



# **5** *Areas of Focus for the* **OHIO FFA FOUNDATION**


## **OHIO FFA ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES**

 FFA brings classroom instruction to life. Our conferences, contests and conventions are transformational experiences for students. We create programs and activities with the goal of empowering students to learn valuable career and life skills. Members often reflect on our events describing them as life changing. With your help, we can ensure that students continue to have exceptional experiences while carrying out the mission of the FFA organization.


## **STUDENT AWARD PROGRAMS**

 Ohio FFA members are conducting research projects, starting their own businesses and excelling in the workplace – often all before they even graduate high school. Our award programs inspire students to continually work to become tomorrow’s leaders. Yet, 30% of our award programs go unsponsored. With nearly 90 competitive award areas, there are many opportunities for you to support students as they apply their knowledge in real-life learning experiences.


## **TEACHER RETENTION & RECRUITMENT**

 An agricultural educator is often the most influential person in helping members grow. We support teachers by partnering with the Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators (OAAE) and providing professional development and experiential learning opportunities for current and future teachers. We want to make sure there are always knowledgeable, professional and qualified prospects to teach Ohio students of today and tomorrow.

## **STATE OFFICER TEAM**

 Each year, 11 students are elected to lead the Ohio FFA by serving on the state officer team. Throughout their year, they participate in a variety of high-level professional development trainings to help build their skills to facilitate workshops, deliver keynote addresses and coordinate curriculum and programs for their peers. Your support helps prepare these student leaders to serve and inspire the more than 29,000 FFA members in our state.

## **OHIO FFA CAMP**

 Often described as “The Happiest Place on Earth” by its visitors, Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum provides students with a retreat away from the world where they can set down their phones and engage with their peers. Located in Carroll County, Camp Muskingum has been offering unique outdoor experiences since 1942. The quality facilities and programs provide students with opportunities to connect with nature while enhancing their teamwork and problem-solving skills.