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RE: 2024 National FFA Convention Information

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It is time for Maryland FFA members to Pave Your Way to represent our State at the 98th National FFA Convention to be held, October 28- November 1, 2025, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

KEY INFORMATION TO KNOW AS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND...

***Accommodation:**

Maryland State Housing block will only be available through September 1st at 5:00 p.m.

Rooms pre-booked but not needed by Chapters must be returned into the housing block by September 10th.

National FFA Convention Housing

Housing for the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo opened at 6 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, May 8th.

Visit the housing page on the convention website for more information. The general Chapter Housing closes on October 1, 2025, at 5p.m. or when the rooms are all booked.

Maryland's housing code is: <https://book.passkey.com/go/2025StateMD>

Maryland has our housing block this year at the Holiday Inn and Home2 Suites, Indianapolis Airport

Our room block includes rooms with a check-in Tuesday 10/28/25 and a check-out Saturday 11/1/25. Rooms in the housing block are not available on Monday or Saturday nights, so plan your travel accordingly. The rooms are located:

Holiday Inn Indianapolis Airport:

King Bed @ \$183/night plus tax for 1-2 people and a total cost of approximately \$215.00/night

2 Standard Queen beds @ \$183/night plus tax for 1-4 people plus for a total cost of \$215.00/night

There is a restaurant, but no breakfast included.

Home2 Suites, Indianapolis Airport

King Studio Suite with sleeper sofa-\$185/night plus tax, approximately \$217.00 for 1-4 guests

2 Queen Studio suite with sleeper sofa-\$185/night plus tax, approximately \$217.00 for 1-6 guests

Hot breakfast is included

You will need a credit card to book the rooms directly with the hotel. Rooms can be dropped without a fee by September 10th. Rooms dropped after September 10th will incur a one-night lodging fee.



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***CDE/LDE WAIVERS**

National FFA requires a waiver of release be signed electronically by everyone who attends the convention, students, advisors, volunteers, chaperones, etc. A CDE/LDE waiver is required to be completed for each participant in a career or leadership development event. This waiver will be sent electronically to the CDE/LDE participants once they are declared on their CDE/LDE team. Special Needs accommodations for students in competitive events were due to National FFA by no later than September 1st.

All CDE waivers must be submitted online by August 1st through your Advisor portal under certifications.

***FFA Member/Advisor Attire:**

Members are expected to wear FFA Official Dress as outlined in the official FFA manual and on the National FFA website throughout the convention. Convention sessions, tours and time at the career show are not considered casual time.

Advisors and chaperones are expected to dress in business attire during the convention including team orientations, team photos, award programs and events. It is imperative that advisors, chaperones, and students keep in mind that their dress/clothing is a reflection on the organization.

The National FFA Board of Directors expects FFA Advisors to ensure ALL FFA members who attend the National FFA Convention follow the standards of official dress as outlined in the current Official Manual. Casual FFA Dress: FFA Shirt, Jeans, Sneakers / closed shoes are appropriate for the concerts, rodeo and at the hotel.

***Travel-**

Each chapter is responsible for their own transportation to and from the convention.

There will be two charter buses offered for traveling from Maryland. They will be through Atlantic Coast Charters. The cost to ride the bus will be **\$275/person/roundtrip**. To obtain seats for you and your students on the bus, you must complete the State Bus Request form and submit it through the Maryland FFA link by August 20, 2025. Please understand that we must have a full bus to provide the charter. The bus schedule will be determined once those riding the bus have been identified.

A Receipt of Confirmation obligates you for the entire cost of riding the bus.

***Convention Registration**

The National FFA Registration portal will open for Early Bird Registration at 6 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, Sept. 17th with a cost of **\$90/person**. Early Bird Registration closes on October 8th at 7:59 p.m. After that date, registration is \$110/person on line or \$115/person on site. FFA Advisors must go online to the



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National FFA Convention portal to register their students, chaperone and themselves for the convention. This includes participation in CDE, tickets for award functions, special entertainment, convention registration buttons, career success tours, parking permits for cars and buses. Registration ID badges will be issued to all participants at the convention and will be required to enter the venues including the sessions, concerts, rodeo, and other events.

***Tickets for the concert and rodeo**

Tickets for the concert and rodeo will be available through Ticketmaster again this year. To access the private event site, you must have your convention registration confirmation number and will only be able to purchase tickets for the same number of individuals you have registered for the convention.