



# 2025 National Chapter Award

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## Chapter Information

FFA Chapter Name

**Girard**

School Name

**Girard**

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Chapter Type

**High School**

Unduplicated Ag Ed Enrollment

**118**

Total FFA Membership

**118**

In-school FFA Members

**113**

Beginning Date

**5/1/2024**

Ending Date

**4/30/2025**

Convention Year

**2025**

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## Certifications

We hereby certify that all claims and information reported in this application are true and accurate.

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*Elizabeth Sturgis*

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## Form I Activities

Growing Leaders	
Leadership	Continuous Committees - Previously, ten committees were established in the Girard FFA Chapter. This year's chapter officers decided to continue these committees in order to provide opportunities for growth to younger chapter members. These members may act as committee chairs which encourages their personal leadership, vision, and initiative.
Healthy Lifestyle	Food, Friends, and Amusement - The Girard FFA chapter will host a Fun Night every quarter. FFA Fun Nights will serve as a mental break from school, sports, contests, and other mentally stressing activities. The members will be able to play games with friends and enjoy food provided by our chapter. It is important to provide a safe and stress free environment for each member.
Scholarship	Ag Signing Day - During FFA week, members going into an Agricultural field are recognized on Tuesday in seminar. In this time each member pursuing agriculture in their future are encouraged to sign to their desired institution. Each member will have their chance to talk about their future plans and engage in conversation with their peers in celebration.
Personal Growth	Limitless Leadership - On Monday of FFA week, students will meet together to participate in leadership activities facilitated by the chapter officers. Students will learn the characteristics of teamwork, creative thinking, problem solving, goal setting, and active listening through various activities. Members will also set specific personal PACT goals for the year.
Career Success	Welding Wonders: Building a Community - To promote the career success of Girard FFA welding classes, students will have the opportunity to build projects for community members. In addition to these builds, the intermediate officers will promote designs created by welding students at a booth during the Girard Fall Festival to gain exposure in the community of new and custom projects.
Building Communities	
Environmental	Earth Day Presentation - As a way to educate citizens about the environment and its importance in everyday life, the Girard FFA will send representatives to Parson's Earth Day to present over wheat and its impact in Kansas. This presentation will be given to kids in elementary school in order to cultivate agriculturally responsible community members.
Human Resources	Blue and Gold Christmas - Members of the Girard FFA will use their December FFA Seminar to put together gift baskets and make cards for elderly people to help better connect with the community. Twenty gift baskets will be made and distributed among four different local churches, which will then be given to community members who may be lonely during the holiday season.
Citizenship	Helping History - To motivate students to learn about Girard history, the Girard FFA chapter will partner with the local museum throughout the school year. Every other Friday, as well as the Monday of FFA Week, the chapter will help the local museum organize and clean facilities. This will create a stronger connection between the community and chapter.
Stakeholder Engagement	Pancakes and Partnerships - In order to develop relations between the Girard FFA chapter and its supporters, the chapter officers will host an inaugural community breakfast in the welding shop. Chapter members will cook and serve the breakfast which will be open to teachers and community members as a thank you for their continuous support.
Economic Development	Turkey Hunt - To benefit the local economy, the Girard FFA officers will host the second annual Turkey Hunt. This event will include various local business's cooperation with Girard FFA. To win a turkey or pumpkin pie, community members will have to visit each business on the bingo card and be one of the first 10 people to turn the bingo card in.
Strengthening Agriculture	
Support Group	Alumni and Supporters Supper BBQ - The Girard FFA Chapter will hold their second annual Alumni and Supporters Summer BBQ on the Friday before school began. All were welcome to this event, including former members, current students, upcoming students, and members of the community. While the meal was served, there were games and opportunities for the community and members to meet.



Chapter Recruitment	Sprouting Minds - The Ag Leadership class will teach second grade students agricultural lessons with interactive activities. Elementary leadership students will also receive one leadership session. The youth interaction committee will assist in creating the lessons and activity. These activities introduce FFA to students for future chapter expansion.
Safety	Welding Wisely - Girard FFA officers will work with the family of a former student who was deeply invested in the welding program to provide FR rated welding jackets to each current and incoming welding student to teach and ensure safety in the shop which will promote safe practices upon graduation and transition into the local community.
Agricultural Advocacy	Soil Conservation Banquet - This year, the Girard FFA's Greenhand officer team will attend the Crawford County Soil Conservation Banquet. The officers will help serve a meal to the attending members while learning about the NRCS. This will allow the officers to become familiar with the purpose of conserving agriculture, and it will help them promote this program to others.
Agricultural Literacy	Ag Day at the Library - Members of the Girard FFA will educate students through agricultural related activities during the annual Ag Day at the Library hosted by the Girard Library. The petting zoo committee, along with the youth interaction committee will give presentations on the production of crops and show the importance of knowing how to safely interact with animals.





