

## **Section VIII Wisconsin FFA Alumni Policies**

### **Qualifying for and Funding Section VIII-sponsored Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) Scholarships**

The auctions conducted at the spring and fall FFA Alumni Section VIII business meetings were instituted to encourage and support participation in the FFA Washington Leadership Program by FFA members from Section VIII chapters.

The following policy outlines the procedures and requirements that will govern distribution of the auction revenue.

- I. The Section VIII representatives will manage the Sectional WLC Scholarship program and will report the results of the previous year program at the following fall meeting.
- II. To be eligible to qualify for a scholarship alumni chapters must meet the following criteria:
  - Be an active Wisconsin FFA Alumni chapter in Section VIII
  - Annual Sectional dues must be paid – these support expense stipends of Sectional Representatives and the state proficiency award sponsored by the Section.
  - A minimum of one item donated for both fall and spring auctions during current school year.
  - At least one item purchased at both fall and spring auctions during current school year
  - The WLC scholarship application form must be submitted to the Sectional Representatives by the established deadline.
  - FFA members awarded a scholarship must send a written thank you to Section VIII FFA Alumni (c/o Sectional Representatives) and their local FFA Alumni chapter by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- III. Disbursement of Funds
  - Proceeds of the fall and spring auctions of the current school year will be equally divided by the number of eligible Alumni chapters plus the Bethany Rieth Fund of the Wisconsin FFA Foundation to calculate the minimum scholarship available to each qualified chapter. That minimum will be communicated to eligible chapters within 10 days after the spring meeting.
    - The spring Sectional meeting will be held in March so that chapters and members can be informed of the minimum scholarship available before the deadline to register for WLC.
  - Advisors of eligible chapters will verify with Sectional Representatives that an FFA member has participated.
  - If not all qualified chapters have a member attend WLC, the Sectional Representatives will recalculate, increasing the scholarship amounts for those chapters with a WLC participant.
  - Funds will be disbursed after the last WLC session of the summer and the Sectional Representatives have received the thank you correspondence from WLC participants.