

# National Outstanding/Pioneer Affiliate Award Application (Revised 11/2003)

**Local Affiliates:** Submit to your state office in accordance with state deadlines

**State Associations:** Submit to the National FFA Alumni Office, 6060 FFA Drive, PO Box 68960, Indianapolis, IN 46268-0960

To be judged all entries submitted to National **must** be postmarked by **July 1**

**Please check on of the following:**

National Outstanding Affiliate

National Pioneer (For newly chartered affiliates - 3 or less years)

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Report for the year beginning (mm/dd/yy) 01/01/04 and ending (mm/dd/yy) 12/31/04

Number of paid members: Annual 35 Life 451

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## DIVISION 1 (15 POINTS)

List instructional activities (one per line) conducted for agricultural education and/or supervised agricultural experience programs of students:

	# Alumni Participants	#FFA Participants	\$ Value or # Hours
1. Maintain 10 passenger van w/phone for Ag Ed, FFA & Alumni use, purchased by Alumni	486	240	22,500
2. Provide educational scholarships for students going beyond H.S. education	486	18	\$2600
3. FFA Contest Team Coaches/judges (12 career development teams/speaking contests)	12	60	50 hrs
4. Sponsored State Proficiency Award presented at State FFA Convention	486	18	\$560
5. Sponsored 2 week Gold Emblem Exchange student to Encampment, Wyoming	486	25	\$450
6. Denmark FFA Parent/Member Awards Banquet awards sponsorships	486	240	\$700
7. Provided Supervised Ag Experience job stations for students in Ag Classes	102	84	2425hrs
8. Speakers in the classroom and volunteer teaching assistants during project units	16	128	92 hours
9. Chaperones for various FFA educational workshops, seminars, conferences	40	90	\$860/ 150 hrs
10. Sponsored 92 FFA'ers to 11 workshops/conferences, conventions (educational)	486	108	\$3600

**DIVISION 2 (15 POINTS)**

List activities (one per line) conducted in cooperation with the FFA Chapter.

	# Alumni Participants	#FFA Participants	\$ Value or # Hours
1. Denmark FFA Worker Auction, provide luncheon, provide buyers	66	61	\$6100
2. Alumni serves lunch after seven monthly FFA chapter meetings	14	150	\$657/34 hours
3. Alumni provides "load out" services for the entire NE Livestock Show & all FFA	48	61	413 hours
4. Pay for 1/2 the cost of FFA jackets purchased by members for the first time	486	26	\$676
5. Alumni purchases books for libraries in Elementary school/FFA reads stories to kids	486	46	\$200
6. Pays for half of all Food For America Program Costs the FFA conducts in community	486	46	\$450
7. Ag Career Day for entire Middle School/FFA & Alumni organized and conducted	486	53	\$328/96 hours
8. Alumni provides breakfast for State FFA Officer visit with local FFA members	486	88	\$150
9. Assist with Brown County Breakfast on the Farm Activity hosting 7,000 plus people	22	36	290 hrs
10. Hosted reception for FFA Veteran's Day Program with community Vets & Students	12	85	\$200

**DIVISION 3 (15 POINTS)**

List activities (one per line) conducted to finance FFA or FFA Alumni Activities.

	# Alumni Participants	#FFA Participants	\$ Value or # Hours
1. Nut and Bolt Sale conducted to raise funds for FFA Alumni treasury	85	12	\$1832/ 182 hrs
2. Blue & Gold Golf Classic, Invitational golfing at Wander Springs, \$\$for scholarships	63	8	\$5531/ 210 hrs
3. Annual Denmark FFA Alumni Raffle with 98 prizes given to winners	186	24	\$2488/ 248 hrs.
4. FFA Annual Fruit & Nut Sale, delivery in December, to raise \$ for student chapter	93	190	\$11,000 342 hrs
5. FFA Alumni Spring Fruit Sale , raising \$ to finance and support student activities	142	12	\$1700/ 36 hrs
6. Whitetails Unlimited Banquet, Whipp's Ballroom, Raffle & Auction, \$for conservation	21	7	\$3210/ 18 hrs.
7. Resale of market animals purchased (of our FFA Mem) at Northeast Jr. Livestock	11	9	\$685
8. State FFA Alumni Convention Foundation Auction, Denmark donated many items	12	21	\$215
9. National FFA Alumni Convention Auction, Denmark FFA Alumni donated many items/7	12	16	\$400
10. Brown County Fair Food Booth, serving food the entire county fair period	166	45	\$8500/ 230hrs