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## Form I Summary

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NQCS Indicators	Points Possible	Points Earned
1. All students enrolled in the agricultural education program have the opportunity to be a member of FFA.	5	5
2. Students build a progressive leadership and personal development plan.	5	5
3. All students participate in meaningful leadership and personal development activities in each component of the agricultural education program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Classroom and laboratory instruction</li><li>Experiential, project, and work-based learning through SAE</li><li>Leadership and personal development through FFA</li></ul>	5	5
4. The FFA chapter constitution and bylaws are up-to-date and approved by chapter members.	5	5
5. FFA members are involved in the planning and implementation of a Program of Activities (POA).	5	5
6. The FFA chapter conducts regularly scheduled chapter meetings.	5	5
7. An awards recognition program planned and conducted by FFA members is in place.	5	5
8. The FFA chapter has a current budget, which provides the financial resources to support the POA.	5	4
9. Capable and trained officers lead the FFA chapter.	5	5
10. The FFA chapter has an active, dedicated support group.	5	5
11. Stakeholders are engaged in developing and supporting a quality chapter.	4	4
12. SAE is an integral component of the agricultural education program, with all students maintaining an exploratory SAE and career plan of study.	5	5
13. A recruitment and retention plan is yielding steady or increasing student enrollment.	5	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>



## Growing Leaders - Healthy Lifestyle

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### Food, Friends, and Amusement

Date the Activity was Completed: 11/11/2024

The Girard FFA chapter will host a Fun Night every quarter. FFA Fun Nights will serve as a mental break from school, sports, contests, and other mentally stressing activities. The members will be able to play games with friends and enjoy food provided by our chapter. It is important to provide a safe and stress free environment for each member.

Related to Quality Standard: FFA Fun Nights were put in place to create a fun, safe, and stress free environment for each chapter member. It is important for the members to set time aside to have fun and relax from the mental and physical pressures of school, work, and sports.

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#### Goal #1

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Goal: Since FFA Fun Night is an event that occurs after school hours, the Girard FFA chapter officers will promote the event throughout the week to ensure that at least one fifth (23 members) of the chapter is able to attend.

Plan of Action: FFA Fun Night occurs every quarter, and will be promoted throughout the week of the event by posting on social media, sending a mass text, and writing it on the front boards of both ag classrooms. There will also be verbal promotion by the officers, members, and ag teachers. Members will be informed that they may bring their own school appropriate card games or they may play the card games and ball games provided.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** Throughout the week, the officers followed through with the promotion of the event and exceeded the goal. The chapter had well over 50 of the members attend FFA Fun Night every quarter.

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#### Goal #2

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will promote social interaction by ensuring that every member engages in at least one group activity. This will build stronger relationships and create a supportive environment.

Plan of Action: To promote social interaction among our members, the chapter officers will make sure that everyone is participating in some sort of group activity or game. If there are members who are not actively participating, the officers will take it upon themselves to include them into an activity that they are involved in or assist them in finding an activity that they are interested in. By doing so, it strengthens and supports the sense of community.

Outcome: **MET** All members were in group games and activities throughout the night. Some made new friends and others spent time with friends they do not get to see regularly. There was great social interaction.

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#### Goal #3

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will set up six different activities. Five of the activities will target mental health to help unwind mental stress while the other larger game will target physical health.

Plan of Action: In order to target both mental and physical health, the chapter officers will have stress free card games, ball games, and members may choose to sit and chat with friends. For the mental health games, the officers will have five card games that can be played in a quiet, non stressful environment. For the physical game, the FFA Fun Night Committee will decide on a ball game for many members to participate in at once.

Outcome: **MET** Members appreciated the multiple options to pick from and expressed that they enjoyed spending time with friends, playing games, and having the opportunity to relax. This met the officer's goal.

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#### Summary

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Advancing Leaders: The purpose of the FFA Fun Nights is to ensure that our members are mentally and physically well. Everyday life can be extremely mentally and physically demanding. These nights open the door for students to just be kids and not worry about everyday pressures such as, school, work, and sports. FFA Fun Night is also a way to connect members and create an amazingly strong sense of community. The officers strive for the members to know that they have somewhere they belong and are cared for.

Impact: The eight Girard FFA chapter officers have been able to have one-on-one connections with the members during each two-hour fun night where they have offered up guidance, support, and advice to many members. FFA Fun Night has also allowed members to create strong friendships with one another, and allowed members to unwind. This year, the fun night committee altered two of these nights to include a movie night and a trip to a local putt-putt course after the completion of this application.



