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State Superintendent of Schools

To: Maryland Agriculture Teachers/FFA Advisors  
From: Terrie Shank, FFA Executive Director/Naomi Knight, FFA Program Coordinator  
RE: Maryland FFA State Convention Registration  
Date: April 11, 2019

It is with great excitement that the Maryland FFA State Officer Team and Staff invite all Maryland FFA members and Advisors to attend the 91st Maryland FFA State Convention. The convention will be held **Sunday, June 23 through Wednesday, June 26, 2019** at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, Maryland. There are many career and leadership development events, student and advisor leadership workshops, and inspirational speakers lined up to help us continue to grow and lead as FFA members and advisors! We are excited to have our National FFA Central Region Vice-President Ridge Hughbanks from Oklahoma, joining us for the Convention this year. Members and guests will have the opportunity to support the Lower Shore Shelter service learning project being planned by the State Officer Team. A UMES Shuttle Bus Waiver required to participate.

Check in for chapter housing will be on Sunday, June 23rd from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm in the lobby of the University Terrace dorm and from 6:15 pm-7:15 pm in the Theatre lobby of the Student Service Center. The projected close of the convention is Wednesday, June 26th around 2:00 pm, so plan your transportation accordingly. Students will be able to store their luggage in the lobby of the University Terrace dorm for bus pick up.

The first convention opening session will begin Sunday evening at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium. Advisors, please plan to attend the Advisor/Coaches Meeting from 9:00- 9:30 pm in the Advisor's Zone where convention details will be presented. Each chapter should designate two members to serve as voting delegates and be sure they are present at the first Delegate Meeting on Sunday, June 23rd from 9:00-10:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. The Career and Leadership Development Events will begin Monday morning at 9:00 am in various locations throughout the campus.

The cost for the full convention fee includes: 3 nights lodging with pillow and sheets provided, 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, dessert social, guest speakers, dance, convention T-shirt, registration fee and insurance. \*Be sure to bring your own towels and toiletries. You may also bring your own blanket.

**Student rate: Double sleeping rooms (2 Twin beds) \$200.00/per person**

**Advisor/Adult/Bus Driver rate: Single sleeping room (Twin bed) \$300.00/per person**

The cost of each Career/Leadership Development Event: \$10/individual or \$35/team

MD FFA Foundation Chapter Delegate discount is \$20/delegate, with up to two student delegates per chapter. (To obtain the discount, be sure to enter those students first on the registration form)

Regional Star Greenhand awardees: The five Advisors will be notified prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> and the Chapter will receive a check from the Maryland FFA Foundation, upon the member participating in the award ceremony at the convention.

**Submit the Chapter Registration online by Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** via the Blue Panda Registration system.

Mail or fax the following information by Saturday, June 1st:

1. Submit Student Special Needs Request Form
2. All student and adult waivers for those attending the Convention
3. Printed invoice from the excel sheet tab marked, "Invoice" and full payment

**Mail or fax items to the attention of:**

Mrs. Terrie Shank, MD FFA Executive Director  
925 North East Street, Frederick, MD 21701  
Fax: 301-663-4305

**Final payments must be received by Saturday, June 15, 2019** to the "MD FFA Association".

As per the MD FFA Board of Directors, all outstanding balances must be paid in full prior to registering for the state convention by May 15th.

Be mindful that some CDE/LDE Materials must be mailed and **postmarked by Wednesday, May 15th:**

Junior & Senior Prepared Public Speaking manuscripts (5 copies each)

Portfolios/Plans for: Agriculture Issues, Ag. Communications, Marketing Plan (5 copies each)

National Chapter Award Application (1 copy)

Please be sure to register students for a CDE/LDE or workshop in each time frame. Note: Students not in a CDE/LDE will be expected to participate in the workshops provided. Only the two designated chapter delegates will take part in the Delegate Meetings during the convention.

National FFA Convention and Big E Waivers will not be collected during the state convention. It will be the responsibility of the winning chapter to obtain them online, complete and submit to the respective event coordinator by the deadlines outlined on each website.

Meal tickets for dinner prior to the State Degree and Proficiency Award Ceremony on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> may be ordered by contacting the MD FFA Program Coordinator, Naomi Knight at [nknight@maefonline.com](mailto:nknight@maefonline.com)

by June 1st and pay by check at the Student Service Center registration desk in the Theatre lobby prior to the meal. The cost of each meal is \$20.00/person, with no any additional registration fees to attend the convention sessions that follow.

Help us celebrate all the many great things happening in the local chapters and in the Maryland FFA Association. Take "**This Moment...**" to plan and attend the 91st Maryland FFA State Convention. We hope to see you there!