second Tuesday October 13th.

The dates are August 18, 2026, September 15, 2026, October 13, 2026, November 17, 2026, December 15, 2026, January 19, 2027, February 16, 2027, March 16, 2027, April 20, 2027, May 18, 2027, June 15, 2027

Annual Maryland Agriculture Educators Conference will be held July 6-8, 2027, in Cecil County

Here is the link for our meetings for this year: Maryland Ag <https://meet.google.com/nau-jjqj-cuy>.

Here is the calendar invite link: <https://calendar.app.google/bi2pWjTGkME23X6f6>

**Maryland Council for Agriculture Education (MCAE)** - Locations of meetings are rotated around the state and held **twice/year**. All are welcomed to attend virtually through zoom conferencing The meetings will be announced via the List serve prior to the meetings.

**National FFA Convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana through 2031**

**Dates: October 21-24, 2026**

**October 27-30, 2027**

