



## HELPING YOUTH PREPARE FOR EXCELLENCE (HYPE) ACADEMY

Growing Advocates for Missouri Agriculture

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### Application Scoring Guide - 2015

Teacher Letter of Recommendation	_____ / 10
Community Letter of Recommendation	_____ / 10
School Administrator Letter of Recommendation	_____ / 10
Narrative 1	_____ / 10
Narrative 2	_____ / 10
Narrative 3	_____ / 10
Narrative 4	_____ / 10
Narrative 5	_____ / 10
Student FFA Activities	_____ / 10
Academic Performance - Transcript	_____ / 5
Professionalism of Application	_____ / 5
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Total Points Possible	_____ / 100



## **The HYPE Academy: *Growing Advocates for Missouri Agriculture*** *Sponsored by the Missouri Corn Checkoff*

Are you a future leader in Agriculture, FFA, and your community? Are you ready to be an active member of the agricultural community and tell the agriculture story? If you answered YES, the HYPE Academy is for you! HYPE is a youth leadership conference designed to challenge and equip the TOP 30 incoming High School Senior FFA Members to be Advocates for Agriculture.

### **What is HYPE?**

These 30 FFA members will receive hands-on experiences to prepare them to communicate, lead and advocate for the Agricultural Industry. In addition, you will gain strategies to continue strengthening your knowledge base in agricultural issues, sharpen your written and verbal communication skills, and spark potential career interests. Most importantly, you will bring home tools to help you and other members in your FFA chapter tell the agriculture story!

### **When, Where, and Why HYPE?**

The HYPE Academy will challenge 30 Agricultural Education students during an intensive three-day conference July 7-9, 2015. Held at North Central Missouri College in Trenton, HYPE will build on other important FFA Leadership conferences you have participated in up to this point. Expect this leadership experience to be a hands-on, engaging academy that will provide you skills to communicate, lead and advocate for the agricultural industry.

### **How do You Apply?**

In 2015, the top 30 entering High School Seniors in 2015-16 will be selected to participate in HYPE through a competitive written application process. Students need to submit a written application with five narrative responses, academic transcript, FFA member activity form, and three letters of recommendation. One letter must be from your Agricultural Education Teacher/FFA Advisor, the second from a school administrator (superintendent or principal), and the third from a community leader that knows you and your leadership experience.

**All applications must be submitted to the Missouri FFA office no later than March 16, 2015.** There are five parts to the written application: 1) information and signatures, 2) student narratives, 3) Ag Educator/FFA Advisor recommendation, 4) community leader recommendation, 5) FFA member activity form and 6) high school academic transcript. **Please make sure that the information is correct on the application. Students will be contacted prior to attending The HYPE Academy using submitted e-mail address.** FFA members will be notified of selection by April 1, 2015.



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**July 7-9, 2015**

Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Email address (student):

Name of Parent(s):

Chapter Name:

Chapter Advisor Name:

Name and Address of High School:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size:    S        M        L        XL        XXL

(second page of application) – Narratives

1. Why would you like to participate in the 2015 Missouri FFA's HYPE Academy?

2. In what ways have you advocated for Agriculture as a member of the FFA?

3. Why do you believe Advocating for the Agricultural Industry is important in 2015 and beyond?

4. How will your engagement in the HYPE Academy enhance your career as an Agriculturalist?

5. The use of genetically modified seed, commonly referred to as GMO, in agriculture production has gained both controversy and praise. Please describe what you feel are the benefits and challenges of GMO use in modern production agriculture.

(third page of application) – FFA Member Activity Page

(Attach STATE FFA DEGREE activity pages here)