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Application for Charter

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To:
 Dr. Hazel Frost, National Adviser
 Future Homemakers of America
 623 Mills Building
 Washington 6, D. C.

We, Rhoda Lange, President, Bernice Anderson, Secretary,
 and Lillian Schmidt, State Adviser, officers of the Nebraska
 (state)
 organization of pupils studying homemaking in junior and/or senior high schools, hav-
 ing at present 20 chapters and _____ members, and being empowered to act
 for this organization, do hereby make application to be chartered as an Association
 of the Future Homemakers of America.

We are attaching to this application the following:

1. A complete list of local chapters, with statement of total membership of each.
2. A remittance to cover membership dues at date of application for charter.* *sent in previous*
3. A copy of the proposed constitution and by-laws.
4. A copy of the current program of work. ✓
5. A remittance of \$5.00, to cover cost of issuing charter.

The names and addresses of our State Officers are as follows:

President Rhoda Lange Scotia, Nebr.
 (name) (address)
 Vice President (s) 1st - Nell Myrberg Stromsburg, Nebr.
2nd - Mary Lou Flaherty St. Edwards, Nebr.
 Secretary Bernice Anderson, Lyons, Nebr.
 Treasurer Rachel Hoefs, Fremont, Nebr.
 Adviser Lillian Schmidt, 10th Floor State Capitol Bldg Lincoln, Nebr.

If granted a charter, we promise to comply with the national constitution and
 by-laws of the Future Homemakers of America and to work for the success of the organ-
 ization.

We certify that the information given in this application and attached hereto is
 correct.

Signed:

Rhoda Lange
 State President

Lillian Schmidt
 State Adviser

* Unnecessary if dues have been sent previously.

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State of Nebraska

DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
10TH FLOOR, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
LINCOLN 9, NEBRASKA

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February 9, 1946

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

LOCAL CHAPTERS AS OF FEBRUARY 1946

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
1 Albion	47
2 Rock Co., Bassett	20
3 Callaway	49
4 Campbell	34
5 Eagle	25
6 Elwood	13
7 Fairbury	27
8 Fremont	86
9 Gering	65
10 Gothenburg	30
11 Hay Springs	42
12 Lyons	30
13 Milford	29
14 Hooker Co., Mullen	22
15 Neligh	26
16 Plainview	38
17 St. Edwards	38
18 Scotia	43
19 Sidney	46
20 Stromsburg	26

20 chapters

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I

NAME, PURPOSES AND CREED

Section A. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Nebraska Association of Future Homemakers of America. Members are here-in-after referred to a Future Homemakers of America. The letters F.H.A. may be officially used to designate the organization, its units, or members there-of.

Section B. Purposes

The purposes of this association and all its units shall include the following:

1. To promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfactions of homemaking.
2. To emphasize the importance of worthy home membership.
3. To encourage democracy in home and community life.
4. To work for good home and family life for all.
5. To promote international good will.
6. To foster the development of creative leadership in home and community life.
7. To provide wholesome individual and group recreation.
8. To further interest in home economics.

Section C. Creed

The creed of this association and all its unit shall include the following:

As a Future Homemaker of America

I shall learn

Democracy's meaning. The value that comes from different peoples - different in origin, strength, contributions.

I shall value

Justice....high courage....truth....fair play....cooperativeness - for these are the touchstones of democracy.

I shall know

Democracy has its roots in family living ... that if it is to be achieved in our Nation and in the world, we must first achieve it in our homes.

I shall make

My home a place of trust and confidence and love - the soil in which democracy grows.

I shall seek

With steady purpose, these goals of the Future Homemakers of America.

ARTICLE II

ORGANIZATION

Section A. Chapters

1. Active chapters of Future Homemakers of America may be certified by the Nebraska Association of F.H.A. in schools where recognized systematic instruction in homemaking is offered.

Section B. Certification

Chapters applying for certification shall include with their application a copy of their local constitution together with the chapter membership roll and state and national membership dues.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership in this organization shall be of two kinds:

1. Active
2. Honorary

Section B. Active Membership

Any school pupil who is regularly enrolled in a homemaking class in junior and/or senior high school or has been so enrolled is entitled to become an active member of any chartered F.H.A. chapter upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. A member may retain active membership continuously throughout the junior and/or senior high school enrollment period.

Section C. Honorary Membership

1. Any individual who has helped to advance the homemaking program or has rendered outstanding service to the Future Homemakers of America may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular state meeting, conference or convention.
2. Persons may be recommended for honorary membership by any member or chapter of F.H.A.
3. No more than four state honorary memberships may be awarded in any one school year.
4. No local chapter may award more than one honorary chapter membership in any one school year.

Section D. The membership year for this association shall be from September first to August thirty-first.

