Wisconsin FFA Alumni Online Auction Happening this Month!

Are you a Green Bay Packer Fan? Maybe you like to eat dinner at Culver’s or you collect toy tractors. Or are you planning to attend the 40th Wisconsin FFA Alumni convention this winter? These are just a few of the many items available for our first online auction being held, this month, as a kick-off to our 40th Convention Anniversary Celebration. We have about 20 items thus far and are still accepting items.

Special Thanks to O’Brien Auctions for hosting this online auction which will begin on Sunday, October 6 at 6 PM and will run through Sunday, October 20 at 6 PM.

Their online link is [http://auctionsbyobrien.com/](http://auctionsbyobrien.com/) We will also have a link to the online auction on the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Facebook page. Items for bid thus far include:

- 2 Green Bay Packer tickets for the Panther game at Lambeau, November 10, on the 35 yard line. Donated by Amy Smith and Wisconsin FFA Alumni.
- Packer Lottery Tickets with 5 chances to win a bonus drawing of 2 club seat season passes for two seasons for all home games, scratch-offs. Donated by Jerry Larson.
- The “Farmer” wall hanging. Donated by Cari Sabel.
- A one-year subscription to the Old Allis newspaper + $ 50.00 Culver’s gift card. Donated by Dave Clausen & Anonymous.
- 2 - $ 25.00 gift cards to Pasture Pride Cheese Factory in Cashton, WI. Two separate lots and they take online orders.
- Mag Torch Kit. Donated by Linds Home Center in Cashton.
- Craftsman Drill + 4 piece Metric Ratcheting Wrench Set. Donated by Premier Coop and Ace Hardware, Westby.
- Set of “Thirty One” Handbags. Donated by Wisconsin FFA Alumni.
- Firepit set. Donated by Tractor Supply Company.
- FFA Edition 1/16 scale toy tractor JD 530. Donated by Matt Damm.
- Food Plot seeds, 5 - 5 lb. packages, including Daikon Oilseed Radish, Spring Greens, Dwarf Essex Rapeseed, Gamebird Haven and Purple Top Turnip. Donated by Brenda Franklin.
- Set of 3 FFA Edition 1/64 scale toy tractors including IH 966, IH 5288 and Case/IH 7150. Donated by Chili Implement.
Are Your Members Informed?
All of our FFA Alumni communications are subscription-based and on email contact only at both the state and national level.
◊ That means you have control over what national email newsletters you receive. Just visit the subscription webpage on FFA.org and complete the form. You can also update your email subscription at any time by clicking the Subscribe link at the top of FFA.org.
◊ Wisconsin utilizes the current membership rosters to send their state publications. The membership year concludes on July 31 so that is why the state has now moved up the membership deadline to December 1.
◊ In order for any annual members to be considered current, they need to be renewed as close as possible to August 1. If they are not updated and renewed, the members do not receive current information or the benefits of membership.
◊ Please check with your local chapter leaders to make sure that they have submitted the roster and that they have your current email contact information updated on that roster.
◊ There are also several lifetime members who have not had their contact information updated for many years. Many of them have no email recorded, and some may not even have an email. Please feel free to make copies of the newsletter to share at your meetings and events to help us ensure that our members are being provided the resources that they deserve.

Benefits of Membership
Besides being an active supporter and resource for the local FFA Chapter and Agriculture Education Department, there are several additional benefits to you as FFA Alumni members.
The many benefits that are available can be found at https://nffabenefits.enjoymydeals.com. To set up an account enter 201057-your FFA ID #. Contact alumni@ffa.org for more info.
Deals include college enrichment opportunities, international agricultural tour options, Firestone/Bridgestone tire and service discounts, Dodge/Ram discounts, savings on hotels, car rentals, condos and resort, thousands of retailers, entertainment and more. Check it out today!

Check Us Out!
Have you seen our new website? Wisconsin Ag Ed partners launched a new website on August 1. Be sure to check it out at https://https://wisconsinaged.org/
There are still a few kinks and revisions that we are working on but we are excited about the team approach to the website.
Our award and grant applications are part of the website. Please be sure to check them out and let us know if you have any issues accessing them.
If you have not liked us or followed us yet on Facebook or Instagram please be sure to do that. We regularly update Facebook with activities at the state and section levels. It is a great way to stay connected with other FFA Alumni supporters.