## Growing Leaders - Healthy Lifestyle

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Girard FFA members play dodgeball during an FFA Fun Night on Thursday, November 11 in the Ted R. Taylor gymnasium. This was the first fun night of the year which was put on by the Fun Night Committee ran by chair Ty Humble. These fun nights are designed to allow members of the FFA to build relationships with each other outside of a classroom setting by sharing in activities that benefit the mind and body.  
BRANDON CALLAWAY/GIRARD FFA



## Growing Leaders - Scholarship

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### Ag Signing Day

Date the Activity was Completed: 2/25/2025

During FFA week, members going into an Agricultural field are recognized on Tuesday in seminar. In this time each member pursuing agriculture in their future are encouraged to sign to their desired institution. Each member will have their chance to talk about their future plans and engage in conversation with their peers in celebration.

Related to Quality Standard: Students that are recognized during the event will be showcased for their future education and career within agriculture. With the advancement of their education and careers, they will use their skills they have learned in their everyday life.

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### Goal #1

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will ensure that five students sign for to institution or career post graduation on February 26, 2025. Students signing for an institution must be enrolled for the fall semester of 2025.

Plan of Action: In order to have five students sign on the day of the event, the Executive Committee will organize a sign up sheet. This sign up sheet will be displayed in the agriculture classrooms. This sheet will include an area for their desired future. When students walk into the doors, they will see the sheet and can ask questions as needed. In addition, the Girard FFA officers will announce this event at the February FFA Seminar.

Outcome: **MET** On the day of the signing, February 26, 2025, five members from the chapter signed to their chosen institution. The goal was to achieve at least five members, so this goal was met.

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### Goal #2

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will encourage a total of 100 likes on the Girard Trojans Instagram and Facebook by March 1, 2025. The post will be published to the platforms directly after the event takes place.

Plan of Action: To accomplish this goal, the chapter reporter will gain access to the photographs from the student photographer at the event. From there, the reporter will send those photographs, along with a caption, to the Girard High School Multimedia program to publish to the social media. When the post is shared, members of the Executive Committee will use their personal social media to repost or reshare the activity.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** This goal was exceeded by receiving 118 likes on the Girard Trojan Instagram and 178 likes on the Girard Trojan Facebook. Community members were able to see the future plans of seniors in Girard FFA.

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### Goal #3

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will find 4 chapter volunteers by February 21, 2025, to help set up, take down, and serve sheet cake during the event. One of these volunteers will also take photographs of students signing.

Plan of Action: During the leadership class, the Executive Committee will discuss reliable members to help execute the event. Once the committee has decided, they will then have an informal meeting with the individual's to discuss the event and expectations. During the discussion, they will inform them of their duties such as preparing the area and serving sheet cake. The committee will also ask the Multimedia program for a photographer.

Outcome: **MET** The Executive Committee was able to find and prepare volunteers for this event. There was a total of three volunteers actively helping throughout the event in addition to one photographer.

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### Summary

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Advancing Leaders: Girard FFA students going into an agriculture field will help the future of agriculture. Having students who are passionate and willing will help improve the world around us. Other chapter members were also given the opportunity to talk to the signees after the event to talk about their passion of agriculture. The community members were able to share the posts and acknowledge the great areas that the Girard FFA students will be utilizing post high school.

Impact: By having a majority of the chapter members watch the seniors sign and pursue agriculture in the future, they were able to admire all the paths the signees were taking. Watching them take agriculture into their future may be an eye opening experience to younger members who are preparing for their future as well. Girard FFA wants to help guide the generations to be passionate about agriculture, with this event many members acknowledge how their peers implement their passion into their lives.



## Growing Leaders - Scholarship

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Girard FFA senior Levi Blair signs to pursue a degree in construction at the 2025 Girard FFA Signing in the GHS commons area on Tuesday, February 25. Levi will be pursuing his degree in the fall of 2025 at Pittsburg State University. Kayla Farrow, Ty Humble, Arianna Ramirez, and Samuel Rice also signed into the agricultural field during this event. COURTESY PHOTO AVERY SMITH





## Growing Leaders - Personal Growth

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### Limitless Leadership

**Date the Activity was Completed:** 2/17/2025

On Monday of FFA week, students will meet together to participate in leadership activities facilitated by the chapter officers. Students will learn the characteristics of teamwork, creative thinking, problem solving, goal setting, and active listening through various activities. Members will also set specific personal PACT goals for the year.

**Related to Quality Standard:** Limitless Leadership will give students the opportunity to self-improve. Each officer will facilitate a unique engaging activity, so attendees can learn aspects of teamwork, creative thinking, problem solving, goal setting, and active listening.

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#### Goal #1

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**Goal:** The Girard FFA chapter officers will ensure that 40% of attendees follow up on their PACT goals with the executive committee. This committee will hold attendees accountable for their goals and help them track their progress.

**Plan of Action:** Making PACT goals will be a specific aspect of the Limitless Leadership Day. The presenters will emphasize the importance of making PACT goals and give the attendees the opportunity to make their own. They will then make goals that they are driven to complete and are passionate about. The Executive Committee will follow up with the attendees within the school semester to track their progress towards their goal.