ARTICLE IV

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

Section A. There shall be four degrees of active membership based upon achievements.

These degrees are:

Homemaker
Chapter Homemaker
State Homemaker
American Homemaker

Section B. Homemaker Degree

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Be enrolled in a homemaking class or have been so enrolled.
2. Be familiar with the purposes, creed and constitution and by-laws of the Future Homemakers of America.
3. Be familiar with the goals of the homemaking program in the school.
4. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of a local chapter of the Future Homemakers of America.

Section C. Chapter Homemaker Degree

Minimum Qualifications for election:

1. Have held the degree of Homemakers for at least one semester immediately preceeding election to the degree of Chapter Homemaker and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.
2. Have satisfactorily completed at least one year of homemaking instruction.
3. Be familiar with the purpose and programs of work at local, state and national levels.
4. Be familiar with parliamentary procedures and the provisions of the constitution of the local chapter.
5. Be able to plan and preside satisfactorily at a chapter meeting.
6. Have received a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting.

Section D. State Homemaker Degree

Minimum Qualifications for election:

1. Have held the degree of Chapter Homemaker for at least one year immediately preceding election to the degree of State Homemaker and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.
2. Have satisfactorily completed at least two years of homemaking instruction.
3. Show leadership ability by having held responsible positions in connection with school, chapter, or community activities.

4. Have participated in an outstanding way in the activities provided for in the local program of work. (The local program of work should include specific school and community projects which will provide the candidate an opportunity to excel in the participation of one or more of them.)
5. Shall receive a unanimous vote of approval by the Chapter Executive Council for demonstration of leadership and cooperation through participation in the chapter program.
6. Written records of achievement verified by the local adviser shall be submitted to the State Adviser by the Chapter Executive Committee at least one month prior to the state convention at which the degree is to be awarded. The State Adviser will then review the records, prepare briefs and submit her recommendation to the State Executive Council for further consideration. The State Executive Council will nominate at the regular state meeting the candidates who have been found to be most worthy to receive the honor. Briefs of the records shall be made available to the delegates when the candidates are nominated. The delegates shall then elect to the State Homemaker Degree the candidates found most worthy.

Section E. American Homemaker Degree

Minimum Qualifications for election:

1. Have held the Homemaker, Chapter Homemaker, and State Homemaker Degrees prior to election to the Degree of American Homemaker and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and state association.
2. Have been an active member of F.H.A. for at least three consecutive years prior to the election to the degree of American Homemaker.
3. Have had a state office in Future Homemakers of America.
4. Shall receive a unanimous vote of approval by the State Executive Council for demonstration of leadership and cooperation through participation in the state program.
5. Is awarded by the National Organization of Future Homemakers of America.

ARTICLE V

EMBLEM, COLORS, FLOWER, AND MOTTO

Section A. Emblem

1. The emblem of the Nebraska Association of Future Homemakers of America and all its units shall be a plane octagonal in shape, across the top of which is the name "Future Homemakers of America". Around the lower sides of the plane is the motto of the organization, "Toward New Horizons". In the center there is a house supported by two hands, symbolizing that the future homes of America are in the hands of its youth.

2. Emblems shall be uniform in all the units of the organization. All members (active and honorary) are entitled to wear the emblem.

3. Advisers (local, state and national) are entitled to wear the emblem.

Section B. Colors.

The official colors of the Nebraska Association of Future Homemakers of America shall be red and white.

Section C. Flowers

The official flower of this association shall be the Red Rose.

Section D. Motto

"Toward New Horizons" The motto of Future Homemakers of America expresses the purposes of the organization - learning to live better today in order that our lives and those of our families may be better tomorrow.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section A. State

The officers of the Nebraska Association of Future Homemakers of America shall be president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, parliamentarian, historian, song leader and state adviser.

Section B. District

The officers of each district shall be president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, parliamentarian, song leader, and district adviser.

ARTICLE VII

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section A. Members

There shall be a State Executive Council of Future Homemakers of America composed of the state officers, the state adviser and the adviser of the chapter of which the State president is a member.

Section B. Duties

1. The Executive Council is responsible for the activities of the State Association subject to the constitution and by-laws of the association.
2. The Executive Council shall recommend candidates for the State Homemaker degree.
3. The Executive Council is responsible for approving Nebraska Candidates for the American Homemaker degree.

Section C. Voting

1. A majority vote of members present shall be sufficient in carrying on business.
2. Two-thirds of the constitutional members of this council shall be considered a quorum when doing business.
3. When expediency demands voting may be done by mail.
4. Adult members may not vote.

Article VIII

ADVISORY BOARD

Section A. Personnel

1. State adviser
2. State Supervisor Homemaking Education
3. Adviser of chapter of which the state president is a member.
4. The district adviser from each organized district. These persons shall be either a member of the Nebraska Home Economics Association or of the Nebraska Vocational Association,
5. A homemaker.