Awards and Grants Available for Alumni Chapters
The Wisconsin FFA Alumni currently is offering twenty nine $100.00 scholarships for local FFA Alumni chapters to apply to help send a student to the fall 212 or 360 FFA Leadership conferences being held in Wisconsin Dells in November.
The application is very simple and it can be found on the alumni website under the Awards and Grants tab. This scholarship is almost enough to cover a full student registration and hotel costs for the overnight conference. Please check it out and apply today for your Alumni chapter. The deadline for the application is October 15 so we have enough time to let the Alumni chapter know that they received the funds to register a student by the online deadline, which is October 22.
There are also Chapter support grants still available for $550.00
All chapter and individual award applications deadlines are also soon approaching. The new deadline is November 1. There are many great opportunities to recognize your chapter, members and advisors. Check it out online.
It is only a few months until we gather for our 40th annual Wisconsin FFA Alumni convention. There are lots of great events being planned and you will want to be sure to attend. Some specific details include:

- To be considered for early registration prices & drawings, registration & payment must be postmarked by December 30, 2019.
- Registration is scheduled to open online right around October 1, 2019. Just go to our webpage https://wisconsinaged.org/ and click on the Alumni and Support tab, then select Events.
- Hotel accommodations are the responsibility of each individual attending. Rooms are blocked currently but will be released after December 30, 2019.
- Contact the executive director by December 30, 2019 of any dietary concerns or special needs at execdir@wisconsinffaalumni.org.
- **Hotel Accommodations Are:**  
  Milwaukee Marriott West  
  W 231 N 1600 Corporate Court  
  Waukesha, WI 53186  
  (262) 574-0888
- **State Rate Room Charges are:**  
  King Bed Single - $ 65.00/night  
  Double Beds- $ 90.00
- A block of rooms have been reserved, be sure to mention that you are with the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association.
- The direct link to the hotel is https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1554989331008&key=GRP&app=resvlink

**Friday Afternoon Activities Include:**

- Registration Begins at Hotel – 12:00 PM
- Auction items, baskets, etc. may be turned it at the main registration area starting at noon.
- A Bus Tour will Load at the Convention Hotel at @ 4:30, 5:00 and 5:30 PM to tour the Agriculture Education Department at Milwaukee Vincent High School. Bus transportation back to the hotel will also be provided.
- This will include a fish dinner prepared by their culinary department featuring 3 pieces of baked or battered cod fish, Baked Potatoes or French Fries, Cole slaw, Rye bread, Lemon wedge, No bake cherry or blueberry cheesecake, Coffee, Milk, Water or Soda.
- This tour and meal is included in the all-inclusive option for registration. The bus will also provide transportation back to the hotel. You must travel by bus to participate in this tour and meal option.

**Friday Evening:**

- The remaining Friday evening activities will be held at the Milwaukee Marriott West.
- Registration will continue until 8:00 PM.
- The Silent Auction and Basket Raffles will begin at 7 PM and will run through Saturday afternoon.
- Social Hour will begin at 7 PM. There will be light snacks and beverages available.
- A commemorative glass is available that will enable you to have free beer or soda throughout both Friday and Saturday evenings This mug is included in the all-inclusive registrations, but if you are not taking the all-inclusive option, you can purchase one for $ 25.00 on the registration forms.. Thank you Wisconsin Farm Report for sponsoring the mugs.
- The Live Auction will begin at 8 PM. The committee will be accepting any donations for the silent or live auctions. If anyone has a donation and wants to be included in the program, please notify the committee prior to December 15, 2019.
- DJ Entertainment will follow.
Choosing the all-inclusive registration option allows you to enjoy the dinner, snacks and entertainment on Friday evening, along with all of Saturday’s activities.

Saturday is packed full!

