

Washington State FFA Membership Eligibility

FFA Membership Eligibility Requirements

Article IV. Section B. of the [Washington FFA Constitution and Bylaws](#) outlines the following requirements for FFA student membership eligibility:

To be eligible for active membership in a chartered FFA chapter, a student must be enrolled in a secondary agricultural education program. Washington FFA Association considers “secondary education programs” to be grades 7-12. To become an active member and retain membership, a student must:

1. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study; **either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program**, the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career.
2. Show an interest in, and take part in, the affairs of the chapter by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
3. Pay all current state and national dues by the date determined by the chapter. **Additional local and district dues may be required by each local FFA chapter.**
4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.

Additional Information

- Students must be enrolled in a course at least 1 term, each school year or follow a **“planned course of study”** to be an eligible FFA member.
- The **“planned course of study”** could be specifically related to an agriculture field they are interested in, but ultimately the individuals signing off are the local agricultural education teachers on the experience.
- Regardless of how they intend to meet the requirement for eligibility, **students must be enrolled in the school district that is affiliated with the FFA chapter.**
- For all homeschool students, running start students, or students that find it difficult to fit an agricultural education course in their busy academic schedule in a given school year, they still need to have a **“planned course of study”** in the area of agricultural education with the school district to be eligible in a given school year. This is usually granted to students that have already completed courses earlier in their high school experience and are now finding it difficult to fit a course in their limited schedule.
- The State FFA Advisor ultimately leaves the decision up to each individual school district and the local agricultural education teachers how they intend to help FFA members meet the state requirement to **maintain** eligibility.
- For **new FFA members** to be added to a yearly roster the local school district must have a certified agricultural education teacher serving in the role of FFA advisor.
- Washington FFA Association is a **recognized** Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in Washington State that is connected to Perkins funding eligibility.