**DIVISION 4 (10 POINTS)**

List activities (one per line) conducted at other than the local level.

	# Alumni Participants	#FFA Participants	\$ Value or # Hours
1. Delegates to the State FFA Alumni Convention in Steven's Point	15	0	120hrs
2. Delegates to the National FFA Alumni Convention in Louisville, Kentucky	5	0	20 hrs.
3. Hosted Section IX FFA Alumni Meeting Meal and Auction at DJ's, Denmark	64	0	185 hrs.
4. Hosted Farm Tours for handicapped in area schools (not our district) Kuffel Farm	6	12	43 hrs.
5. Supplied labor at 3 area "Breakfasts On The Farm" in nearby counties	15	3	53 hrs.

**DIVISION 5 (10 POINTS)**

List activities (one per line) conducted of a social or fellowship nature.

	# Alumni Participants	#FFA Participants	\$ Value or # Hours
1. Appreciation Night, held at "The Coop", all you can eat Brats, Desserts, Relishes	110	0	220 hrs.
2. Denmark FFA Alumni Board Christmas Party, Tony Pribyl home	34	0	112 hrs.
3. Spanferkle (Pig Roast) for all members and spouses	95	0	185 hrs.
4. Danish Days participation by selling food and helping with other preparations	23	5	112 hrs.
5. Participation in Denmark Lion's Parade with a float/Candy dispersal/costumes	14	4	56 hrs.
6. Participation in Maribel Parade with FFA Van and candy dispersal and costumes	6	3	21 hrs.
7. Participation in FFA Foundation Golf Outing by some of our Alumni members	4	0	33 hrs.
8. Christmas Caroling with FFA members visiting homes of elderly & Alumni friends	6	28	112 hrs
9. Helped to conduct a Christmas Party and meal for Senior Citizens in Denmark	4	21	75 hrs.
10. Helped chaperone and participate in FFA dances at both the Middle & High Schools	28	245	86 hrs.

**DIVISION 6 (15 POINTS)**

List recruitment activities (one per line) for FFA Alumni membership.

	# Alumni Involved
1. Sponsored the main speaker at the FFA Veteran's Day Program for the Middle School, Dale Beaty	14
2. Provided pamphlets/career materials/folders/pencils/for all Denmark 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders covering AG	23
3. Organized Ag Speakers and Field Trip for all 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders in Denmark Public Schools, Dairy Nutrition	7
4. Organize and Host 3 Agribusiness Tours for all 2 <sup>nd</sup> Graders in School District/Dairy/Sheep/Calf Bus.	14
5. Publish separate Denmark FFA ALumni Newsletter 6 times yearly, sent to over 500 in community	486
6. Place promotional ad in local newspaper honoring our FFA members during FFA Week	12
7. Invited community supporters from year's events to Appreciation Night at "The Coop"	12
8. Provides Life Membership as a GIFT to each out-going Denmark FFA Chapter President	486
9. Send a newsletter and "Invite to Join the Alumni" to parents of all freshman and M.S. Ag students	138
10. Multiple news articles put in our local paper as well as the Green Bay Press Gazette	15
Results: We are very happy to note that, even though our membership numbers are already high, we consistently increase our life membership each year, often welcoming our graduating senior FFA members to the ranks.	

