

Join the NAAE Team at National FFA Convention!

NAAE #TeachAg Escape Room Internship Opportunity

Looking for a hands-on opportunity to build your leadership skills, connect with future agricultural educators, and experience National FFA Convention from a whole new perspective?

The National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) is seeking enthusiastic ag ed majors to serve as NAAE Interns as part of the #TeachAg Escape Room Interns during the 2026 National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 21–24, 2026.

This isn't just an opportunity to work at National FFA Convention, but you will play an important role in strengthening the future of agricultural education. Every student who walks through the NAAE #TeachAg Escape Room is a potential future agriculture teacher. As an intern, you'll help students see agricultural education as a career where they can lead, inspire, make an impact, and change lives. You'll also gain valuable experience in student engagement, event facilitation, agricultural education advocacy, teacher recruitment, teamwork, and professional networking on a national stage.

Internship Overview

As a NAAE Intern, you will help bring an interactive teacher recruitment experience to life! Interns will complete the following and any additional tasks assigned onsite:

- Facilitate the NAAE #TeachAg Escape Room experience for middle and high school students.
- Engage students in conversations about careers as agricultural educators.
- Help students discover the impact, opportunities, and rewards of becoming an agriculture teacher.
- Serve as an enthusiastic ambassador for NAAE and the profession of agricultural education.
- Facilitate an engaging experience for FFA members by welcoming participants, explaining challenges, providing clues, and keeping groups moving through the experience.
- Assist with participant flow, reset activities, supplies, and daily operations.
- Set-up, break down, and prepare for return shipping of the escape rooms and materials.
- Work alongside NAAE staff and other agricultural education professionals.

Qualifications/Requirements

This opportunity is ideal for ag education majors who:

- Are an agricultural education major at a college or university that offers a program of study in agricultural education-teacher certification track or similar licensure program that ends in

being certified to teach agriculture at the secondary level; M. Ed initial licensure majors are also eligible to apply as long as they have never taught before.

- Are NAAE Student members and understand the importance of being actively engaged in your professional organization.
- Are energetic, dependable, professional, and comfortable talking with others.
- Are problem-solvers, self-starters, and are independent workers.
- Want to strengthen their communication, leadership, and facilitation skills.
- Are excited about helping identify and inspire the next generation of agriculture teachers.

Help Us Find the Next Generation of Ag Teachers!

If you're ready to bring your energy, creativity, and passion for agricultural education to Indianapolis, we want you on the NAAE #TeachAg Escape Room Team!

This intern must arrive in Indianapolis on Monday, Oct. 19 and work a minimum 11-12 hour shift daily from Tuesday, Oct. 20, through Friday, Oct. 23. Some individuals may need to travel home on Saturday depending on flight availability. NAAE will cover travel expenses, including airfare/mileage reimbursement and hotel (double occupancy with fellow Intern), provide all meals from Monday upon arrival to departure, and offer a \$750 project stipend.

Dates: October 20–24, 2026

Location: Indianapolis, Indiana, National FFA Convention & Expo

Hosted by: National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE)

Apply today by sending an application packet with your resume, cover letter, and name and contact information for three references to Alissa Smith at asmith.naae@uky.edu. Application packets must be received by September 15, 2026.