**Outcome:** **EXCEEDED** Within the first month about sixty percent of the members checked in with a member of the Executive Committee about their PACT goal. Because of the dedication to the members this goal was exceeded.

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#### Goal #2

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**Goal:** The Girard FFA chapter officers will ensure that 60% of the underclassmen attendees will answer on the end of year survey they are interested in running for an intermediate or chapter officer for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Plan of Action:** Limitless Leadership gives attendees a unique insight on what the chapter officers do and their role in the FFA program. These activities also give FFA members the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the officers. By keeping the activities fun and engaging the goal is that the members enjoy their experience and grow an interest in running for an officer position to utilize the leadership skills they developed throughout the day.

**Outcome:** **EXCEEDED** On the survey, we received seven confirmations and six declinations. This makes 65% of people that attended Limitless Leadership interested in running for a officer position in our program.

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#### Goal #3

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**Goal:** The Girard FFA chapter officers will facilitate eight unique activities to meet the needs of every attendee at Limitless Leadership on February 17th, 2025 in the agricultural department.

**Plan of Action:** The Executive Committee will meet and analyze the skills that various activities will utilize. Following this, each committee member will pick an activity and make it specific to the leadership skill they wanted to develop. Each member will be in charge of collecting materials needed for their activity. These activities will be approved by the Executive Committee to ensure that the attendees will get the most out of their day.

**Outcome:** **EXCEEDED** This goal was exceeded. Each Executive Committee member facilitated a unique experience as well as facilitating two additional activities as a group.

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#### Summary

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**Advancing Leaders:** Limitless Leadership gave students the opportunity to challenge their leadership skills and develop in areas they had never before. Students also had to learn to work with their peers and get out of their comfort zone to communicate and learn the different characteristics of teamwork. Creative thinking, problem solving, prioritizing, goal setting, and active listening are all qualities that the students developed which will take them far in the future.



**Impact:** This event not only improved the members in the chapter but also gave the officers an opportunity to lead an activity and participate in their fellow officers activities. Limitless Leadership grew the leadership of 20 members in our chapter which strengthens the leadership of our whole chapter. This activity especially gave the underclassmen an opportunity to start strengthening their skills which puts the chapter in a good spot for years to come.

## **Growing Leaders - Personal Growth**

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Girard FFA members Graci Murphy, Lainey Prince, Josie Gronau, Avery Smith, and Madison Cranston participate in a leadership game in Agriculture Instructor Elizabeth Sturgis's room on Monday, February 17. This activity was part of the annual Limitless Leadership day where chapter officers each host a different activity to learn how to become a better leader. This activity consisted of constructing a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows to promote effective communication and problem solving. ELIZABETH STURGIS/GIRARD FFA



## Building Communities - Citizenship

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### Helping History

Date the Activity was Completed: 2/17/2025

To motivate students to learn about Girard history, the Girard FFA chapter will partner with the local museum throughout the school year. Every other Friday, as well as the Monday of FFA Week, the chapter will help the local museum organize and clean facilities. This will create a stronger connection between the community and chapter.

Related to Quality Standard: This event would help grow community minded chapter members by exposing them to the history of Girard and giving them the opportunity to give back in a way that makes a positive impact on the community around them.

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### Goal #1

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will correspond with the management at the museum during the first week of January to set up a specific schedule of when the chapter members can travel to the museum to volunteer.

Plan of Action: The Executive Committee will designate two members of the team to work with the Community Service Committee and contact the head of the museum to evaluate what days would be best to volunteer. Once that is accomplished, they will present their findings to the team and compare that with what days our officer class is available as well. The Community Service Committee will also request to volunteer during the Monday of FFA Week.

Outcome: **MET** Two chapter officers and the Community Service Committee were able to schedule a community service project during the Monday of FFA Week and set up bi-weekly volunteer hours for the leadership class.

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### Goal #2

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will ensure that 10 chapter members travel to the museum every other Friday beginning in February and ending in May and complete tasks designated by the museum volunteers.

Plan of Action: In order to accomplish this, students in the leadership class will be informed about the opportunity and encouraged to participate. With the help of the advisors, class time will be set aside for these trips. Then they will be given instructions on how to help when they arrive at the museum. From there the chapter members may actively listen to the museum director in order to accomplish these goals.

Outcome: **MET** The chapter was able to send 10-12 chapter members every other week during the months of February and March. These members devoted one hour each visit to accomplishing the goals of the museum staff.

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### Goal #3

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will ensure that 15 chapter members dedicate their time to volunteer on the Monday of FFA Week by advertising the opportunity in classrooms and offering the opportunity on FFA Week sign-ups.