**DIVISION 7 (20 POINTS)**

Choose one activity from each of the 6 divisions and complete the following detailed analysis sheets. Include supporting photos and/or newspaper articles on back of each page. All photos and newspaper articles must be dated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Local FFA Alumni President

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State FFA Alumni President or Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Local FFA Advisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Submitted

**DIVISION 1:**

INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITY conducted for agricultural education and/or supervised agricultural experience programs of students.

**Name of Activity:** 2. Provide Educational Scholarships

**Goals/Objectives:** (What did you want to accomplish?)

Our goal is to promote further education for all of our agriculture students and FFA members. We want to help them in any way possible to attend a technical college or 4 year college of their choice. We obviously would like to see more talented young people go into agriculture fields. However, we know that many people choose their fields of expertise "enroute" to a completely different field. We therefore do not specify that their major must be an area of agriculture. We do have some memorial scholarships that are offered from alumni families that make those specifications. We certainly honor those requests. Last year we presented over fifteen scholarships to graduating FFA members. We want to increase those scholarships each year if possible. We have noticed an increase in students choosing to go on to technical school, and hope to increase that number by encouraging them.

**Plan of action:** (Who, what, when, where, how?)

**WHO:** Graduating FFA members in Denmark High School and FFA

**WHAT:** Over \$3000 in scholarships

**WHEN:** Given after their 1<sup>st</sup> semester of college/tech school upon showing a grade average of at least a "C" (In a couple cases we have had students put off their school entry date due to family circumstances, and therefore have allowed the scholarship to be held for one year).

**WHERE:** Given at the annual FFA Awards Banquet in April, 2003

**Results/evaluation:** (What was accomplished?)

We are proud of our young people that have taken advantage of these scholarships and pursued further education. We believe that many have done so because of the encouragement these scholarships have given them. It certainly does not cover the major portion of their education, but it lets them know that there is a large group of people that believe in them and are there for support. With this in mind, it is definitely a valuable investment in our youth and in our future. We have seen an increase in number of students choose to attend technical college since we began to offer scholarships. We hope this trend continues. We also hope to have a few larger scholarships to offer to those choosing the 4 year college after high school graduation.

**DIVISION 2:**

ACTIVITIES conducted in cooperation with the FFA Chapter.

**Name of Activity:** 7. Ag Career Day**Goals/Objectives:** (What did you want to accomplish?)

The major goal of this entire event is to expose all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in our school district to the many agricultural careers there are open to them. We wish to get them thinking about the many possibilities open to them, rather than just a few. We have found that often times, counselors and other teachers do not know enough about agriculture to feel comfortable in covering the topic well. We would like to solve this problem for them, and make it a fun learning experience for them. We also want to utilize the expertise we have in our own community. We have many FFA Alumni members in agricultural occupations that are eager to share their knowledge with our students. Our Middle School FFA is also full of eager members (about 90) who are anxious to help in this endeavor.

**Plan of action:** (Who, what, when, where, how?)

**WHO:** All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Denmark Public Schools, and as many Parochial schools as are willing.  
**WHAT:** A dozen to 15 speakers on agriculture, heard during an entire afternoon at school.  
**WHEN:** We chose a day in February, when our principal, the ag instructor, other teachers, and the FFA members felt would be best.  
**WHERE:** We had the cooperation of all teachers and administrators, and were allowed to use all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms in our middle school.  
**HOW:** Speakers were contacted, rooms assigned, and all students were rotated around the building according to a timed schedule so that they would hear all speakers. Folders were given to students, with materials, brochures, and even a test on presentations that was submitted for prizes afterward. Speakers used demonstrations and visuals as well as simply talking, making it fun for all.

