



Helping Youth Prepare for Excellence (HYPE) Academy

Growing Advocates for Missouri Agriculture

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June 23-25, 2026

Name:

Address:

City & State:

Zip Code:

Student cell phone:

Student Email address-other than school email:

Name of parent(s):

Chapter name:

Chapter advisor(s) name:

Name and address of high school:

Area:

Gender:

T-shirt size:

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Advisor signature: _____

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(Second page of application) – Narratives

1. Why would you like to participate in the 2026 Missouri FFA HYPE Academy? *(800 characters)*

2. Why is it important to advocate for the agricultural industry & how have you advocated for agriculture in the past? *(800 characters)*

3. Why do you believe advocating for the agricultural industry is important in 2026 and beyond? *(800 characters)*

4. How will your engagement in the HYPE Academy help you develop into a leader and advocate for the agriculture industry? *(800 characters)*

5. Out-of-state water exports have become a prevalent topic in recent years amid water shortages during periods of drought, particularly in the western United States. In response, the Missouri legislature has proposed legislation to limit the amount of water that can be exported from Missouri during drought conditions. Given your background in agriculture, what do you think the pros and cons for farmers would be if this type of legislation were enacted?

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