



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Advisors, Students, Parents and Administrators,

It is with sincere disappointment that the 2020 State FFA Leadership Conference has been cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. California FFA realizes this event is a highlight of the year for FFA members and a culminating experience for many. This decision was made based on the interest of the health and safety of participants and a greater social responsibility following input from the city of Anaheim, the State of California Governor's Office, the California Department of Education, and the Center for Disease Control. The decision to cancel the 2020 State FFA Leadership Conference was not taken lightly and we understand the disappointment of such decision.

Virtual Conference Plans:

Currently, the State FFA Officers and the California Department of Education are developing a virtual alternative to deliver the State FFA Leadership Conference and conduct the required business of the organization. Information will be released as plans for this event are finalized.

Conference Registration Refunds/Deferring Funds:

The FFA Adult Board has voted to refund or defer all registration fees for the 2020 State FFA Leadership Conference.

- **Refund option:** Refunds will be issued directly to the chapter and mailed to the school's Ag Department. Registration refunds will be issued starting April 15.
 - Chapters which paid conference registration via check/PO will have their original payment returned, provided no other fees were included in the payments and the chapter is in good financial standing.
 - Chapters which paid conference registration via credit card will be issued a refund for conference specific charges.
- **Deferring Funds:** Chapters have the option of deferring funds and carrying a monetary credit for the 2020-21 school year for association expenses.
 - Any chapter interested in applying 2020 conference registration fees to the 2020-21 school year for association expenses should email Trisha Chapman at tchapman@californiaffa.org prior to April 15.

PLEASE be patient and refrain from calling or emailing regarding refunds until after May 15. The FFA Center Staff is working diligently in processing refunds and returning checks.

Chapter secured hotel/travel reservations:

Chapters, if not already done so, should cancel all lodging reservations and make appropriate requests to cancel travel arrangements as quickly as possible.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to your Regional FFA Advisor, California FFA Center staff, or to me directly.

Sincerely,

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