Plan of Action: To ensure that 15 chapter members volunteer during the Monday of FFA Week, the team will delegate tasks to the Community Service Committee to inform the students about this opportunity on the Monday prior to FFA Week and include the information on the FFA Week sign-ups. Once a list is finalized from the sign-ups, the officer team will inform each volunteer about the tasks required of them and reaffirm that they will be present on Monday.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** Twenty-three FFA members signed up to help and 19 of them were present on Monday to volunteer their time. This number exceeded expectations and can be built upon in following years.

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### Summary

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Advancing Community: The Girard History Museum is run entirely by the volunteer work from community members. The museum management has applied for several grants, but they lack the time and available workers to make certain improvements. By organizing a day for FFA members to offer their time, the museum is able to accomplish their goals which benefits their establishment. It also gives the chapter members a chance to learn about the history around them in order to grow a deeper appreciation for the community.

Impact: Nineteen chapter members spent three hours at the Girard History Museum cleaning and organizing artifacts on Monday, February 17. They also helped the three elderly museum staff move large items and clean the building itself. This event not only gave the members the opportunity to give back to the community around them, but also exposed members to the rich history of Girard and the surrounding area.



## Building Communities - Citizenship

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Girard FFA members Augi Mooneyham, Allison Huber, and Rayleea Russell volunteer at the Girard History Museum on Monday, February 17. While there, members sorted and cleaned artifacts under the direction of the museum management. This activity was organized by the chapter officer team and the Community Service Committee as the annual community service event held during FFA Week. ELIZABETH STURGIS/GIRARD FFA



## Building Communities - Stakeholder Engagement

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### Pancakes and Partnerships

Date the Activity was Completed: 2/26/2025

In order to develop relations between the Girard FFA chapter and its supporters, the chapter officers will host an inaugural community breakfast in the welding shop. Chapter members will cook and serve the breakfast which will be open to teachers and community members as a thank you for their continuous support.

Related to Quality Standard: This activity would accomplish the objectives of building relations and teamwork between the chapter and its stakeholders by providing a meal for community members that would give them the opportunity to network with chapter members.

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#### Goal #1

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will secure 20 volunteers to come to the ag shop on Wednesday morning to set-up, cook, and network with community members during the event by communicating with our members and making sign-ups.

Plan of Action: We will create sign-ups for each agriculture class and hang them up at the front of the rooms. We will also have the instructors announce this opportunity at the beginning of each class to help the chapter and meet new community members and supporters of the FFA. A spot will be provided on the FFA Week permission form to further inform students and motivate them to volunteer.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** Twenty-six chapter members including the executive committee showed up on Wednesday morning to help set up the ag shop, cook breakfast, and network with chapter supporters which exceeded expectations.

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#### Goal #2

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will advertise the breakfast so that we can serve at least 150 community members and supporters of the FFA at our community breakfast on Wednesday, February 19.

Plan of Action: To accomplish this goal we will create flyers that describe the event and hang them up at local businesses. We will also send this information to the school multimedia group to be posted on the Girard High School social media pages in order to spread awareness of this event. We will also prepare to serve 200 people so that we will not run out of resources.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** The meal had to be postponed to the following Wednesday due to weather; however, we were still able to advertise the event and the postponement to serve 170 meals to community members.

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#### Goal #3

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Goal: Because this breakfast has been served to teachers and staff in previous years, The Girard FFA chapter officers will include at least 20 staff members in this year's breakfast to show appreciation for their support.

Plan of Action: We will ensure that teachers are included in this breakfast by assigning five of our volunteers to speak with teachers and staff on Wednesday morning and offer to bring them a meal. We will also announce over the intercom that breakfast is available in the ag shop if they would like to go get it or if they would like a meal brought to them.

Outcome: **MET** Thirty out of the 170 meals served were teachers and staff members. This still allowed us to thank these teachers for their support; therefore, the event met our expectations.

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Advancing Community: The purpose of this activity was to form bonds between the young members of our chapter and alumni, supporters, or community members. Many of our chapter members may benefit from the support given by these individuals but don't know them personally. For this reason, the event was designed to facilitate these meetings and gave the chapter members and supporters the opportunity to connect over mutual interests and passions.

Impact: Throughout the breakfast, chapter volunteers and attendees were able to meet and network with these individuals who they may not have met otherwise. It acted both as a thank you to supporters for their continued dedication and an opportunity to develop cooperation between the groups. At the event, 26 volunteers in addition to multiple other chapter attendees were able to meet over 140 people from the community. These bonds led to a well connected chapter and advance FFA in the community.



## Building Communities - Stakeholder Engagement

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Girard FFA members Allison Huber, Brianna Crews, Giselle Sweet, Aubrey Humble, Emilee Hanks, Jaycie Geier, and Mila Newman serve pancakes, bacon, and sausage to chapter supporters at the inaugural Community Breakfast in the GHS ag shop on Wednesday, February 26. During the event, chapter members welcomed guests, cooked and served breakfast, and formed bonds with supporters of the chapter. ELIZABETH STURGIS/GIRARD FFA



## Building Communities - Economic Development

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### Turkey Hunt

Date the Activity was Completed: 11/26/2024

To benefit the local economy, the Girard FFA officers will host the second annual Turkey Hunt. This event will include various local business's cooperation with Girard FFA. To win a turkey or pumpkin pie, community members will have to visit each business on the bingo card and be one of the first 10 people to turn the bingo card in.

