

Arlington Heights High School FFA Alumni
Association Constitution

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A. The name of the organization shall be the Arlington Heights High School (AHHS) FFA Alumni Section B. The purpose of the organization shall be:

1. To exclusively support and promote the FFA Organization FFA and agricultural education on local, state and national levels.
2. To provide a tie to the FFA and to assist FFA and agricultural education personnel to involve former members and others interested in supporting worthy activities.
3. To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.
4. To cooperate with AHHS FFA Chapter and the Texas State and National FFA Alumni Associations.
5. To promote and maintain an appreciation of the American Free Enterprise system.
6. To promote the personal development of the local FFA members.

ARTICLE II. MEMBER

Section A. The Arlington Heights High School FFA Alumni is a chartered local affiliate of the Texas FFA Alumni Association that is chartered by the National FFA Alumni Association.

Section B. The AHHS FFA Alumni accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Texas and National FFA Alumni Associations.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to former, active, collegiate, and honorary FFA members, present and former professional agricultural educators, parents of FFA members and others interested in the FFA, upon payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV. EMBLEM

The gold FFA emblem with the world Alumni below shall serve as the emblem of the AHHS FFA Alumni.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BODY

Section A. The executive body of the AHHS FFA Alumni shall be the AHHS Alumni Council.

Section B. The AHHS FFA Alumni Council shall consist of at least four (4) but more than nine (9) persons.

(The council might be selected in such a way that represents a cross section of the community and consists of interested individuals).

1. Four (4) (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) persons(s) elected at large by the membership.
2. One (1) (optional) representative(s) from (consideration may be given to geographic location, age occupation, organization membership, length of residence in community, parents and other.)
3. The current FFA Chapter representative (optional) to serve as ex-officio, non-voting member.
4. The immediate past FFA Chapter officer (optional) to serve as ex-officio, non-voting member.
5. Past FFA member Alumni president.
6. The local FFA advisor(s) shall serve as ex-officio non-voting member(s).

Section C. All members of the AHHS FFA Alumni Council must be active members of the FFA Alumni, with the exception of the current FFA Chapter representative and immediate past FFA Chapter officer and shall serve three-year terms on a staggered basis.

Section D. The AHHS FFA Alumni Council shall select annually a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer from the council membership. The treasurer's books should be reviewed periodically by the AHHS FFA Alumni Council.

Section E. Duties of the officers shall be consistent with those usually pertaining to these positions. (Additional officers may be added if necessary.)

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section A. The AHHS FFA Alumni Council shall meet once per year. Additional meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the council members upon petition to the Secretary.

Section B. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the AHHS FFA Alumni. Additional membership meetings may be called by the AHHS FFA Alumni Council. (The annual meeting might be held in conjunction with or immediately following the local FFA banquet.)

ARTICLE VII. DUES

The annual dues of the AHHS FFA Alumni shall be recommended by the FFA Alumni Council and fixed by majority vote of members present at the annual meeting. State and national dues must be paid on a calendar membership year basis for all active FFA Alumni members. No members shall be considered an active member and in good standing unless full dues are paid.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

- Section A. The constitution of the AHHS FFA Alumni may be amended or changed at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the constitution of the State or National FFA Alumni Associations. Affirmation by two-thirds of those voting shall be necessary to adopt an amendment.
- Section B. Proposed amendments to the constitution of the AHHS FFA Alumni may be submitted by any active member and must be in writing and received by the secretary prior to the annual meeting. Proposed amendments shall be approved by at least three members of the FFA Alumni Council before being submitted to the membership for consideration.
- Section C. Amendments to the bylaws of the AHHS FFA Alumni may be adapted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such bylaws in no way conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the State or National FFA Alumni Association. Alternate possibility as follows: Proposed amendments may be submitted by any active member and must be in writing and received 30 days prior to the opening of the annual meeting. Proposed amendments that have been approved for submission by two-third majority of the FFA Alumni Council shall be presented in the annual meeting. Voting shall be submitted to the membership at least one week prior to the opening of the annual meeting. Voting shall be at the annual meeting with affirmation by two-thirds of those present being necessary for adoption.

Approved as amended, this ____ day of August, 2023:



Lisa Bielss
President



Jayme Rodriguez
Vice President