

MARYLAND FFA ASSOCIATION, INC

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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 1, 2022

It is with great excitement that the Maryland FFA State Officer Team and Staff invite all Maryland FFA members and Advisors to attend the 94th Maryland FFA State Convention. The convention will be held Tuesday, June 28 through Wednesday, June 29, 2022 on the grounds of the Great Frederick Fair, Frederick, Maryland. There are many career, and leadership development events, student and advisor leadership workshops, and inspirational speakers lined up to help us "Pursue our Passions" for agriculture as we continue to grow and lead as FFA members and advisors! We are excited to have our National FFA Central Region Vice-President Courtney Zimmerman from Wisconsin, joining us for the Convention this year.

On site check-in will be held in the north end of the Null Building (#9) just inside the main gates of the Frederick Fairgrounds. Registration will be \$20/person/day for members and advisors to attend.

Meals will be available on both Tuesday and Wednesday of the Convention at a cost of \$10 for lunch and \$15 for dinner each day. Meals must be pre-ordered with the Chapter registration. This includes meals for parents/guests to attend dinner prior to the State Degree and Proficiency Award Ceremony on Tuesday, June 28th and the closing session on Wednesday, June 29th. There will be no additional registration fees for parents or guests to attend the convention sessions.

The Career and Leadership Development Events will begin Tuesday morning at 9:00 am in various locations throughout the Fairgrounds and again on Wednesday morning at 9:00 am. The cost of each Career/Leadership Development Event will be \$10/individual or \$40/team

The opening session will begin Tuesday evening, June 28th at 6:30 pm in the Null Building. The closing convention session will be held on Wednesday, evening, June 29th at 6:30 pm in the Null Building

Each chapter should designate two members to serve as voting delegates and be sure they are present at the Delegate Meetings on Tuesday, June 28th and Wednesday, June 29th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Null Building. Their attendance is also expected during the two general convention sessions.

Regional Star Greenhand awardees will be sponsored by the Maryland FFA Foundation again this year. Applications are due by 5pm on Tuesday, April 19th emailed to Mrs. Terrie Shank at tshank@maefonline.com The five Advisors of the regional stars will be notified prior to May 1st and the Chapter will receive a check from the Maryland FFA Foundation, upon the member participating in the award ceremony at the convention on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

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Chapter Registration must be submitted online by Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. via the Blue Panda Registration system. *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 16th.*

Mail or email the following information by Wednesday, June 1st: To: tshank@maefonline.com Mrs. Terrie Shank, MD FFA Executive Director, 925 North East Street, Frederick, MD 21701

- 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

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 one of the workshops provided. Only the two designated chapter delegates will take part in the Delegate Meetings during the convention.

Final payments must be received by Wednesday, June 15, 2022 to the "MD FFA Association".

Be mindful that some CDE/LDE Materials must be mailed postmarked by Monday, May 16th:

- *Junior & Senior Prepared Public Speaking manuscripts
- *Portfolios/Plans for: Agriculture Issues, Ag. Communications, Marketing Plan
- *National Chapter Award Application

Hotel information for State Convention

The Maryland FFA will not be securing rooms for chapters and individuals attending the convention this year. Chapters traveling to the Frederick area will be able to secure lodging at a number of hotels.

The MD FFA has a room block secured at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 5220 Westview Drive, Frederick, MD 21703 at a special room rate of \$99/night. Contact the Fairfield Inn directly at 301-631-2000.

Mention the Maryland FFA Convention when you call to make reservations.

You can also book room reservations online with the following information:

Maryland FFA Convention

Start Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 End Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022

Last Day to Book: Thursday, May 26, 2022

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate: Fairfield Inn & Suites Frederick for 99 USD per night



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Other quality hotels in the area that you can book with directly include:

Hampton Inn, 5311 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, MD 211704 phone: 301-698-2500

Home2Suites by Hilton, 4850 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, MD 21704 phone: 301-695-0001

Homewood suites by Hilton, 4950 Westview Drive, Frederick, MD 21703 phone: 301-663-9600

Help us celebrate all the great things happening in the local chapters and in the Maryland FFA Association. Plan now to attend the 94th Maryland FFA State Convention.

We hope to see you there!

Jayci, Elsie, and Samantha 2021-2022 Maryland FFA State Officer Team