

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
FOR A
YOUNG FARMER CHAPTER

Constitution

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section A – The name of this organization shall be the Warren County Young Farmer Chapter.

Sections B – Purpose for which the chapter is formed:

The primary purpose of the chapter is to promote and improve the local young farmer program.

In attaining the primary purpose, the chapter shall provide guidance and leadership to:

- a. Aid and interest out-of-school young farmers in a systematic and organized educational program in farming.
- b. Bridge the gap between the high school and the time when they normally take active part in adult farmer organizations.
- c. Assist the teacher of vocational agriculture in planning and carrying out a program of classroom and on-farm instruction designed to meet the needs of young farmers.
- d. Cooperate with agencies and organizations in activities that contribute to the improvement of farm life.
- e. Provide opportunity for young farmers to develop their ability to participate effectively in group activities.
- f. Participate in worthwhile community activities.
- g. Provide recreational activities for young farmers and their families.
- h. Make the young farmer program an integral part of the program of the school.

Article II – Organization

Section A – The Warren County Chapter is an organization for out-of-school young men who are engaged in farming and enrolled in a young farmer class in vocational agriculture.

Section B – The local teacher of agriculture shall be the advisor of the chapter.

Section C – The fiscal year for the chapter shall be July 1 to June 30.

Article III – Membership

Section A – Membership shall be active, associate, and honorary.

Section B – Active membership shall be limited to young people who are enrolled in a young farmer class for systematic instruction in vocational agriculture that are 40 years of age and under, have paid local chapter and state association dues, and received a majority vote of members.

Sections C – Associate membership – same as active membership except young men are over thirty –five years of age and are eligible to hold an office, serve as voting delegates, or participate in YFA contests for individual members.

Sections D – Honorary membership shall be open to individuals who have rendered an outstanding contribution to the local young farmer chapter and receive a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

Article IV – Degrees of Membership

Section A – There shall be two (2) degrees of active membership, based upon years of membership and active participation in the program of systematic instruction in agriculture. These are: (1) 1-year degree and (2) 3-year degree.

Section B – 1 Year degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Be regularly enrolled in a young farmer class in vocational agriculture and have a satisfactory farming program in operation.
2. Have attended at least four (4) meetings of a young farmer class and one (1) business meeting of the local young farmer chapter within any one (1) year.
3. Have an earnest and sincere desire to become a member.
4. Receive a majority vote of members present at a regular meeting of the local chapter.
5. Pay state and local dues as is required by constitution and bylaws.

Section C – 3 Year degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Have completed three (3) years of active participation in a local young farmer class and chapter. (This record must be on file in the department of vocational agriculture at the local high school.)
2. Must have attended more than half of the class meetings each year and over half of the organization meeting each year.
3. Be familiar with provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the local and state young farmer organizations.
4. Receive a majority vote of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Article V – Officers

Section A – The Officers of the Warren County Young Farmer Chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, and advisor.

Article VI – Committees

Sections A – Executive Committee – Elected officers and retiring president shall constitute this committee.

Sections B – Standing Committee – These committees may include a leadership committee, farming program committee, finance committee, and recreation committee.

Sections C – Special Committee – These committees may be appointed as need arises.

Article VII – Meetings

Section A – The regular meetings shall be held Weekly, Jan.-March.

Section B – Special meetings may be called by the president.

Section C – One-half of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Article VIII – Emblem and Colors

Sections A – The emblem and colors of the Kentucky Young Farmer Association shall be the emblem for the chapter.

Article IX – Amendments

Sections A – The constitution and by-laws may be at a regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present if it is in agreement with the state association constitution and provided that there is a quorum present.