- **Opening Session and Breakfast** - Scrambled Eggs, Sautéed Breakfast Potatoes, Bacon or Sausage Links, Orange or Grapefruit Juice, Pastries with Butter and Preserves, side of Fresh Fruit, Coffee and Tea
- This is followed by section meetings with state leaders.
- After section meetings the upcoming convention groups will meet.
- We plan to hold our Luncheon and annual Business Meeting at 11:00 AM. The proposed resolutions will be posted online shortly.
- **Lunch** includes Grilled Chicken or Steak Wrap, with lettuce, tomato, cheese and ranch dressing. Served with Pasta Salad, Rolls with Butter, coffee, tea, iced tea or milk and Brownies
- The keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Shelly Jurewicz, Executive Director of FaB Wisconsin who is Responsible for developing Wisconsin’s food and beverage manufacturing industry. FaB believes in feeding our own and the world better, together. Fab Wisconsin is the state’s food and beverage industry cluster organization.
- A plethora of workshops will be offered Saturday afternoon. There will be two rounds of workshops, on many different topics, in order to allow you to maximize your networking & learning opportunities. The workshops are being finalized and more details will be released in the next newsletter.
- The Wisconsin FFA State Officer team will once again offer their reflections program prior to the banquet. This is always very inspirational.
- The evening **banquet** will feature Pork Tenderloin Medallions (in Brown Sugar Brine, Apple Cider & Brandied Apples), Country Garden salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing, Green Beans, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Rolls with butter, coffee, tea or milk.
- During the auction Friday night, a table upgrade for steak and shrimp and special services will be sold for the banquet Saturday night.
- This will be followed by a Dessert Dash for a unique treat option. If you would like to contribute a specialty or homemade dessert for the banquet, please contact the co-chairs, Rae Nell Halbur or Mark Ladsten. Their phone numbers are located at the bottom of the registration page at the end of this newsletter.
- Chapter and individual awards will be presented on Saturday during the opening session and during the banquet.
- The Live Auction will begin immediately following the banquet festivities.
- Entertainment following the Saturday auction is SongBlast-Dueling Guitars sponsored by **Boehlke Bottled Gas Corp. & Stoughton FFA Alumni.**
- There is a wide variety of options for convention packages to purchase. They may be seen on the next page.
- Don’t forget to make your hotel accommodations early.
- Mark January 31-February 2, 2020 on your calendar today and complete your early bird registration.
- Please consider inviting someone who has never attended before, as it is a great opportunity to network with other Alumni members throughout the state.

**Polo Shirts** Commemorating the 40th convention are also available to purchase. You may order yours beginning October 10, 2019 and they will be available to pick up at the convention. The order deadline is December 30, 2019.

Shirt sizes range from XS - 4 XL in male and female styles. They are navy blue in color.

You may order yours at the same Events tab as convention registration or you may send your order with the attached form. Cost varies by size.
2020 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention
40th Anniversary Celebration Registration Form

January 31 - February 2, 2020 Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha

- It is vital to include email and/or phone number for texts so that you may be notified of changes, etc.
- In order to be considered early registration prices and for the early bird prize drawing, registration and payment must be postmarked by **12/30/19**.
- All attendees must be registered to take part in convention events.
- Registration is transferrable between participants in the same year, but is not refundable.
- Only All-Inclusive registration options will be available after 12/30/2019 and the cost will increase.
- All online registration will close on 1/17/2020.

**Package Options**

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If Applicable - **Friday Fish Option - Select one:**

- Baked Fish ______
- Batter Fried Fish ______

If Applicable - **Saturday Lunch Option - Select one:**

- Beef Wrap ______
- Grilled Chicken Wrap ______

**Make Checks Payable and mail to:**
2020 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention
Janet Schneider, Convention Treasurer
N6291 County Rd G, Saint Cloud, WI 53079
Or Call: 920-948-7110

**Additional Questions, please contact:**
Convention Co-Chairs: Rae Nell Halbur at 1-920-948-3173
or Mark Ladsten at 1-608-215-4353
2020 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention
40th Anniversary Commemorative Shirt Order Form
Order by December 30, 2019 to ensure pick up at the state convention
January 31 - February 2, 2020 at Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha.

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