

# Application for the Challenge 24 Teacher Academy and Scholarship Program

Due May 1

***Up to 10 Scholarships available!***  
***Application Deadline - May 1, 2025***  
***Please type all responses on application.***

## Purpose

*To encourage and promote the teaching of high school AFNR education as a positive and promising college major and career choice. Challenge 24 Teacher Academy and Scholarship Program is aimed at FFA members who:*

1. Have a sincere desire to pursue a career as a high school Agriculture, food and natural resources educator and FFA advisor.
2. Have a sincere desire and the academic credentials to be admitted to Michigan State University, and to major in AFNR Education.
3. Have a sincere desire to develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions expected of an AFNR Educator to meet the needs of a diverse society.

## Incentives

1. As many as 10 participants will be selected to attend the 2025 Challenge 24 Teacher Academy, June 26-27, 2025.
2. Meals, on-site transportation, conference materials and shirts will be provided.
3. Students who attend the Academy, and who receive admission to MSU and enroll in AFNR Education with an emphasis on teaching, will receive a scholarship.
4. Academy participants will be recognized on stage at the upcoming State FFA Convention.

## General Guidelines

1. High school juniors entering their senior year may apply. High school sophomores entering their junior year may apply. A student may participate in the academy only once.
2. Must attend the Academy scheduled for June 26-27, 2025 on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.
3. Must meet the application deadline, submitted online by May 1 at <https://michiganffa.org/association/applications/>
4. Must include with the application an official copy of the applicant's most recent high school transcript and a wallet size or larger photograph of the applicant.
5. To receive a scholarship, the applicant must:
  - Attend the academy.
  - Be admitted to Michigan State University within three years after graduating from high school.
  - Select the AFNR Education teaching major as your MSU college major.
6. Must be willing to write thank-you notes to the program and Scholarships sponsors. Names and addresses will be provided.

## Sponsors



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# Application

*Available at [www.michiganffa.org](http://www.michiganffa.org)*

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Home FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Home FFA Advisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown Newsletter: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide all that apply: High School GPA and Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Pre-ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

My preferred button up style shirt size is (please check box below):

Male: S M L XL 2XL Female: S M L XL 2XL

## A. Please check all of the following that you agree to:

- ☐ Yes, I understand by applying for acceptance to the Academy, I am exhibiting a sincere desire and strong intentions of pursuing a career as a high school AFNR Educator and FFA advisor.
- ☐ Yes, I understand if selected for the Academy, I must be willing to attend both days of the Academy at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan on the dates established.
- ☐ Yes, I understand if selected for the Academy, I will be recognized on stage at the upcoming state FFA convention in East Lansing, Michigan.
- ☐ Yes, I understand if selected for the academy, I will be expected to write thank-you notes to the appropriate sponsors.
- ☐ Yes, I understand if I participate in the Academy, I will be required to meet admission standards for enrollment at Michigan State University and that I must enroll at MSU majoring in the AFNR Education option within three years after graduation from high school to be eligible for the Academy Scholarship Program.

B. Briefly explain in the space provided why you are strongly considering the AFNR Education teaching profession as your number one career choice.

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C. List your top five non-competitive FFA leadership activities, including but not limited to Fall Leadership Conference, WLC, SLCCO, SLCRO, State Convention, National Convention, Workshops, Committees and Community Involvement. List each activity only once.

1. _____	Year(s) achieved _____
2. _____	Year(s) achieved _____
3. _____	Year(s) achieved _____
4. _____	Year(s) achieved _____
5. _____	Year(s) achieved _____

D. List your top five competitive FFA activities, including but not limited to, fairs and shows, career development events, proficiency awards, chapter officers, and star awards.

1. _____	Year(s) achieved _____
2. _____	Year(s) achieved _____
3. _____	Year(s) achieved _____
4. _____	Year(s) achieved _____
5. _____	Year(s) achieved _____

**E. List your top five Non-FFA activities, accomplishments, and/or Community Involvement:**

1. _____	Year(s) achieved _____
2. _____	Year(s) achieved _____
3. _____	Year(s) achieved _____
4. _____	Year(s) achieved _____
5. _____	Year(s) achieved _____

**F. (To be completed by the current AFNR Educator of the applicant.)**  
Briefly summarize the qualifications, career intentions and the suitability of this student to attend Michigan State University to obtain an AFNR Education teaching degree and to become a successful AFNR Educator and FFA advisor in Michigan.

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Applicant Signature

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Agricultural Education Instructor Signature

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Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent, H.S. Principal or Counselor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- Please include an official copy of your most recent high school transcript.
- For press release purposes, please include a wallet size or larger photograph of yourself. A photo in Official FFA Dress is preferred. However, a school photograph or equivalent is acceptable.
- No additional pages, photographs, or additional materials may be submitted.

**Submitted online by May 1 at**  
**<https://michiganffa.org/association/applications/>**