



It Is Time to Register for the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Hybrid Convention

This year's convention, though it will look different than past years, is gearing up to be a great event. Sections 6, 8, and 9 are hosting the 41st Annual Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters annual meeting February 13, 2021 at the Hyatt Regency/KI Center in Green Bay. As a hybrid convention, there is also an option to register to participate online instead for those choosing not to travel. The schedule of events will be the same for in person and virtual option, except obviously no meals or on site registration for virtual attendees.

The major changes that are occurring because of Covid restrictions are that the event is being held only one day and there will not be any live auctions as part of the convention this year. In place of the live auction, there will be an online auction that runs from February 1 thru February 14, 2021.

This year's convention will feature an upbeat opening session, section meetings, the annual business meeting, award recognitions, State FFA Officers Reflection program, retiring President's address and various workshops. There is a lunch included for all in-person attendees, as well as, a dinner option for those who choose to stay. This is a great opportunity to collaborate with other Alumni members across the state and gain valuable information to take home and share with your local members.

Due to the hybrid option, all award nominees will be notified that they were nominated via email and they will be asked for a photo for the awards presentation.

All of the convention registration information, hotel registration and auction details can be found at <https://wisconsinaged.org/alumni/events/> and we will provide many of the details in this newsletter as well. All CDC and Health Department guidelines will be utilized on site and the hotel itself has a GBAC (Global Bio-risk Advisory Council) STAR Facility Accreditation for their health protocols.



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Convention Details

- Registration for the virtual event will include zoom meeting check ins, with various links for various events, depending on sections and workshop choices later.
- You will receive a personal email to confirm your choices and then the zoom links will be sent to you.
- Schedule Highlights:
 - 8 am - On site Registration opens
 - 10 am - Welcome Session
 - 10:45 am - Individual Section meetings
 - Noon - Lunch
 - 12:30 pm - Business Session/Annual meeting - presentation of financial report, budget, voting for VP, etc. (Valid memberships will be verified prior to convention to allow for voting)
 - 1:30 pm—Awards Recognition
 - 2 pm - WI FFA State Officer Team Reflections Program
 - 2:30 pm - WI FFA Alumni & Supporter President's Retiring Address
 - 3:15 pm - Workshops
 1. Website resources, grants, membership and more
 2. How to work with your agriculture teacher
 3. How to attract young members and keep them involved
 4. Supercharge your social media
 5. Virtual Engagement: How to take the “zzz” out of Zoom and more
 6. New council member orientation
 7. Technology/Google apps
 8. Upcoming convention planning committee options
 - 4:30 pm - Optional Meal, No Program

Hotel/KI Center Covid 19 Protocol/Procedures

- All staff enter the hotel through an entrance that has been designated for temperature checks. If anyone has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, they are not allowed to enter the building.
- All employees in the hotel are required to wear face masks at all times.
- When serving food, the serving team will be wearing masks and gloves.
- Any food items that they serve are covered, wrapped or individually packaged. They are serving fully plated meals and there is no pre-plated items.
- Water stations with disposable cups and napkins with signs to use napkins when dispersing water. All beverages are served in disposable cups.
- Tables arranged for social distancing.
- Meeting room tables and chairs, public areas and sleeping rooms are treated with a system call PureChem which eliminates 99.997% of bacteria and viruses. PureChem is non-toxic and non-hazardous. They are sprayed after each use.
- They have hand sanitizers throughout the meeting space and hotel.
- Reservations can be made at <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/GRBRG/G-FF21>
- If there is a state or county mandated shut down, meal refunds will be provided and we would still go ahead virtually.
- All CDC and county health department guidelines for the current Covid 19 circumstances on the date of the event will be required, including masks, social distancing, etc.

Convention Registration Types

1. In Person Event w/ Lunch included - \$ 25.00 per person.
 - The plated Lunch includes Herb crusted chicken breast, mashed potatoes, vegetable, coffee, tea, milk & cookie.
 - With this registration, you are also given the option to purchase an additional plated dinner for \$ 35.00 per person.
 - This dinner includes Sirloin beef tips with fettucine pasta, vegetable, salad, roll, coffee, tea, milk & chocolate layered cake.
2. Virtual Event - \$ 5.00
3. Virtual Workshop Participation Only - Free

You may register online at <https://wisconsinaged.org/alumni/convention/register/> or the form is included on the next page.

When you register online, please note that it is not confirmed until the payment is received. You have the option to use PayPal for a fee, or checks may be sent to the address indicated.

Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters Online Auction

The fund-raising committee has been working hard to get some nice donations for our online auction this year. The auction will kick off at 9 AM on February 1, 2021 and close at 5 PM February 14, 2021. Once O'Brien Auctioneers gets the auction line up completed the link to our specific auction will be able to be found at <https://wisconsinaged.org/alumni/events/>.

Some of the items already received includes a set of Kondex combine concaves, an FFA Rowe Pottery crock, Rosemall plate, 2022 FFA Alumni 50th anniversary collector tractor and gift baskets.

Please be sure to check out the website when the event gets closer and try to make a purchase to help support our mission of supporting FFA Alumni chapters throughout the state so that they can help their chapters and students.

Alumni joins with Foundation to Offer FFA Chapter Support Grants

As a team project, two weeks ago we launched a Chapter Assistance Grant program, with \$10,000 in Foundation Star Mission funding, and a \$10,000 contribution from the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association. The funds are in direct response to a survey of Wisconsin FFA Chapters and will help fund dues payments, chapter operations, classroom supplies, and/or other critical needs facing our chapters. A committee of representatives from the Foundation and Alumni will award funds later this month .

Congratulations to National Winners

This year's national FFA convention was held as a virtual event. Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters was named the Outstanding State Association for the third year in a row. Denmark FFA Alumni & Supporters were recognized as the Outstanding Chapter in the nation for the second year in a row and Candie Lehto of the Oconto Falls FFA Alumni & Supporters was presented the national Outstanding Achievement Award. Congratulations to everyone!



2021 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention

Registration Form

Saturday, February 13, 2021

- It is vital to include email and/or phone number for texts so that you may be notified of changes, and it will be used for setting up meetings, etc.
- All attendees must be registered to take part in convention events.
- All online registration will close on 1/10/2021.
- In the event of facility closure due to Covid 19 restrictions, food costs will be refunded.
- Hotel reservations are the responsibility of each individual attending. The room block closes 1/15/2021.

FFA Alumni Chapter: _____	Section: _____
Name/Names: _____	
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____	
Email: _____	

<u>Package Options</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Virtual Only Registration - Participate in all of the convention activities from home utilizing various zoom links. This will include a welcome session, section meetings, business meeting and workshop options. - \$5.00 Per Person		
In Person Registration - Attend the convention at the KI Center for the welcome session, section meetings, luncheon, business meeting, reflections, closing session and workshops. If you register for in person, there is also a dinner option. Lunch is included in this registration and includes Herb Crusted Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Coffee, Tea, Milk & Cookie. \$25.00 Per Person		
Dinner Option for In Person Attendees - Dinner Menu includes Sirloin Beef Tips over Fettuccine, Vegetable, Salad, Roll, Coffee, Tea, Milk & Chocolate Layered Cake for additional fee of \$ 35.00 Per Person		
Workshop Only - Participate in one of the one hour live workshops at 3:15 PM via zoom. - Free		
Total Registration Cost		

Make Checks Payable and mail to:

2021 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention
 Janet Schneider, Convention Treasurer
 N6291 County Rd G, Saint Cloud, WI 53079
 Or Call: 920-948-7110

Additional Questions, please contact:

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