



Ohio FFA Artificial Intelligence Policy and Guidance

Ohio FFA encourages members to develop fluency with modern tools, including generative Artificial Intelligence (AI), while preserving academic integrity, authentic learning, and each student's original voice. This policy explains when and how AI can be used as a supportive tool (e.g., brainstorming, organizing, skill-building) and when its use is not permitted (e.g., replacing a student's original work, misrepresenting authorship, fabricating sources). It aligns with emerging guidance from National FFA and other CTSOs, and with Ohio's statewide direction on K-12 AI policies.

This policy applies to all Ohio FFA activities, including (but not limited to) Competitive Events/CDEs, applications (e.g., degrees, Proficiencies, National Chapter, Agriscience Fair), and officer selection. Additionally, this policy was created using the following guiding principles:

1. AI is a tool, not a replacement for student voice. Final submissions must reflect the student's thinking, decisions, and wording.
2. Integrity first. Use must align with the FFA Code of Ethics and fair competitions standards.
3. Transparency. When AI is used in allowable ways, students must include a brief "AI Use Statement". See a sample statement below.
4. Student Privacy and Safety. Do not enter personal, confidential, or non-public data about yourself or others into AI tools.
5. Verification. Students are responsible for factchecking and citing sources – AI outputs can be inaccurate or fabricated.

Ohio FFA encourages classroom lessons and professional development that can build AI literacy. Ohio Agricultural Educators can leverage [Ohio's AI Toolkit](#) and model policy work to support safe, effective implementation. The toolkit is a practical guide for developing policies and recommendations in response to the proliferation of AI tools. The goal of the toolkit is to help prepare all Ohio students for jobs in an increasingly AI-driven world.

Violations and Enforcement

Judges will be instructed about Ohio FFA's AI Policy before evaluating any competitive in nature award area or contest. Applications that violate the allowable uses of AI will be flagged for further review by a committee. The Committee will be made up of two state staff members and a member of the Ohio FFA Board of Trustees. Flagged violations that are found not following the policy may lead to loss of points, disqualification, and/or teacher, chapter or school disciplinary action.

Acceptable uses of AI:

- Find sources
- Generate an outline
- Identify spelling and grammar issues
- Brainstorm/generate ideas
- Summarize stats
- Vocabulary assistance



- Question practice
- Study questions
- Verify facts

Unacceptable uses of AI:

- Fabrication of any portion of the application or contest
 - o Included but not limited to images/pictures
- Generate responses for interviews or application questions
- Using AI to paraphrase someone else's work and claiming it to be your own
- AI-written work submitted as the member's own (ghostwriting).

Member AI Use Sample Statement

The following statement can be used by a member to acknowledge the use of AI without being in violation.

"I used (insert name of AI used) to (insert how AI was used, included the platform(s) and prompt(s) used). All ideas, wording analysis, and final decisions are my own. I verified facts and sources independently.

Periodic Review

AI's landscape is evolving. Ohio FFA will review this guidance at least annually and update as needed to align with state and national requirements.