**Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Jacket Program**

Over the past 17 years, we have been thrilled to provide over 6,000 FFA members with jackets as the first step into what we all know is a life-changing organization. Unfortunately, such growth and success often brings growing pains. In response, there will be changes to the program beginning next year. The changes are outlined below.

1. Eligibility: Members of FFA Chapters in 7th – 10th grades are eligible to receive a Jacket through this program, providing they have not received a jacket through the program previously. There is no longer a requirement they be a first year FFA member. Recipients must be entered on an official FFA roster that has been submitted and approved by the State and National levels prior to November 15.
2. The PA FFA Alumni will guarantee that each chartered and active FFA chapter will receive 2 FFA jackets. Beyond that initial sponsorship, the rest of the jackets awarded to each chapter will be based on sponsorship received for each individual chapter or county. Additional statewide sponsorship will be utilized to balance the distribution of jackets designed by the jacket campaign committee.
3. We are asking local chapters to help in the solicitation of sponsors by sending letters to local businesses, parents, and supporters, as well as former FFA members. Different than former years, the donations you solicit may be designated for your chapter, your county, or as a statewide sponsor. The benefit to running these donations through the State Alumni Association is that students receiving jackets from such funds will be recognized and included in the ceremony during the Mid-Winter Convention. The alumni will continue to send jacket letters to individuals who sponsored the program last year.
4. During the first week of November, each chapter will be notified with the number of jackets they will be awarded at the Mid-Winter Convention in January.
5. After notification, teachers will have until November 15 to designate and enter students from their chapter who are to receive a jacket through the program. Please note that the selection process is taking place on the local level and there will no longer be applications sent to the state for selection. Local chapters should select their recipients according to chapter needs.
6. After all the information is inputted, the final jacket list will be sent for advisors to review and verify prior to ordering jackets from National FFA.