Related to Quality Standard: This event allowed community members to interact with local businesses. While filling in the bingo card, participants were introduced to the business and encouraged to shop locally. This enhanced connections within the community for further events.

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### Goal #1

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will reach out to 20 local businesses to ask for their cooperation in handing out stickers to the community members completing their bingo card by November 16th, 2024.

Plan of Action: The Girard FFA officers delegated the task of calling or visiting each business to see which different businesses would be interested in helping host this event. When the businesses agreed, the officer team would delegate the stickers and bingo cards to be delivered. From there, the supplies would be delivered to participating businesses in the Girard area. Those delivering would also inform the business of how the event is ran and their role.

Outcome: **MET** The officers successfully reached out to 20 local businesses. However, only nine agreed to participate in the turkey hunt event.

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### Goal #2

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will have 10 people, within the community, participate in the event. This event will take place from November 15-25 of 2025. These people will be expected to turn in the cards to Farmers Bank.

Plan of Action: In order to accomplish this goal, the Girard FFA officers will create a flyer to publish to various business doors and social media platforms. The officers will use their platform as well as the Girard Trojan Facebook and Instagram pages to promote. In addition, the members will be encouraged to tell the community by word of mouth as well. The officers will also encourage businesses to promote to customers when handing out flyers to doors.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** On November 27th, the officers calculated 16 cards turned in. This means that the goal was exceed by 6 people. The first 10 people received their choice of a pie or turkey.

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### Goal #3

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will have a total of 10 prizes for competitors to receive after the their bingo card is turned in. The prizes will be 5 turkeys and 5 pumpkin pies listed on the flyer and bingo card.

Plan of Action: To be able to give turkeys away in the turkey hunt, the Girard FFA Officer will compile a budget based upon the chapter funds. With those funds they will evaluate the most reasonably priced turkeys. In addition to the turkeys, the officers will contact Eastside Cafe, in Girard, to ask for a donation of pies. In the case that Eastside Cafe declines, more money from the chapter's budget will be used.

Outcome: **MET** This goal was met by achieving the 10 prize goal. The Girard FFA chapter purchased 5 turkeys, and Eastside was willing to donate 5 pumpkin pies to the event.

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### Summary

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Advancing Community: The Turkey Hunt activity encourages community members to go into local business that they might not attend very often. This helps strengthen the Girard FFA's connection with these businesses as well as boosting their business. Not only does this help strength the Girard FFA's connection, but also the community members role within our towns economy. Visiting these businessss may be an eye opening experience to help support local businesses.

Impact: This activity gave Girard FFA the opportunity to give back to the community and local businesses. Within the 10 days of the event, members of the community had the opportunity to seek all the good within the development of our town buisness. In the future, many community members will benefit by becoming customers or supporting businesses as a whole. Girard FFA members also learned the importance of supporting your community especially within the economic area.



## Building Communities - Economic Development

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Rachel Bennett, an employee at Producers Cooperative Association in Girard, hands a sticker to Zoe Montgomery and Delanie Roblyer to help complete their bingo card. Participants went to local businesses to finish filling out their bingo card in order to win a prize. The prize included their choice of a frozen Thanksgiving turkey or a pumpkin pie. COURTESY PHOTO





## Strengthening Agriculture - Support Group

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### Alumni and Supporters Supper BBQ

Date the Activity was Completed: 8/9/2024

The Girard FFA Chapter will hold their second annual Alumni and Supporters Summer BBQ on the Friday before school began. All were welcome to this event, including former members, current students, upcoming students, and members of the community. While the meal was served, there were games and opportunities for the community and members to meet.

Related to Quality Standard: The Alumni and Supporters Barbecue is a connecting point for current FFA members to meet alumni and supporters of the chapter. The barbecue is a might of fellowship and fun for all who are interested in attending.

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### Goal #1

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will meet as an Executive Committee in Omaha, Nebraska on June 19, 2024 to discuss and plan the upcoming Alumni and Supporters Barbecue that will take place on August 9, 2024.

Plan of Action: In order to accomplish this the chapter officers will choose the available days to take this trip and book a place to stay and transportation. Once this is accomplished, each officer will brainstorm ideas on how to improve or change this event from the previous year and report this to the group during the meeting. Officer will then make their finals decisions about the event and record it in order for the plan to be implemented in the future.

Outcome: **MET** The chapter officers, accompanied by their advisors, traveled to Omaha and completed a written and detailed plan for the Alumni and Supporters Barbecue. This effectively met the expectations.