**Results/evaluation:** (What was accomplished?)

The results were fantastic. Evaluations of our speakers and program were rated very highly by the other staff members in our school. We had about 35 Parochial school students participate as well. Following the day's activities, our alumni and FFA jointly served a "Baked Potato Luncheon" with all sorts of delicious toppings prepared by many of our FFA Alumni ladies. It was an opportunity to thank the speakers, who donated all of their time, and a great opportunity for teachers, FFA members, and alumni members to socialize and learn a great deal in the process. We were blessed with a wonderful administration and faculty who welcomed this program, and allowed us to have an entire morning to run this program on an "inservice" day. The afternoon, students did not have school. It worked so well that we plan to continue this every other year, so we reach every 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grader.

**DIVISION 3:**

ACTIVITIES conducted to finance FFA or FFA Alumni activities.

**Name of Activity:** 10. Brown County Fair Food Booth**Goals/Objectives:** (What did you want to accomplish?)

Our Brown County Fair has been in a downward spiral for several years. Student exhibits in 4-H and FFA have dwindled and attendance has gotten steadily worse. Our new ag instructor was asked to be on the Fair Board, along with one of our FFA Alumni members, and they also became very concerned about the whole future of the fair, especially the educational value to our county's youth. In a concentrated effort to improve the entire fair and turn the tides around, many new things were tried this year. Our FFA Alumni was asked to play a major role by running a food booth during the entire fair. It was one effort among many that the board implemented this year, and definitely a large risk involving both a LARGE commitment of time from our members to man the booth, as well as money to run it. We originally thought to be mainly for the betterment of the fair, and maybe make us some \$\$!

**Plan of action:** (Who, what, when, where, how?)

**WHO:** This involved MANY alumni members and a couple extremely committed ones to get all organized. Our alumni president and his wife took on the tremendous responsibility of organization. Alumni board members attended meetings to find out regulations, get tents and equipment lined up, and much more.

**WHAT:** Food was ordered, schedules of workers was made, and LOTS of phone calling was done.

**WHEN:** The Alumni served Breakfast to all the livestock exhibitors and worked through the day until about 11:30 p.m. (6 a.m.-11:30 p.m.) The booth operated for the entire 5 day period of the Brown County Fair during August 2003.

**WHERE:** The fair is held at the Brown County Fairgrounds in DePere, WI

**HOW:** Members and especially the chairwoman, worked hours scheduling members of our Denmark FFA Alumni to work. Many FFA members from both the middle school and high school worked also.

**Results/evaluation:** (What was accomplished?)

The results were better than any of us had hoped for. We made over \$7300 at this event. The comments from both exhibitors and the general public that attended the fair were much more favorable than they have been in many years. There is still a great deal of room for improvement, but the direction has definitely changed for the positive. As far as the profit from this activity...it enabled our high school ag instructor and alumni to purchase 4 beautiful new computers and printers, along with a color scanner and DVD player for his classroom use. Students can use the computers for Proficiency award applications and State and American degrees. Our members really pulled together to tackle this mammoth job, even though we were not all convinced that we could handle it.

**DIVISION 4:**

ACTIVITIES conducted at other than the local level.

**Name of Activity:** 5. Breakfast on the Farm**Goals/Objectives:** (What did you want to accomplish?)

Our goal is to get involved in activities that help to promote agriculture and educate the public. Breakfast on the Farm is held during June in our county. It has been "revived" after many years of doing poorly and then finally being discontinued. We don't want to see that happen again. We know how important it is to let our city cousins know what agriculture and dairying is all about, as our dairy farmer numbers keep dwindling here, just like everywhere. At the same time, the dairy farmers that we do have are larger, and have more and more responsibility on their shoulders to produce a quality product while trying to make a living. If we can help inform the public of this, we will do all we can. The giant skillet used by Brown County were borrowed from a couple other counties. Therefore, another goal of our helping out at these counties, was to show our thanks.

**Plan of action:** (Who, what, when, where, how?)**WHO:** Any FFA Alumni members available**WHAT:** Cooking duties, serving duties, cleaning duties, help with petting zoo and photos**WHEN:** June, 2004**WHERE:** Brown County, Sheboygan County, Shawano County**Results/evaluation:** (What was accomplished?)

