



Missouri FFA Association

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93rd Missouri State FFA Convention Update – March 29, 2021

Please use this for planning purposes for our limited in-person convention move to Sedalia, MO.

Please understand that some adjustments to our current plan may occur as we move through the last 30 days before our event.

Also see the document titled “**MO FFA Covid Response Plan – State Convention**” for more protocols.

1. **Attendance is limited** to award winners and 2 advisors/chaperones per chapter, along with parents of state officers and parents of area star recipients. A parent could be your chaperone but once again limited to (2) advisor/chaperone per chapter. There will be a livestream link where parents, supporters, and members may view the sessions.
 - a. Award winners will include: BOAC, MABA, MO Ruralist Essay, Growmark Essay, Teach Ag speaker, National Chapter Awards, top 6 finalists in LDEs, Youth in Ag Scholarships, Honorary State Degrees, New Chapters, Alumni Awards, CDE top 3 teams (except Grassland, Vet Science, or Ag Communication), all Area Proficiency awards, all Area Star awards, State Degree Recipients and the new State Officer Team.
2. If you are an **award winner** attending for a Friday AM award you are able to stay for the Friday afternoon session. If you are an award winner in the afternoon session, you are able to attend the AM session. This applies to both days. However, does not apply to an award winner on Friday and not on Saturday, and then only attend one day. We will not have any option for workshops or overflow area.
3. **Floor seating** will be reserved for award winners only. Seating in the bowl area of Mathewson Exhibition Center will be limited to every other row. Some seating areas in the bowl area will be reserved.
4. For each session, you will be asked to **submit an online form (ticket)** with who from your chapter is attending the session. This form will also need to be printed and turned in at the entrance when your chapter, as a group, enters the Mathewson Center for each session. This “ticket” is not ready yet but we will let you know when it is. We will be clearing the arena after each session. Entry doors will be opened 1 hour prior to each session start time.
5. **Student workshops** will be available at www.missouriffa.org starting the week of convention for all members. To receive the password your convention invoice for convention 2021 will need to be paid.

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6. **Area winning books** (record, scrapbook, etc.) will not be displayed. The area certifications will be used to determine distribution of state gold medals as if they were displayed. These will be in chapter packets.
7. If someone from your chapter is in attendance, but not all of your award winners, we will have a system for your chapter to sign out and pick up the awards not presented on stage after each session. If no one picks them up, we will use our supervisors to distribute the remaining unclaimed awards.
8. **We will recognize ALL area stars in all four categories.** We respectfully ask only 2 parents per star candidate attend the Star presentation. We will have seating reserved and parents will be allowed to join their member on stage. Star recognition will be done with a pod system on stage with the final 4 (selected and interviewed prior to convention) as the last pod of four in each category recognized.
9. There will be two **photographers** located in the Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall available to have chapter and individual award pictures taken, if desired.
10. **State gold medals** from CDE's and LDE's will be in packets available at the Ticket Office of Mathewson Center during all 4 sessions.
11. The Ticket Office at Mathewson Center will serve as the **Help Desk** for our convention.
12. The deadline for amendments has passed and we did not receive any amendments to the MO FFA Constitution and there are no National FFA amendments to vote on. **So our Business Session will include standard items** (voting on dues, approval of State Degrees, 2020 minutes, financial report, report of activities of officers, and nominating committee report for the 2021-2022 officer team) and will be accomplished using a pre-convention survey, with 2 votes per chapter. Results will be announced at the first session of the convention. This survey and associated documents will be distributed mid-April.
13. **No concession stands** will be open and we expect any food to be consumed outside of the arena. Please do not order pizza or other items to be delivered for lunch in the arena. This could be done in the parking lot if you desire.

There is no higher priority of the Missouri FFA Association than the health, safety and well-being of our members, staff, volunteers and community partners. As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to make decisions with this in mind. As part of the Missouri FFA Association community, we all have a responsibility to help protect each other at all times.