

District Leadership Programs

About District Convention

<u>District Conventions</u> occur in each of the six districts of the Iowa FFA Association. Each district is made up of about 40 local FFA chapters. District conventions can involve up to and more than 500 attendees.

<u>Annual Meeting of District Delegates.</u> Two members from every chapter within the district meet annually to complete multiple items of business that pertain to the district. These delegates vote on constitutional amendments, approve various reports, preview state constitutional amendments and proposals, and select the district officers who will lead the district through the next year. This annual meeting gives members the chance to voice concerns and play a role in directing the work of the district.

<u>Career Development Event (CDE) Contests Held.</u> Career Development Event and Leadership Development Event contests are held at each of the six district conventions. These events provide members with the opportunity to compete against others and develop important career and life skills. Many district events identify the state qualifiers.

Election of District Officers. During the business session, the nominating committee chair presents the district officer ballot. The officer candidates who make ballot then present a two-minute speech and answer two questions in front of the delegate body. The delegates cast their vote for the candidate who they believe is most qualified for the position. At the end of the day, the new officer team is announced and installed. Their year of service begins following the completion of the general session.

Year in Review. Throughout the general session at district convention, attendees recap the events that have occurred throughout the past year. Members and chapters are spotlighted for their hard work and success at various events. Superior National Chapter Award and Academic Achievement Award winners are recognized on stage for their accomplishments. Sponsors and supporters are also recognized for their contribution to the district and member success.

Recognition of Retiring Officers. The retiring district officer team is recognized for their year of service throughout the duration of the district convention. The officers and their support systems, including advisors and parents, are recognized on stage for their contributions to the district. The method in which the officers are specifically recognized varies by district. The general session and business session are both presented by the retiring officers before the new team is installed at the end of the event.