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News Release

West Liberty FFA Named 2026 Iowa FFA National Chapter Winner

ANKENY - The Iowa FFA National Chapter Awards will be presented during the 98th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference in Ames, on April 19-21, 2026. 45 chapters participated in this year's award program. The first-place chapter for the event is the West Liberty FFA Chapter. The Agricultural Education Instructors/FFA Advisors are Zach Morris and Elyse Buysse. The second-place chapter for the event is the Charles City FFA Chapter. The Agricultural Education Instructors/FFA Advisors are Bret Spurgin and Michelle Dohlman.

The National Chapter Award program encourages participating chapters to plan activities and carry them out with a successful Program of Activities. Chapters are recognized for outstanding achievement in the areas of Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Strengthening Agriculture.

Three FFA Chapters were recognized for outstanding achievement in four areas. The North Scott Jr High FFA Chapter at Eldridge was named the Overall Middle School Winner. The Charles City FFA Chapter was named the winner in the Growing Leaders Division as well as the Building Communities Division. The West Liberty FFA Chapter was named the Strengthening Agriculture Division Winner. The top 28 FFA Chapters in Iowa will advance to the National FFA competition and will be recognized at the 99th National FFA Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 20,500 student members as part of 273 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com and on social media.

2026 National Chapter Award Results

Chap #	Chapter Name	Chapter PO	Rating	Rank	Winners
IA0243	West Liberty	West Liberty	Gold	1	Strengthening Agriculture, Overall
IA0033	Charles City	Charles City	Gold	2	National Qualifier, Growing Leaders, Building Communities
IA0228	Benton Community	Van Horne	Gold	3	National Qualifier
IA0286	Carroll Area	Carroll	Gold	4	National Qualifier
IA0125	Southeast Warren	Liberty Center	Gold	5	National Qualifier
IA0255	Bellevue	Bellevue	Gold		National Qualifier
IA0347	Dike-New Hartford	Dike	Gold		National Qualifier
IA0346	North Scott Middle	Eldridge	Gold		National Qualifier, Overall Middle School Winner
IA0061	North Scott	Eldridge	Gold		National Qualifier
IA0227	Interstate 35	Truro	Gold		National Qualifier
IA0230	Vinton-Shellsburg	Vinton	Gold		National Qualifier
IA0308	East Buchanan	Winthrop	Gold		National Qualifier
IA0001	AGWSR	Ackley	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0008	Algona	Algona	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0010	Anamosa	Anamosa	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0345	Cedar Rapids Prairie	Cedar Rapids	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0035	Brokaw	Clarinda	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0339	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0049	Decorah	Decorah	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0073	Forest City	Forest City	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0081	Glidden-Ralston	Glidden	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0090	AC-GC	Guthrie Center	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0107	South Hamilton	Jewell	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0131	West Delaware	Manchester	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0132	IKM-Manning	Manning	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0137	Marengo	Marengo	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0238	Webster City	Webster City	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0244	North Fayette Valley	West Union	Silver		National Qualifier
IA0021	Belmond-Klemme	Belmond	Silver		
IA0050	Maquoketa Valley	Delhi	Silver		
IA0159	New Hampton	New Hampton	Silver		
IA0237	Waverly-Shell Rock	Waverly	Silver		
IA0042	Southwest Valley	Corning	Bronze		
IA0066	Estherville	Estherville	Bronze		
IA0102	West Lyon	Inwood	Bronze		
IA0119	La Porte-Dysart	LaPorte City	Bronze		
IA0124	Central Trail	Leon	Bronze		
IA0128	Lone Tree	Lone Tree	Bronze		
IA0153	Mount Ayr	Mount Ayr	Bronze		
IA0165	Newton	Newton	Bronze		
IA0180	Pleasantville	Pleasantville	Bronze		
IA0203	Sheldon Golden Corn	Sheldon	Bronze		
IA0038	North-Linn	Troy Mills	Bronze		
IA0236	Little Switzerland Waukon	Waukon	Bronze		
IA0245	Williamsburg	Williamsburg	Bronze		