

Helping Youth Prepare for Excellence (HYPE)

Team Leader Application

HYPE Academy

Sponsored by Missouri Corn

June 24-26, 2025

Are you a mentor to leaders in agriculture, FFA and your community? Do you enjoy teaching youth about agriculture and motivating them to succeed? If you answered YES, the HYPE Academy Team Leader position is for you! HYPE is a youth leadership conference for promising 12th grade students striving to reach their full potential. It is designed to prepare these 30 FFA members entering their senior year of high school for future leadership roles, self-awareness, agricultural career exploration and advocacy for agriculture. Team Leaders will assist these members to gain key strategies for SAE development, written and verbal communication skills and career development. Most importantly, you will challenge and inspire academy members to take home tools that will help them and their chapters achieve greater success!

In 2025, 30 top FFA members will be selected to participate. Missouri FFA is seeking 5 excellent college students to serve as Team Leaders. These 5 college students will work with 6 students in a smaller setting during HYPE. Each group will work on a current agricultural issue and present both sides of the topic in a professional manner during mock legislative hearings.

HYPE 2025 will be held June 24-26, 2025 in Jefferson City, MO. To apply as a Team Leader, please submit your written application, two letters of recommendation and a university transcript (does not have to be official) to the **Missouri FFA office by February 15, 2025.** Please indicate on your application an email address that you can be contacted now and during the summer months. You will receive lodging, meals, leadership materials and an HYPE Academy t-shirt for volunteering your time.

HYPE Team Leaders will be contacted about acceptance around April 1, 2025. We appreciate your willingness to serve Missouri FFA and inspire youth to be agricultural advocates!

Save this application to your computer BEFORE filling it out!!

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Name:

Address/City/State/Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Best Summer Phone Number:

Email address:

Best Summer Email Address:

Gender:

FFA Chapter/High School Graduated From:

University Attending:

Applicant's Signature: _____

T-Shirt Size:

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1. What strengths would you bring as a Team Leader for the 2024 HYPE Academy?

2. What is your personal definition of leadership? Give one specific example when you displayed leadership.

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3. Why is it important to inspire others? What steps have you taken, or will you take, to inspire others?

4. Is agricultural advocacy important to teach Agricultural Education students/FFA members? Why or why not? Give an example to defend your stance.

Please do not forget to include:

- University Transcript (does not have to be an official copy)
- Two letters of recommendation

Mail to:

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