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### Goal #2

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Goal: To grow newfound relationships with community members, the Girard FFA chapter officers will have an attendance of over 100 guests and members at the Alumni and Supporters Barbecue on August, 9, 2024, in the welding shop.

Plan of Action: To attract attendees, The Girard FFA officers plan to reach out to alumni and fellow members with an email list and fliers placed around the town with additional information. They will partner with a local business in donating two Chiefs tickets to the chapter to give away during the event. Attendees will also have the option to participate in a corn hole tournament for a cash prize. Members and guests will also be invited to eat a free meal.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** The result of the hard work put in by officers and support from the community, there were 150 attendees at the Alumni and Supporters Barbecue held on August 9, 2024 in the Girard welding shop.

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### Goal #3

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Goal: In order to ensure chapter engagement, the Girard FFA chapter officers wanted to have 40 chapter members present at the barbecue to encourage communication and connection between the students and the community members.

Plan of Action: To accomplish this goal, the chapter officer team will obtained a roster of all current and incoming FFA members and reach out to them through social media, email, and word of mouth. They will also promote the event by hanging up posters at local businesses and requesting advertising space on electronic signs at each bank in the community.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** Through these strategies around 50 members were present at the Annual Alumni and Supporters Barbecue which exceeded expectations for this event.

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### Summary

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Advancing Agriculture: Though students are able to grow through the organization, typical classroom, FFA, and SAE activities do not allow them to build relationships with a wide variety of community members. This event allowed FFA members to form bonds with members of the Girard FFA Alumni Chapter, friends and families of fellow students, and community members who dedicate their support to the chapter.

Impact: This event had a great overall impact on the community. It allowed the eight officers to successfully work together variably in the days leading up to the event and for six hours on the day of the event. This was the first official time they were able to do this, and it set them up for a great year. Around 50 of the current and incoming members were also able to meet and build relationships with around 100 other community members, parents, Girard FFA Alumni members, and other supporters.



## Strengthening Agriculture - Support Group

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Members of Girard FFA, the Girard FFA Alumni chapter, and the community gather in the GHS ag shop for the annual Alumni and Supporters Barbecue on Friday, August 9. This event helped members of GHS FFA for bonds with those outside of the chapter who offer constant support to the program. During the event, attendees were able to enjoy a meal, a corn hole tournament, a silent auction, and other festivities.  
BRANDON CALLAWAY/GIRARD FFA



## Strengthening Agriculture - Chapter Recruitment

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### Sprouting Minds

Date the Activity was Completed: 4/11/2025

The Ag Leadership class will teach second grade students agricultural lessons with interactive activities. Elementary leadership students will also receive one leadership session. The youth interaction committee will assist in creating the lessons and activity. These activities introduce FFA to students for future chapter expansion.

Related to Quality Standard: While doing lessons, the officers are able to give students an opportunity to explore what the agricultural program offers future students. These lessons give the elementary kids a early connection with our FFA Chapter to encourage future enrollment.

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#### Goal #1

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers plan on going to the elementary school once a month to provide lessons to the second grade classes. Every month they will plan out a fun agricultural based activity to teach.

Plan of Action: Leadership students will communicate with the four second grade teachers to plan out Fridays they can come into their classrooms. Students will prepare lesson plans and crafts so that the young students have a fun experience while learning about agriculture. On the planned Friday, the 12 students will split between the four classrooms. Doing crafts every month will bring excitement to the young students, putting a positive light on joining FFA.

Outcome: **MET** Every month, the leadership class presented the agricultural based activity to the second grade students. The young students enjoyed having the older students come in every month for the fun craft.

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#### Goal #2

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will invite the ambassador program to the ag department on Thursday, March 13 to promote awareness of the facilities and the variety of leadership opportunities they provide.

Plan of Action: The leadership team will invite the elementary school ambassadors to do a leadership training day. They will have different activities to promote skills needed to be an ambassador. These activities will help improve their personal goals to become a better leader. They will also show the students how the chapter trains leaders. The training will open their minds to the chapter that allows you to improve goals and leadership abilities.

Outcome: **MET** The elementary ambassadors completed 3 different activities to grow their leadership skills. After finishing, students toured the ag department and explored opportunities offered for future students.

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#### Goal #3

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will create lesson plans two weeks in advance to give enough time to review these lessons and teach the activity so that the students have fewer than five questions following the lesson.

Plan of Action: Two weeks before the visit, leadership students will create and review the activity that will be presented. After development, they will set aside time in class to for review to ensure that they give the students information that is easily understood. They will then teach the lesson thoroughly enough so students have 5 or less questions afterwards. This is to ensure that they provide an easy to understand lesson for their young minds.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** From the four classes, two of them had one question asked and the other two had none. The leadership students exceeded this goal of preparation where the young students easily understood the lesson.

