



# Collegiate Farm Bureau Challenge FAQ

*in partnership with MFB's Harvest for All campaign*

## **What is Harvest for All?**

Harvest for All is a year-long campaign, created by the American Farm Bureau Federation, that encourages Farm Bureau members across the country to work together to help fight hunger.

In Michigan, the State Young Farmer Committee oversees a contest to recognize county Farm Bureaus at the district-level for their HFA efforts. The district who contributes the most to fighting hunger, determined by pounds of food, volunteer hours and dollars, will be recognized at the state-level and be given \$1000 to distribute to hunger relief organizations of their choice.

## **What is Harvest for All Collegiate Farm Bureau Contest?**

Between September 1 and December 15, Collegiate Farm Bureau members can join the effort to fight hunger by competing against other Michigan collegiate chapters! The collegiate chapter who contributes the most volunteer hours, dollars donated, and pounds of food collected will be recognized at the state level and be given \$250 to distribute to a hunger relief organization of their choice. Only donations and volunteer hours contributed by Collegiate Farm Bureau members or collected at a Collegiate Farm Bureau event count towards the chapter's total.

## **Why should our chapter connect with a county Farm Bureau?**

Many county Farm Bureaus currently have HFA activities and events lined up in the fall. There may be an opportunity for your Collegiate Farm Bureau chapter to partner alongside and increase the overall impact for both the statewide total and collegiate contest. Collegiate efforts can count towards a county's HFA contest total, though collegiate chapters will need to separate out their specific contribution of donations and volunteer hours during a county event to submit towards the collegiate contest.

## **How can Collegiate Farm Bureau members contribute?**

Between September 1 and December 15, Collegiate Farm Bureau members can join the effort to fight hunger by:

- hosting an event to collect non-perishable food products for a food bank or agency of your choice;
- volunteering time at a local food bank as a chapter or individually;
- collecting monetary donations for a food bank or agency of your choice;
- contributing extra produce grown at home or within a greenhouse or garden at your school;
- joining in county or district Farm Bureau Harvest for All events.

## **What type of activities are reportable for the HFA contest?**

All donations of volunteer time, commodities, food, and dollars given on behalf of Farm Bureau by collegiate members are reportable. These activities must take place between September 1 through December 15 in the current calendar year and by submitting a form to the Michigan Farm Bureau's High School & Collegiate Department by December 15.

## **If we do a food drive, where do we drop off our food?**

There is not a central collection point, as we aim to keep your donations local. Your collegiate chapter, county, or district should identify a local food bank or another local food pantry, mission, etc. for your donations.

## **Can we donate produce from our greenhouse or garden?**

YES! If your school owns and operates a greenhouse/garden OR if your chapter works with a local organization/business who manages a greenhouse/garden, your extra harvest can be donated!

Donated products must meet USDA inspection standard for human consumption. If your local foodbank does not have the ability to accept your donation, the Food Bank Council of Michigan manages the Michigan Agricultural Surplus System and has connections statewide with hunger relief organizations. The Food Bank Council of Michigan can be reached at 517-485-1202 or visit their website at [www.fbcmich.org/](http://www.fbcmich.org/).

## **How do we submit Collegiate Farm Bureau donations?**

Collegiate chapters will be sent a reporting form to record and submit all donations made on the collegiate chapter's behalf. Donations can be submitted throughout the semester; however, all chapter totals must be submitted by December 15. If your chapter donation was part of a county or district Farm Bureau HFA event, collegiate chapters will still need to submit their reports for the Collegiate Farm Bureau totals.

## **How is the winner of the Collegiate HFA contest determined?**

MFB High School & Collegiate Department staff will tally all submissions by collegiate chapters and determine the winner using a formula that combines dollars donated, volunteer hours and pounds of food (where volunteer hours and pounds of food have higher values than dollars donated). District Farm Bureau contest hours can NOT be reported through the collegiate contest.

For example, your collegiate members participate at a Calhoun County Farm Bureau can drive during the fair. Your collegiate members can report the time and/or pounds of food they each donated individually on the collegiate level HFA reporting form, but not the entire District totals.

## **Questions?**

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