

Member Application



Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship



Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship Program
through the Kansas FFA Foundation, sponsored by Midwest Ford Dealers

NOTE: Application must be postmarked on or before March 15.

As a partner of the National FFA Foundation, Ford currently sponsors the Washington Leadership Program. The Kansas FFA Foundation is pleased to announce that the Midwest Ford Dealers is also supporting the Washington Leadership Program at the state level. By supporting this program, Ford will encourage and stimulate a deeper connection to the value and importance of service and leadership.

WLC was initiated more than 39 years ago as a national training ground for local FFA members. WLC is a real-life leadership laboratory that helps students understand the highest level of leadership is serving others. Helping students identify problems in their community and solving those problems teach this concept. Four major pillars are integrated into the conference to help students positively affect their communities. Those pillars are:

- Building Positive Relationships
- Solving Community Problems
- Developing Personal Character
- Serving Others

The end result of the conference is each student creates and implements a "Living To Serve" plan. Each plan is a personalized strategy to solve local community problems by using the tools learned at WLC. All students leave the conference with a Living To Serve plan, thus WLC participants take concepts at a national conference and implement them at a local community level.

Thus, Midwest Ford Dealers will offer two \$1,000 WLC Scholarships - one for an FFA member and one for an advisor. This is the member application. The advisor application can be found on the association page at www.ksffa.org under the scholarship program link below the programs tab.

Return application on or before **March 15** to:
Kansas FFA Association, WLC Scholarship, Umberger 110, Manhattan, KS 66506

To: Potential WLC Scholarship Applicants, Advisors, Parents
From: Kansas FFA Foundation



WLC prepares FFA members to make a positive impact in their school, local community, state, and country. It strives to have participating FFA members take their leadership skills to the highest level by learning to solve local problems and build relationships; developing character; and living to serve. The goal of the Kansas FFA Midwest Ford Dealers WLC Scholarship program is to reward an FFA member and an advisor who are developing their leadership skills by assisting them to participate in the premier leadership development program. We seek to reward an FFA member who has (a) been using opportunities in FFA to build their leadership skills, (b) been practicing those skills to solve problems in their chapter and community, and (c) who will commit to using the skills gained in WLC to apply to challenges when they return.

The application is the only means we have to evaluate those qualities of the applicants. It is your responsibility to communicate that information clearly on this application.

Effectively communicating or seeing your qualities and accomplishments is one measure of your leadership. We offer the following suggestions to improve the effectiveness of your application.

In the limited space available concentrate on communicating to the selection committee your commitment to learning to be a leader. Remember that quality is more important than quantity - think about the strongest points that will demonstrate to those evaluating applications that you have been serious about developing your leadership skills. Examples may include, but are not limited to the following.

- Serving as an officer or on a committee and accomplishing things.
- Participating in FFA leadership development programs such as district leadership, Greenhand, Leader Lab and other conferences and public speaking CDEs. We realize that opportunity to participate in district and state activities varies between schools. How you have been involved and what you have accomplished with what is available to you.
- Maintaining a respectable academic record and balance in high school and community activities.
- Awards and recognition that represent hard work and accomplishment of goals.

Become familiar with WLC by checking the National FFA website or printed material about the program and think about what you would hope to gain by participating, both personally and in your FFA chapter and community after returning from WLC - a problem that you would plan to provide leadership in solving.

For use beginning in 2009



Washington Leadership Conference Kansas FFA Midwest Ford Dealers Scholarship

1. Name _____

2. Date of Birth: _____ 3. Age: _____

4. Gender: _____ Male _____ Female 5. Email: _____

6. Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

7. Home Telephone number (including area code): _____

8. Name of Parents/Guardians _____ 9. List Parents/Guardians Occupation Below:
 a. Father: _____
 b. Mother: _____

10. Complete FFA Chapter Name: _____

11. Name of High School: _____

12. School Address: (street/RR./box no.) _____
 School City: _____ State: _____ School Zip: _____

13. School Telephone Number (including area code): _____

14. Chapter Advisor(s): _____

15. Number of years you have been enrolled in Agricultural Education classes: _____

16. Number of years you have been a dues paying FFA member _____

17. State/National Dues paid? YES _____ NO _____

18. Current grade classification (Freshman, etc.) _____ GPA _____
 Class rank _____ out of _____

- The Kansas FFA Midwest Ford Dealers WLC Scholarship program is open to all FFA members statewide. Scholarship recipient agrees to the use of their name, likeness & information contained in their application package for advertising & promotional purposes for the Kansas FFA Midwest Ford Dealers WLC Scholarship Program without further compensation or notification.
- "I certify that the information on this application is true & correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by these signatures. I understand that all information contained on this application is subject to verification by the Kansas FFA Association and that false information will lead to disqualification."
- **Please note:** If a member receives a WLC Scholarship and is dismissed from or not allowed to participate in any or all of the Washington Leadership Conference they will be held responsible for repaying the scholarship.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

No additional pages may be added to this application. Return Application by **March 15** to:
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Leadership Responsibilities in FFA

List officers, or chapters committee assignments, leadership positions, and responsibilities by year. (Up to 8) Include contribution or impact if applicable.

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Participation in FFA

Emphasize leadership conferences, public speaking CDEs, and other activities that relation to leadership development. Be specific.

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Achivements in FFA

Concentrate on awards and recognition related to personal and leadership growth and development.

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Community Involvement

List a maximum of eight major activities and accomplishments achieved. These activities may include class officers, 4-H Club activities, extracurricular student activities, church, etc.

	Activity	Year	Local	State	National	Status
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Supervised Agricultural Experience Program

In the space provided, describe your Supervised Agricultural Experience Program including how it began, current size and scope, and goals you have for furthering your program.

In the space provided, tell us how your participation in WLC will personally benefit you and how your chapter and community will benefit by your participation. Be specific.