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To: FFA Chapter Advisors

From: Hugh Mooney, Assistant State FFA Advisor

Subject: 98th Annual State Leadership Conference – March 21 – 24, 2026

FFA Chapter Advisors,

Dawn, A new light. A new legacy.

This year FFA members from all corners of the state will convene in Ontario, California, March 21 - 24, 2026, for the 98th Annual State FFA Leadership Conference where student accomplishments will be celebrated. Those attending this student-led program will hear from motivational speakers, take part in educational workshops, engage with industry and colleges in the career expo, have, and attend exciting sessions in the Toyota Arena.

For the latest information and most current schedule you are encouraged to visit calaged.org once registration open on December 1st..

Timeline

December 1, 2025 – Early Registration Opens January 16, 2026 – Early Registration Closes

February 20, 2025 – To qualify for the early registration rate a school or cashier check

payable to California Association FFA or a copy of a school purchase order to cover all registration fees must be received by February 20, 2026. If mailing your forms, they must be postmarked by February 20, 2026, to be eligible for the early registration rate and mailed to: California FFA Center, State FFA Leadership Conference Registration, P.O. Box 460, Galt, CA 95632

March 4, 2026 - Online registration closes. If your chapter has not completed online registration by this date you will need to register on site.

Based on your registration, we commit to legal contracts, materials, and facilities. Therefore, once you register online it is considered final and your chapter is financially

liable. Information will be emailed in March regarding where and when to pick up registration materials.

It is our goal to provide a safe and educational activity. We will continue to monitor County and State Health Departments to ensure we are adhering to their recommendations. Any changes will be communicated to teachers of students registered to participate in the FFA activity.

Registration

Registration for the 2026 State FFA Leadership Conference will open December 1, 2025, for students, advisors, parents, industry partners, guests, etc.

Early Student Registration – Completed Prior to January 16

\$200 per student amount due per student with early registration prior to January 16

Payment must be made by the February 20th deadline to receive discounted rate.

Early Participant Registration - Completed Prior to January 16 \$200 per participant (advisor, parent, or guest) with early registration prior to January 16

Regular Student Registration – Completed After January 16 \$225 per student with regular registration after January 16

Regular Participant Registration – Completed After January 16 \$225 per participant (advisor, parent, or guest) with regular registration after January 16

Full Conference Registration Includes:

- 1. Credentials (required for all conference activities)
- 2. Conference T-Shirt
- 3. Access to Conference Program
- 4. Leadership Workshops
- 5. Career Expo
- 6. Entertainment

One-Day Registration

Once again in 2025 an option will be available to allow students to register for one day attendance. One-Day participants receive access to all conference activities for the day and a conference t-shirt.

One-Day Registration - \$100 per person.

Single Session Passes

New in 2025 will be single session passes. These passes are for those who wish to attend a Single Session. Single session passes allow access to a single session only.

Single Session Passes - \$40 per person.

Administrator's Conference

The popular Administrator Conference will return with the State Leadership Conference in 2026. The conference is coordinated through the Agricultural Education Professional Development Contract. Registration and schedule will be provided as an update on calaged.org. For planning purposes, the conference will be held Saturday March 21, and Sunday, March 22, 2026.

The latest information on the following will be posted on calaged.org when available.

- Schedule
- Hotels
- Meal Vouchers

- Leadership Workshops
- One-Day Registration
- Nominating Committee
- State Officer Candidates

Terms & Conditions

Please remember when you register your chapter for the 98th State FFA Leadership Conference you agree to the following terms and conditions:

- Liability Waiver The California Association FFA is not directly responsible for students, advisors or chaperones attending events sanctioned by the state association. Local school districts and designated advisors/chaperones are responsible for the oversight and management of themselves and their students. Local management also includes securing proper insurance and medical waivers as designated by a chapter's local school board.
- 2. Multimedia Recording and Usage Policy The California Association FFA staff and its designees may capture photos, video and other recordings of participants before, during and after events sanctioned by the state association. Please be aware that all recorded media may be used by the California Association of FFA in future print materials, online materials (including FFA websites and official social media accounts) signage, slideshows, podcasts, videos and other uses in physical and digital forms. Attendance at events sanctioned by the state association implies your consent to be photographed, videotaped and otherwise recorded for these purposes.
- 3. **Food Allergies Disclaimer –** Events sanctioned by the California Association FFA are activities that bring thousands of participants together in several activities and conferences throughout the state of California, under the supervision of their local school districts via their advisors and chaperones. All individuals with food allergies are responsible for taking necessary precautions to protect their health. Due to the nature and location of various activities, the California Association of FFA cannot provide

accommodations for food allergies or be held accountable for issues arising from food allergies.

Please reach out to either me, the state advisor or your regional supervisor should you have questions. See you in Ontario in March!