



Standard Operating Procedures on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for National Programs and Events

Artificial intelligence (AI) refers to computer systems capable of performing complex tasks that historically only a human could do, such as reasoning, making decisions, or solving problems. As AI continues to evolve, it can be a tremendous tool to help companies, organizations and individuals enhance their productivity and work. Therefore, the National FFA Organization allows the use of AI tools. FFA members may use AI tools, such as ChatGPT, Gemini, and CoPilot, to assist them in their learning.

Appropriate uses of AI may include:

- generating ideas for any FFA-related assignments, projects, contests and award applications
- checking facts of a phenomenon
- checking for and correcting grammatical errors in a paper written by a member

The use of AI tools must be in accordance with [FFA's Code of Ethics](#) to promote fair competition and uphold the integrity of FFA programs and events. More specifically, FFA members shall abide by the following requirements:

1. Members participating in national FFA programs understand and agree that all work must result from their own effort and ability, created, and completed alone (except for partner or chapter applications). When outside sources (direct quotes or phrases, specific dates, figures, or other materials) are used for a project, document, or application, the required reference citation must be completed according to the rules specified by the applicable handbook.
2. The use of AI-based tools must be identified in a member's work. Credit for all secondary research shall be given to the original author and/or AI source through the project's bibliography, footnotes or endnotes.
3. Members must ensure that the use of AI-based tools does not violate any data privacy, copyright or intellectual property laws.
4. Members must analyze the work of AI for accuracy.
5. Competitors must be able to explain the use of AI to judges as required.

While participating in National FFA programs, FFA members are prohibited from:

1. plagiarizing
2. violating copyrights or trademarks
3. cheating
4. falsifying information
5. using another person's results or thoughts as their own, even with this person's permission including work done by a family member or a mentor
6. using information or data obtained from the internet without proper citation

Any attempt to gain an unfair advantage through the use of AI or other methods will not be tolerated. Non-compliance with this policy represents plagiarism and will automatically disqualify a member.

For more information, please see the [Guidelines for Use document](#).