We had a super attendance of over 7,000 people at our Breakfast on the Farm in Brown County. The eggs and sausage were great and although it was a challenge, we kept up with the demand. The other two counties where we helped out, were so much more fun. (Probably because we didn't have the main responsibility of the entire event!) The friendships and appreciation showed were wonderful rewards for the day's work. We always have delegates at our State and National Conventions and try to be responsible in the work of our organization at Local, Sectional, State, and National levels. This activity was one in which we were more involved with our immediate neighbors. We feel it is worthwhile to help any time we can make a positive difference for agriculture. At this year's Breakfast on the Farm we were responsible for a petting zoo and taking photos of children with a calf !

**DIVISION 5:**

ACTIVITIES conducted of a social or fellowship nature.

**Name of Activity:** 8. Christmas Caroling with FFA and Alumni

**Goals/Objectives:** (What did you want to accomplish?)

During the holiday season, our community has always been busy collecting food and clothing items for those in need. Our FFA Alumni has been one of the most generous organizations in the entire area to continually be the first to come to the aid of those in need, or organizations that collect for the needy. This year we had many in need. We have several Alumni member getting up there in age with physical limitations that keep them close to home and unable to get out. We have had a couple members have a fire in which they lost their home. We also had 3 of our own FFA member families lose a parent very suddenly which makes for a very difficult holiday season. We decided, along with the many donations of fruit, clothing, canned items and personal items that are given during the Christmas season by our alumni, that this year we would give a little of ourselves and go carolling too.

**Plan of action:** (Who, what, when, where, how?)

**WHO:** Denmark FFA members & Alumni Members

**WHAT:** Christmas Carolling

**WHEN:** An evening during the month of December

**WHERE:** At the homes of various community members, alumni members, and the elderly

**Results/evaluation:** (What was accomplished?)

We had a wonderful evening with a mixture of people joining the singing group. There were Middle School FFA members, High School FFA members, and our FFA Alumni members. The night turned out to be RAINY, but it sure didn't slow the group down. We even had bell-ringers in the crowd. Every stop our singing got a little better. It was funny how, regardless of the musical talents displayed by the group, our greetings were wonderfully warm, and usually accompanied by a few tears. A multitude of cookies were consumed at several of the stops as well. It was an activity that taught our kids in FFA that giving comes in many forms, and probably the best form is when it comes directly from your heart and hands. Having the alumni help teach that lesson is invaluable.

**DIVISION 6:**  
RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES for FFA Alumni membership.

**Name of Activity:** 8. Life Alumni Membership to out-going FFA President

**Goals/Objectives:** (What did you want to accomplish?)

The goal is to promote membership with our FFA members who are just graduating from high school, when they should be most aware of all of the things the alumni in Denmark has done for them through their years of middle school and high school in FFA. It is also our goal to reward the president of the local chapter for a year of hard work in such an active, FFA community. Our hope is that by doing this, it may make others feel more anxious to return a little bit of themselves to a group that has given so much to them. Catching them before they leave for college and get involved in so many other exciting times of their life, we thought may be a wise thing as well.

**Plan of action:** (Who, what, when, where, how?)

**WHO:** Out-going Denmark FFA President

**WHAT:** Complimentary LIFETIME FFA Alumni membership in the Denmark Alumni

**WHEN:** Awarded/presented at the Annual Awards Banquet

**WHERE:** CLiff & Ciels Banquet Hall

**HOW:** Presented by our Alumni Board Representative (usually the president)

**Results/evaluation:** (What was accomplished?)

This generous gesture on the part of the Denmark FFA Alumni has been very well received by all. The president of the FFA has been so very appreciative. As we had hoped, it definitely encouraged other graduating officers to dig into their own pockets and come up with a check for the cost of a Lifetime membership. Since this practice was begun five years ago, there has not been a year that at least half of the graduating officers have joined and presented their membership dues at the annual Awards Banquet. In this way we believe we are helping to recruit new blood into our alumni.

