

Letter of Intent to Collaborate to Support 4-H and FFA Youth

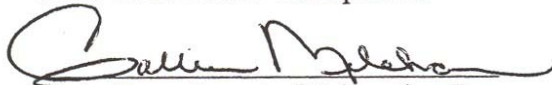
The purpose of this letter is to clearly articulate our intent to work cooperatively to support young people who are interested in agriculture, agri-business and leadership development. This letter acknowledges that specific agreements related to county fairs, and other competitive events will have to be developed at the local level if the administrators of the individual local programs find that necessary.

The rationale for this letter is that young people who are interested in agriculture should be encouraged to achieve all that they can achieve without artificial intervention on the part of those who propose to support their continued growth towards becoming agricultural professionals. It is inappropriate for the Extension Service or the Department of Education to place statewide restrictions on the ability of a young person to exercise their right to develop a full scale enterprise or project or maximize their educational opportunities. Such limits should exist only to the extent that local facilities/resources may limit some opportunities or individual and family resources may limit the scope of an individual's program.

While the education goals of 4-H and FFA are similar, the specific requirements for success in each organization are unique and distinct, members should be encouraged to achieve excellence up to the limits of their abilities within each organization without interference from any other organization. To this point, neither 4-H or FFA have agreements limiting participation because of membership in any other organization. However, the partnering organizations endorse the guiding principles attached to this letter of intent.


State FFA Board Chairperson

7-12-04
Date


State Department of Education Rep.

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Jim Rutledge, 4-H Program Leader

6/14/04
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