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#### Summary

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Advancing Agriculture: To grow the chapter in future years, FFA students will continue to teach elementary students in following years. They will visit with the elementary students every month of the school year instead of just the last semester. Having more visits with the students will allow the chapter to be able to engage with the students more frequently. They will be able to encourage future enrollment in our chapter by showing the young students all the benefits it provides to growing leaders.

Impact: The chapter officers were able to visit four different classes and invite 17 students in the elementary leadership ambassador program to the department. Being so involved with students when they are at a young age promotes future involvement with our chapter. It will encourage the young students to join FFA when they get to high school and leave students with knowledge that will be used in future years in the chapter and through their lives about leadership and the importance of agriculture.



## Strengthening Agriculture - Chapter Recruitment

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Chapter officers Graci Murphy, Natalia Onelio, and Diamond Amaya Reyes teach second grade students the importance of tagging animals in Mrs. Buzzard's second grade class at Robert V. Haderlein Elementary school on Friday, February 28. The officers explained that tagging animals helps the farmer identify livestock from one another similar to a name and hurts no more than get an ear piercing. Students were then given a paper ear tag to decorate that represents them. BRANDON CALLAWAY/GIRARD FFA



## Strengthening Agriculture - Safety

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### Welding Wisely

Date the Activity was Completed: 11/11/2024

Girard FFA officers will work with the family of a former student who was deeply invested in the welding program to provide FR rated welding jackets to each current and incoming welding student to teach and ensure safety in the shop which will promote safe practices upon graduation and transition into the local community.

Related to Quality Standard: This project enhances safety in the community by encouraging safe practices by FFA students during their time in high school. Once these practices are learned, members can take this knowledge with them to become responsible members of the community.

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#### Goal #1

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will ensure that each student in the welding program has the option to work or pay for a personalized FR rated welding jacket by November 15, 2024 before these students begin the welding unit.

Plan of Action: In order to accomplish this goal, the chapter officers will advertise the opportunity to work or pay for an FR rated jacket by creating a poster that will hang up at the front of the instructors room. A message will also be sent out to each welding student to make them aware of this opportunity. Each student will then fill out a sheet with their preferred size and correct spelling of their name by August 30, so the order can be placed.

Outcome: **MET** 40 out of the 41 students took advantage of the opportunity to work or pay for a jacket, and these jackets were able to be handed out on November 11 which met expectations.

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#### Goal #2

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will partner with the family of a former FFA member to financially support this project so that students do not have to pay the full amount for the jackets.

Plan of Action: In order to accomplish this goal, the chapter officers will communicate with this family before the start of school to ensure that they are willing to fund this project. Once this is achieved, the officers will work with the family and set a date for so that they can help present these jackets to the students. After the date is set, a message will be sent out to students informing them of this plan.

Outcome: **MET** The family was communicated with throughout the last week of July and these funds were secured. The family also agreed to help present the jackets on November 11 which met expectations.

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#### Goal #3

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Goal: The Girard FFA chapter officers will work with the family to create a short presentation about the importance of safety, especially in the welding shop, after they have given the students the welding jackets.

Plan of Action: In order to accomplish this goal, the chapter officers will present this idea to the family if they agree to financially support this project. If they agree to this presentation as well, then the officers will work with them during the first week of November to create this presentation. The officers will then secure a spot on the school calendar during seminar for this presentation.

Outcome: **MET** The family agreed to give a short presentation which was created and planned for November 11. The family then gave this safety presentation to 40 welding students which met expectations.

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#### Summary

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Advancing Agriculture: This activity not only taught students about the importance of shop safety, but it also provided a way for them to carry out these practices themselves. Because a jacket was provided to almost all of the shop students, they did not have to worry about anything other than improving their welding skills and growing in agriculture. Once these students graduate, they are able to take this knowledge with them which benefits the community. This project made all of these things possible.

Impact: Forty current and incoming shop students were able to work for their own welding jacket by cutting extra practice metal in the shop or paying a reduced price. This gave the students an easy way to practice shop safety during the remaining six months of school. By learning these practices, these students are also able to carry this knowledge with them for the rest of their lives.



## Strengthening Agriculture - Safety

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Community member Jill Reese and Agriculture Instructor Brandon Callaway present GHS FFA member Aaron Doubrava with a welding jacket in the GHS ag shop on Monday, November 11. These jackets were funded with the help of the Reese family in order to allow each student to participate in safe practices in the welding shop. These students will be able to carry this knowledge with them throughout their lives so that they may be productive and responsible members of their community. ELIZABETH STURGIS/GIRARD FFA





# 2025 National Chapter Award

## Checksheet of Minimum Qualifications

- All items must be checked as being met for this application to be acceptable.
- Only computer-generated checks are shown here.

Item	Value
An activity is named and described for all 15 quality standards	MET
At least 51 points are attained from the Indicators of a high-quality FFA Chapter.	MET
Required electronic signatures and approvals are current and complete.	MET