

Alabama Affiliate Membership

Questions and Answers

1. Who is eligible for Alabama FFA Affiliate Membership? What is the purpose?

Affiliate membership is designed to ensure that every student enrolled in an Agriscience Course has access to all the benefits of an FFA program and the chapter's activities as long as they are in good standing with the advisor and school policies. Affiliate membership allows all students enrolled in an Agriscience class to benefit from all three components of the Agricultural Education "three component model."

2. How do I declare that my Chapter will be utilizing the Alabama FFA Affiliate Option?

The FFA Advisor or Chapter Officer Team will submit Chapter Declaration online through the chapter profile at www.ffa.org by October 1.

3. How will I enter membership in into www.ffa.org?

Nothing about the method of entering members has changed. The advisor will continue to log in to his/her ffa.org account and input membership or through the AET. Each student enrolled in Agriscience Courses will now be entered as Student 1 year members. Do not duplicate members!! For assistance please contact the Montgomery Office by phone at (334) 242-9112.

4. How will I know how much I owe for my chapter's affiliation membership dues?

The membership invoice may be found by visiting www.alabamaffa.org and clicking on the membership tab. Once you have downloaded the membership invoice click the tab at the bottom of the Excel document that says Affiliate Fee Schedule. Find the range in which your enrollment falls. Return to the invoice tab and select the amount from the drop down menu and then select the correct number of members you have entered into www.ffa.org. This amount includes the \$100.00 Chapter fee and National, State, and District FFA membership dues.

5. What is the deadline for submitting membership?

Membership deadlines may be found on the www.alabamaffa.org website. The only additional date is the Chapter Affiliation Declaration, which is due by October 1.

6. Can a student who was not enrolled in an Agriscience Course this year be an FFA member?

Yes, provided that: 1.) they have had at least one Agriscience course and been a member the previous year, 2.) they are in high school, 3.) they maintain an active SAE, 4.) your Chapter constitution allows for that membership. You will count those students in addition to your enrollment number and submit them on your roster for State approval.

7. What is an example of how the affiliate cycle works? Next year I will be billed for this year's membership?

First year affiliate membership is based on the number of students on your **membership roster before April 1**. After April 2 those members will be added to the total for year two. Example: 50 members are entered into AgCN before April 1. You will be billed \$635.00 (which includes your \$100.00 chapter fee) If you enter 50 more on or after April 2, the next year's affiliate membership will be based on the total membership of 100. In essence, year two membership and chapter fee will be \$1,140.00. The Invoice for the subsequent year will be based on the previous year's membership (post April 2 membership) as of August 31. (At this point all membership is 100% of the students enrolled in your Agriscience courses) and will continue as such year after year.

8. Is this something that my chapter should vote on in a meeting?

Yes, a cost analysis and a best management practice discussion should be discussed and voted on during a chapter meeting and possibly added to your chapter's constitution and bylaws. This being done to determine if Affiliate membership is a viable option for your chapter.

9. Can my chapter be an Alabama and National affiliate member if every student enrolled in Agriscience courses is not a FFA member?

No.

10. Is Affiliate membership mandatory?

No. Alabama Affiliate FFA Membership was voted on at the 86th annual Alabama FFA Convention and passed by the delegate body as an **option** for chapters to use. Standard FFA membership on a per student basis is still an option.

11. I (the agriscience instructor or delegated chapter officer) have input all students enrolled in agriscience coursework into www.ffa.org and am currently ready to submit payment. What do I do?

The Chapter Affiliation Declaration should have been submitted online before October 1.