



Program of Activities: Divisions & Quality Standards

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Each chapter builds its Program of Activities around three major areas called divisions. Divisions focus on the types of activities a chapter conducts. The three divisions include: growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Each division in the Program of Activities has five quality standards.

GROWING LEADERS:

Quality Standards	Example Activities
Leadership: Activities that help the individual develop technical, human relations and decision-making skills to grow leaders.	Leadership conferences, public speaking experiences, team demonstrations, team and individual leadership competitions, new member mentor program, state leadership camps, chapter officer leadership trainings (COLT), hosting international students, 212° and 360° conferences, Washington Leadership Conference, state and national conferences
Healthy Lifestyle: Activities that promote the well-being of students mentally or physically, in achieving the positive evolution of the whole person.	Substance abuse prevention and education, personal wellness choices and consequences, personal image projection, diversity/inclusion programs, recreation/leisure activities
Scholarship: Activities that develop a positive attitude toward lifelong learning experiences.	Scholarship awards, tutoring, elementary reading programs, school and college tours, FFA scholarships, leadership conference scholarships, study skills seminars for members, chapter/school honor roll and recognition for students across school departments, academic mentoring
Personal Growth: Activities conducted that improve the identity and self-awareness of members. These activities should reflect members' unique talents and potential by reinforcing their human and employability skills. The activities should strive to enhance the quality of life and contribute to members' life goals and development.	Time management activities, self-help workshops, facing your fears, money management, financial planning, anti-bullying, diversity/inclusion programs, personal organization skills, member degrees
Career Success: Activities that promote student involvement and growth through agriculture related experiences and/or entrepreneurship and promote career readiness.	News stories, career day, guest speakers, displays of exemplary programs, facility tours, mentor programs, international seminars, shadow experiences, agricultural skills and judging events, test plots for the school agriculture department, agriscience fairs, science fairs for elementary students, computer literacy activities, SAE tours, SAE fairs

BUILDING COMMUNITIES:

Quality Standards	Example Activities
Environmental: Activities conducted to preserve natural resources and develop more environmentally responsible individuals.	Urban and rural conservation programs, collaborative efforts to raise game for release/biological control, water and air quality programs, green practices, provide water testing, recycling programs, National FFA Living to Serve Grants
Human Resources: Activities conducted to improve the welfare and well-being of members and citizens of the community.	PALS (Partners in Active Learning Support), special populations involvement, at-risk programs, cultural awareness and diversity programs, provide an after school program for younger children, setup a community garden, food/toy drives, National FFA Living to Serve Grants, Farm to School Initiative
Citizenship: Activities conducted to encourage members to become active, involved citizens of their school, community and country.	Volunteerism, community service, civic duties, internships with government agencies, roadside/area cleanup, legislative breakfasts, work with local chamber of commerce, organize a charity concert, networking with governmental agencies
Stakeholder Engagement: Activities conducted to develop teamwork and cooperation between the local chapter and stakeholders.	Working with another entity to strengthen agriculture – for example, Corn Growers, Young Farmers, Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Grange, chambers of commerce, service clubs, extension, fair boards, local advisory committee, parent-teacher organization participation, etc. (Cannot include alumni or boosters.)
Economic Development: Activities conducted to improve the economic welfare of the community.	Member entrepreneurship, community scavenger hunt, enhanced tourism, international development, historical preservation and community relations, SAE economic impact

STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURE:

Quality Standards	Example Activities
Support Group: Activities conducted to develop and maintain positive relations among FFA, parents and community leaders interested in supporting agricultural education.	Any activities with FFA Alumni, agriculture boosters or other organized groups dedicated to supporting active FFA chapters
Chapter Recruitment: Activities conducted to increase agricultural education enrollment and/or FFA membership and encourage greater participation.	Career class visits, agricultural demonstrations, visits to lower grades, program information mailings, petting zoos, member barbeques, National FFA Week exhibits, new member picnics, camping and fishing trips, create a mentor program for new members, a complimentary subscription to FFA New Horizons magazine
Safety: Activities that enhance safety in the community.	Firearm safety programs, ATV safety, equipment operation safety, mock crashes, general farm safety, texting and driving campaigns, safe animal handling demonstrations, pesticide application safety awareness activities, producer and consumer safety programs, personal safety programs
Agricultural Advocacy: Activities conducted to articulate and promote agricultural programs, practices, policies and/or education to elicit action.	Agriculture issue presentations, National Agriculture Day activities, parent/student orientations, advocating for agricultural legislation, Teach Ag! campaigns, engaging policy makers to promote action on hunger, engage in policy supporting agricultural education as an ideal delivery method for STEM, student representation on influential agriculture boards, interacting with local media to promote agriculture and FFA, use of social media to support agricultural causes, encouraging animal welfare practices, advancements in biotechnology and technology in agriculture
Agricultural Literacy: Activities that help consumers become better informed about the production, distribution and daily impact of food, fiber and fuel.	Food for America, Agriculture in the Classroom, Food Checkout Day, activities centered around national food promotions (i.e., dairy month), agriculturally related educational events and/or displays, educating consumers about hunger, food cost and food safety, Our Food Link activities, Food, Land & People, partnering with local fair or festival boards to include food related educational components in events, alternative fuel education, product awareness as it relates to agriculture (i.e., clothing, medicines, paper, etc.)

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