



## CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

TO: FFA Chapter Advisors

FROM: Mrs. Jasmine Standridge, State FFA Leadership Development Coordinator  
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SUBJECT: **2025 CHANGE MAKERS SUMMIT CONFERENCE**

For the third time, we are pleased to offer the fourth program in our leadership and personal growth continuum, Change Makers Summit (CMS) for our fourth-year members. Students must be enrolled in an agricultural education course to participate in this program, which targets incoming high school seniors.

### CHANGE MAKERS SUMMIT

**Who:** Incoming seniors

**When:** 1 conference in July on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

**Dress:** Day 1 – CA FFA Official Dress, casual dress for dinner and night activity

Day 2 – Conference T-shirt, jeans, and close toe shoes appropriate for hands-on learning or tours and remainder of CMS day 2

**What:** Each student will:

- Map their FFA journey
- Connect their FFA journey to the agriculture industry
- Discover the career paths in agriculture
- Gain tips on effective communication when looking for internships or jobs
- Panel discussion with FFA Alumni and industry leaders
- Unlock resources to stay connected to FFA after graduating
- Expand on hands-on learning through industry tours

**Hotel Reservations:** FFA advisors are responsible for booking hotel rooms needed directly with the hotel. California FFA has organized a block of rooms for each conference on a first-come, first-served basis. The hotel block and code will be emailed to advisors after registration opens on May 21, 2025 and posted on Calaged.org to the CMS page after. Please look at the hotel list and booking information on the conference's individual registration page. Once the hotel block is full, chapters will need to look for lodging at neighboring hotels.

A few benefits of advisors booking their own rooms include:

- FFA Advisors are not required to identify student names when registering
- FFA Advisors will have more control of their own rooming lists

**Electronic Check-In/ Registration.** Computer-based check in for chapters on site please know how many students you brought; we will have t-shirts laid out by chapter based on what you registered for!

**Registration:**

Change Makers Summit for 2025 will be hosted at California State University, Fresno. The address and full site details will be included.

The early registration cost of the conference is \$175 per student, Judging Card Fees included and \$70 per advisors / chaperones, also Judging Card fees included. Registration will open Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 7:00 AM PST. ALL registration closes June 11, 2025, at 5:00 PM PST. **Online registration and payment must be submitted to Judging Card.**

A maximum of 150 seats will be available for the conference. To be certain you secure the number of seats you need, complete the registration materials, and submit payment immediately. The conference will begin promptly at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, July 17 and conclude no later than 3:00 PM Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The conference will include two (1) dinners, two (1) breakfast, and one (1) lunch.

**ALL REGISTRATION IS HANDLED ON A FIRST-COME BASIS.**

One or two weeks prior to your registered conference, you will receive an email with additional instructions. Just like every other conference, we will not be printing and handing out certificates to participants. The certificates will be available on calaged.org > Events > Change Makers Summit.

**Teacher Expectations:**

**Registration will begin at 12 noon through 12:45pm.** Please arrive between those times knowing how many students and chaperones you brought. Shirts will be laid out for advisors to grab by chapter and size(s) submitted after checking in at registration along with certificate folders. Following the start of the conference there will be an **advisor/chaperone meeting around 1:15 - 1:30pm.**

New to this conference, we are asking that advisors please drive students to and from Fresno State since the hotel is separate from the conference sessions and meals. Parking is \$5 per vehicle per day however, California FFA will absorb that cost to make the driving and parking ask agreeable for advisors and chaperones. Vehicles with a CA EXEMPT plate will NOT have to pay for parking!

Advisors / chaperones will be expected to supervise students and be present with them during breaks and be available on site in the event of an emergency or for student management. A school staff member/chaperone must always be present on site and in supervision while students are in participation at an out-of-school sponsored event.

*Liability Waiver - California 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.*

# **Change Makers Summit**

## *2025 Conference Dates and Locations*

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
Sessions	Satellite Student Union, Fresno State	2485 E. San Ramon Avenue, Fresno, CA 93740
Meals	Satellite Student Union, Fresno State	2485 E. San Ramon Avenue, Fresno, CA 93740
Lodging	Holiday Inn Express & Suites Clovis-Fresno	650 W Shaw Ave, Clovis, CA 93612

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