

New York State Agriculture Society FFA Chapter of the Year Award

The New York Ag Society endeavors to improve the condition of agriculture through education, leadership development and recognition programs. The Agricultural Society continues to serve the changing needs of New York State's food and agricultural industries. Each year, the New York Ag Society recognizes one FFA chapter as its FFA Chapter of the Year. Beginning in 2012, chapters can apply using this application.

Selection Criteria:

- Community Involvement (Chapters must exhibit continuous involvement in their community).
- Community Service (Chapters must engage their local community through locally relevant community service projects).
- Promotion and Improvement of Agriculture (Chapters must be involved in the promotion and improvement of an aspect of agriculture locally or statewide).

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be chapters in good standing with the State FFA Association.
- Applicants must be able to document partnership with local agriculturalists or agricultural groups.
- Applicants must be willing to attend the annual NYS Ag Society Meeting in Syracuse the first Thursday in January.
- Applicants must not have received the Ag Society Chapter of the Year award in the previous year, beginning in 2012.

Application Documents:

- **Community Involvement Synopsis** (Brief synopsis of community involvement activities that have transpired in the application year. Each listed activity should include a date, description, community contact name and purpose statement).
- **Community Service Highlight** (In depth description of a single community service activity. This highlight should emphasize the purpose of the event, the reason the chapter decided to become involved in the project, information about the goals, planning and implementation of the community service project and a student developed analysis of the project including: areas of success, areas of potential improvement and recognition of community partners.)
- **Agricultural Promotion and Improvement Synopsis** (Brief synopsis of chapter involvement in activities that focus upon agricultural promotion or improvement on state, local or national levels. Each listed activity should include a date, a description, partner contact names and a purpose statement).
- **Agricultural Promotion and Improvement Highlight** (In depth description of a single agricultural promotion or improvement activity. This highlight should emphasize the purpose of the event, the reason the chapter decided to become involved or develop the activity, information about the goals, planning and implementation of the agricultural promotion or improvement activity and a student developed analysis of the project including: areas of success, areas of potential improvement and recognition of agricultural partners.)
- **Letter of Support – Community Service Partner** (School members are ineligible)
- **Letter of Support – Agricultural Promotion and Improvement Partner** (School members are ineligible)

Chapters applying for the Ag Society Chapter of the Year award should submit all six documents electronically to: Juleah Tolosky, New York FFA Executive Secretary, jft25@cornell.edu by **April 1st**.