

The National FFA Foundation has been offered a unique opportunity to be the beneficiaries of a special U.S. minted coin in commemoration of the FFA's 85th anniversary in 2012. A portion of the sales proceeds will benefit Agricultural Education and FFA by being placed in a permanent Endowment Fund of the National FFA Foundation. Please see the announcement below for how you can help by contacting your congressional representatives and asking that they co-sponsor this bill, which has been introduced authorizing the minting of an FFA coin. Kent Schescke is our lead for this partnership effort and he may be contacted at kschescke@ffa.org or 317-802-4330.

The National FFA Commemorative Coin Act (U.S. Senate Bill #1553 and U.S. House of Representatives Bill #3464) will seek a U.S. minted commemorative coin honoring the 85th anniversary of the National FFA Organization in 2012. FFA is working with key leaders in Congress to promote and gain co-sponsors of the bill. In order for the bill to emerge from committee, FFA must list 67 Senate co-sponsors and 290 House co-sponsors.

Here's how you can get involved: Use the NAAE Legislative Action Center to contact your senators and congressional representatives and urge them to co-sponsor this bill.

1. Visit the NAAE website: www.naae.org
2. Enter your ZIP code in the "Contact Congress" block in the left margin of the home page
3. Go to Issues and Legislation
4. Select "The National FFA Commemorative Coin Act" option (under Current Action Alerts)
5. Read the Action Alert
6. Complete the editable message
7. Send it to your two senators and one representative

This commemorative coin act will honor a venerable national agricultural education organization with a wide impact. If you would like to see FFA immortalized and honored on a U.S. coin, please let your legislators know. In addition to the NAAE Legislative Action Center, you can find your senators' contact information at the U.S. Senate website: <http://www.senate.gov/index.htm>. Congressional representative contact information is available at: <http://www.house.gov/>.

The National FFA Organization, founded as the Future Farmers of America, strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Today, there are 507,763 FFA members in more than 7,400 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. There are more than 9 million former FFA members.

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