# **Ohio FFA Idea Collaborative**

### **Ohio FFA Idea Collaborative Overview**

The Ohio FFA Idea Collaborative is a place for teachers to share ideas that advance FFA programs for everyone. This program establishes an annual cohort of agricultural educators to develop and implement a clear, comprehensive, peer-reviewed plan that will empower teachers and better prepare them to assist students from all backgrounds on their agricultural education journeys.

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### How the Idea Collaborative Can Help Teachers

- Develop a plan to work with your local FFA chapter officers to create a welcoming environment for all students
- Discuss strategies for facilitating a comprehensive agriculture education program that meets the needs of students of varying economic statuses
- · Learn ways to create classroom and laboratory environments that serve students with mobility challenges or physical limitations
- · Gain resources to address students with a wide range of skills and abilities to give each student what they need to succeed

### **General Information**

- The cohort will consist of no more than 10 ag teachers annually working collaboratively with industry professionals.
- · The collaborative will take place over the span of the 2025-2026 school year.
- $\cdot$  Teachers should submit applications to be considered for the collaborative by July 1, 2025.
- · A committee will review the submitted applications and will select the final cohort members.
- Teachers will participate in at least six trainings, all expenses paid (teacher mileage, substitute reimbursement, meals, and housing, over the span of one school year with at least two of these being in person (potential to miss up to 4 school days).
- The FFA chapter of each teacher will receive a \$1,000 stipend for local project implementation. Eighty percent of the stipend will be granted after the plan is approved. The remaining twenty percent will be sent after the completion report is submitted.
- · Local project implementation should be conducted between September 2025 and June 2026.
- · It is expected that Idea Collaborative participants send a thank you letter to the program sponsors.

## **Program Timeline**

May 1, 2025 Idea Collaborative application opens
July 1, 2025 Idea Collaborative application closes
Sept. 2025 - June 2026 Idea Collaborative cohort takes place

July 1, 2026 Final report of local stipend implementation is submitted

# **Apply**

Apply to be a part of the collaborative: Ohio FFA Idea Collaborative Application



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