

CONSTITUTION FOR THE NORTHERN ADIRONDACK CHAPTER
OF THE
F.F.A.

Article I – Name and Purposes

- Section A. The name of this organization shall be the “Northern Adirondack Chapter of the F.F.A.” Members are here in after referred to as “F.F.A.,” may be used to designate the chapter, its activities, or members thereof.
- Section B. The purpose for which this chapter is formed are as follows:
1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural, and agricultural leadership.
 2. To create and nurture a love of country life.
 3. To strengthen the confidence of agricultural girls, boys, young men and young women in themselves and their work.
 4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of agricultural occupations.
 5. To encourage members to improve the rural home and its surroundings.
 6. To encourage members in the development of individual agriculture experience programs and establishment in agriculture.
 7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvements of agriculture.
 8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
 9. To participate in cooperative effort.
 10. To encourage and practice thrift.
 11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
 12. To provide and encourage the development of organized rural recreational activities.

Article II– Organization

- Section A. The Northern Adirondack Chapter of FFA is a chartered local unit of the New York Association of FFA which is chartered by the national organization of Future Farmers of America.
- Section B. This chapter accepts in full the provision in the constitution and by-law of the New York association of FFA as well those of the national organization of FFA.

Article III – Membership

- Section A. Membership in this chapter shall be of four kinds: (1) Active; (2) Associate; (3) Honorary, as defined by the national FFA constitution; (4) alumni.
- Section B. The regular work of this Chapter shall be carried on by the active Association Members.

- Section C. Associate members and alumni in this chapter will be limited to former initiated members for three years after they leave high school.
- Section D. Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree.
- Section E. All alumni associates of this chapter will be limited to this chapter.
- Section F. Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when: (1) He attends local chapter meetings at least twice a month. (2) He shows an interest in, and takes part in the affairs of the chapter. (3) He pays his dues regularly and on time.
- Section G. Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the Secretary.

Article IV – Emblems

- Section A. The emblem used by the FFA shall be the emblem for the chapter.
- Section B. Emblems used by the members on all be uniform and those obtained from concerns officially designated by the national organization of FFA.

Article V – Membership Degrees and Privileges

- Section A. There shall be two grades of active membership in this chapter. These grades are: (1) member (2) The Green Hand Degree, and (3) The Chapter Farmer Degree. All Green Hands are entitled to wear the regulation bronze pin. All Members holding the Degree of Chapter Farmer are entitled to wear the silver emblem degree pin.
- Section B. Green Hand Degree, minimum qualifications for election:
1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture and have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a program of supervised Occupation Experience Program.
 2. Be familiar with the purpose of the FFA and the program of work of the local chapter.
 3. Recite from memory the Creed of the FFA.
 4. Must have \$50 cash on hand or productively invest in agriculture.
 5. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the chapter.
 6. Eligible Green Hands will be initiated the first week during the month of November.
- Section C. Chapter Farmer Degree, minimum qualifications for election;
1. Must have held the Degree of Green Hand for at least one year immediately preceding elections to the Degree of Chapter Farmer and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.
 2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an improved supervised occupational experience program, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class.

3. Be familiar with the purposes and program of work of the state association and national organization.
4. Be familiar with the provision of the constitution.
5. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.
6. Be able to lead a group discussion for fifteen minutes.
7. Must have earned by his own effort from his occupational experience program and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$100.00.
8. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting.

Section D. Special committees shall review the qualifications of members and make recommendations to the chapter concerning degree advancement.

Article VI – Officers

Section A. The officers of the chapter shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Advisor. The Advisor shall be the teacher of vocational agriculture in the school. Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

Section B. Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the last chapter meeting in each school year.

Section C. The officers of the chapter shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. This Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations or by-laws adopted from time to time.

Section D. Honorary Members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the chapter except that of Advisor.

Section E. An officer must know his part in the opening and closing ceremonies: know and be performing the duties and responsibilities of the chapter officers as set down in the official manual: and be in good standing by September 29, or forfeit his office. If an officer fulfills this section he will receive his officers pin November 8.

Section F. Any officer missing three or more consecutive meetings without a legal excuse must forfeit his office.

Article VII – Meetings

Section A. Regular chapter meetings shall be held twice a month during the school year and once a month during the remaining months of the year at such time and place as is designated by the chapter executive committee. special meetings may be called at any time.

Section B. Delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various FFA meetings within the State.

Section C. One-half of the active members listed on the secretary's membership roll shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum must be present at any meeting at which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the chapter to any proposal or action.

- Section D. Only members in good standing may vote after October 31.
Section E. Elected members are required to know their ritual by October 5, and for each meeting that they don't have it memorized it is counted as one illegal absence.

Article VIII – Dues

- Section A. Local dues in this chapter shall be fixed annually by a majority vote of the active members.
Section B. No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless he pays full local, county, state and national FFA dues.
Section C. State and national dues shall be paid for all initiated members from the Chapter Treasury. Adirondack Group dues shall be paid each year as decided by the active members.
Section D. All dues must be paid by October 3, to be eligible to participate in any activities.