



## **Article I - Name and Purposes**

Section A: The name of this organization shall be the La Porte Chapter of Young Farmers.

Members are hereinafter referred to as the La Porte Chapter Young Farmers.

Section B: This Corporation is formed for exclusively educational purposes with particular reference to the fields of agriculture to support the La Porte FFA/Junior FFA members.

## **Article II - Organization**

Section A: The La Porte Chapter of Young Farmers is an organization of young men and women who are interested in agriculture. It shall consist of adults in the area that are interested in agriculture in the La Porte school district.

Section B: The fiscal year for this association shall be July 1 through June 30.

## **Article III - Membership**

Section A: The membership of this organization shall be of two kinds (1) Active and (2) Honorary.

Section B: Active membership - Any person not enrolled in high school and over 18 years old is eligible to become an active member of the local or county organization, or a member-at-large of the State Association.

Section C: Honorary membership - Individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the La Porte Chapter of Young Farmers and to the general improvement of agricultural conditions may be elected to honorary membership by majority vote of active board members.



## **Article IV - Officers**

Section A: Local Officers - The officers of the local organization shall be: President, Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter. Officers shall be elected annually.

Section B: Filling Vacancies: If for any reason an officer cannot complete his or her term, a special election will be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the current term. In the case of Presidential vacancy, the current Vice-President-elect shall assume the office of president.

Section C: Advisor(s) – Shall be the agricultural science teacher(s) of the La Porte school district.

## **Article V - Meetings**

Section A: The La Porte Chapter will hold meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every Month immediately following the La Porte FFA meeting.

Section B The chapter may send two delegates to the state convention.

Section C: Parliamentary procedure at all meetings of this Association shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section D: At Least one Advisor must be present for all membership meetings

Section E: Special meetings may be called by the President. The President shall call a special meeting upon written request of five (5) members. No business can be transacted at a called meeting except that for which the meeting was called.

## **Article VI - Dues**



Section A: Chapter dues will be set by the membership. All members will pay \$25.00 per member for membership for State Association of Young Farmers.

Section B: The state membership year shall be from September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> .

## **Article VII - Emblem and Colors**

Section A: The emblem shall be round with the words, "The State Association of Young Farmers of Texas", printed around the circle. The outline of the map of Texas shall fit into the circle. The map shall be cross-fenced with a Hereford bull's head on one side of the fence, and a tractor in a cultivated field shall be on the other side of the fence.

Section B: Emblems shall be uniform in all chapters in the state.

Section C: The colors of the Young Farmers of Texas shall be corn gold and national blue.

Section D: The colors for the local or county chapters shall be the same as those adopted by the State Association.

## **Article VIII - Amendments -**

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a vote of active members present, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the President.

Amendments may be voted on by the membership the meeting after it is presented and it must receive a 2/3rd vote to pass.

## **Article XI - Dissolution of Assets**

In event of dissolution, assets of the corporation shall be turned over to the La Porte FFA Chapter to be utilized as the chapter desires.



## **BYLAWS**

### **Article I - Duties of Officers**

**Section A:** President: The President shall perform the duties and have the responsibilities customarily delegated to Presidents. The President shall prepare the agenda for and preside at the regular and special meetings of the membership and for all officer meetings. The President shall work closely with the Advisors to ensure that the chapter is providing the necessary support for the La Porte FFA chapter and its needs.

**Section B:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents are to perform the duties customarily assigned to Vice Presidents. The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in their absence and serve as La Porte Young Farmers representative to the LPLSR Livestock Committee and/or La Porte FFA Buyers Committee.

**Section C:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents to perform the duties customarily assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. The Second Vice President shall serve as chairman of fundraising and shall assume the duties of the First Vice President in their absence.

**Section D:** Secretary: Secretary shall perform the duties normally associated with the office of secretary and other duties as may be prescribed by their respective organizations. The Secretary shall provide the minutes for the regular and special membership meetings. The Secretary shall maintain records of the minutes and shall provide monthly meeting minutes to the Reporter.

**Section E:** Treasurers: Treasurer shall perform the duties of the office as prescribed by their respective organizations. The Treasurer will provide the treasurer's report for the regular and special membership meetings. The Treasurer will maintain the Chapter post office box and ensure that signature cards and bank information is kept up to date for the Chapter account. The Treasurer shall maintain financial records for the La Porte Chapter of Young Farmers.

**Section F:** Reporters: It shall be the duty of the Reporters to report promptly and correctly items of local, state, or national interest relating to La Porte Chapter of Young Farmers work to radio, television, newspapers, and other publications. Update information on the website as well as provide updates for the chapter to any social media site.



Section G: Advisor

1. The Advisor shall advise and assist in setting up and carrying out the program of work and all other activities sponsored or participated in by the Chapter.

Section H:

1. All positions are for a term of one (1) year. A person may not hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive years.
2. Only One family member per household can hold a board position per elected term year.

## **Article II – Meetings**

Section A: The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Program (advisors, president's report)
4. Report of the Treasurer
5. Report of the Committees
  - a. Standing Committees
  - b. Special Committees
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Chapter News (Good of the Order)
9. Adjournment

## **Article III – Elections of Officers**

The President shall appoint a nomination committee of three (3) active members at the March meeting. La Porte Young Farmer members interested in one of the officer positions will be required to contact one of the three (3) nomination committee members to place their name on the ballot. Nominations from the floor will be accepted as a write in on the secret ballot at the April meeting. However, if there is only one candidate for any office, the election for that office may be by voice. A majority vote constitutes an election to that position.



Newly elected officers shall be installed at the May meeting. Term of office shall be for one year, commencing July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year. No officer shall serve in the same capacity for more than two (2) years. Vacancies during the year shall be filled by special elections.

Any Active member that wishes to run for a President or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President will need to have served as an active board member on the previous term. Exception: If a vacancy should occur during the President or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's elected term and the position cannot be filled by an active board member, the position will then be open to all active members in good standing.

## **Article IV - Dues**

Section A: Dues will be set at \$15 per individual and \$20 per family (2 votes) for membership in the local chapter. All members will pay \$25.00 per member for membership for State Association.

## **Article V – Scholarships**

Section A: You must be a member of the La Porte FFA/Junior FFA & the La Porte Chapter of Young Farmers in order to be a recipient of any scholarship or grant from the Local Chapter.

## **Article VI – Committees**

There shall be standing committees elected at the time board member elections occur. The president retains the right to appoint any member in good standing to any committee created after elections which are held in April, or fill any vacancy during that calendar year.

- Audit Committee
- Nomination
- Funding Raising Committee
- Scholarship (if appropriate)



## **Article VII – Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a vote of the membership in attendance with at least (5%) of the active members present, provided that the proposed amendments shall have been submitted in writing to the Revision Committee and President for study.

These bylaws were submitted and approved at the Officer meeting on



## La Porte Chapter of Young Farmers 2015-2016 Membership information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

FFA/4HStudent(s): \_\_\_\_\_ grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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State & Local Dues :  
40.00 per Individual \_\_\_\_\_  
70.00 per Couple \_\_\_\_\_

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The La Porte Chapter Web site: <http://laporte.ffanow.org>

Please indicate if we have permission to publish your child(ren) name(s) and/or picture(s) on the WEB site listed above and on **FACEBOOK**.

Yes, you may publish their name(s)/picture(s)

No, you may **NOT** publish their name(s)/picture(s).

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LaPorte Chapter Dues: \$15 for individual and \$20 for Couple.**  
**Young Farmers Dues \$25 per Adult Member**  
**Membership dues must be paid on or before the October meeting.**