Section B. Chairman

1. The state adviser shall serve as chairman of the State Advisory Board.

ARTICLE IX

MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

Section A. National Meetings

1. The Nebraska Association shall be represented at the annual national meeting of Future Homemakers of America.

Section B. Sub-regional meetings.

1. the Nebraska Association shall be represented at the annual sub-regional meeting of Future Homemakers of America.

Section C. State Meetings.

1. Work-shops

An Officers and Advisers Training Work-shop shall be held each summer until such time as the group becomes too large to be accommodated at any one place; when such condition occurs, district work-shops shall be held.

- a. Chapters that qualify for representation shall meet the requirements set up by the Program of Work Committee.
- b. Delegates - officers elected for the following school term.

2. Annual State Meeting

- a. Time - annually at such time and place as designated by the Executive Council.
- b. Delegates - determined by chapter membership. The ratio shall be determined by the Executive Council.

Section D. District Meetings

1. There shall be two meetings in each district per year.

a. District Officers' meetings

1. Time - In the fall of each school year.
2. Purpose - to plan the Spring Every Member Meetings.

b. Every Member Meetings

1. Personnel - all members of each chapter within the district.
2. Place - determined by district officers from invitations received from Chapters within the district.
3. Time - in the Spring during the school year.

ARTICLE X

DUES

Section A. National Dues

1. The annual dues to the F.H.A. shall be fixed by the National Executive Council on the basis of a budget submitted and approved by a majority vote of the delegates present at a National Convention of Future Homemakers of America.

2. The fiscal year for F.H.A. shall be September 1 to August 31. Membership dues shall be sent to the National office prior to April 1.

Section B. State Dues

1. The annual membership dues to the Nebraska Association of F.H.A. shall be twenty cents per member.

2. State membership dues of affiliated chapters shall be sent to the State Adviser prior to November 1.

3. State membership dues for newly organized chapters will be accepted up to February 15.

4. The fiscal year for state membership shall be from September 1 to August 31.

Section C. Chapter Dues

1. The dues of each chapter of F.H.A. shall be fixed by the chapter executive committee subject to the majority vote of the membership of that chapter.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

- Section A. Amendments to this constitution and its by-laws may be proposed by any local chapter and sent in writing, to the State Executive Council and State Advisory Board for their consideration before the Annual State meeting.
- Section B. After two readings at the Annual State Meeting, amendments may be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the delegation present, providing the amendment does not conflict with the National Constitution of F.H.A.
- Section C. Amendments may, when expedient, be submitted by mail to local chapters for approval. Each chapter shall submit its vote on the proposed amendment by mail. Adoption shall result when 2/3 of the affiliated chapters affirm the proposed amendment.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS

Section A. President

The duties of the state president shall be:

1. To preside over and conduct meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure.
2. Call special meetings
3. Be familiar with responsibilities of all officers.
4. Serve as chairman of the State Executive Council.
5. Appoint committees and serve as ex-officio member of them.
6. Represent the State Association at conferences and meetings.
7. Discover ways in which the State Association can give service.
8. Encourage and assist with the carrying out of state and national projects.
9. Be alert to ways of creating and maintaining interest in F.H.A.
10. Follow up chapter activities and check on progress being made.

Section B. First Vice-President

The State's First Vice-President shall:

1. Assist the president.
2. Preside at meetings in the absence of the president.
3. Serve as chairman of the Program of Work and State Project Committee.
4. See that every chapter has opportunities to serve in some capacity in carrying out the program of work.
5. Be prepared to assume duties and responsibilities of president.

Section C. Second Vice-President

The State's Second Vice-President shall:

1. Serve as chairman of the State Membership Committee.
2. Help develop worthwhile standards of membership.
3. Assist the president.
4. Act as president in the absence of both the president and the first vice-president.

Section D. Secretary

The State Secretary shall:

1. Prepare and read the minutes of state meetings including those of the State Executive Council.
2. Attend to official correspondence and post notices.
3. Call the roll if a record of attendance is to be kept.
4. Call meeting to order in the absence of a presiding officer.
5. Count and record votes.
6. Keep the permanent records of the state in the files of the adviser.
7. Read communications at meetings.
8. Have on hand for each meeting the following:
 - a. Secretary's book and minutes of previous meetings.
 - b. List of committees and committee reports.

- c. Copies of state and national program of work.
- d. Copies of state and national constitution and by-laws.
- e. Copy of "Official F.H.A. Guide".

Section E. Treasurer

The State Treasurer shall:

- 1. Keep the financial records of the state.
- 2. Assist in preparing an annual budget of estimated receipts and expenditures.
- 3. Present the annual financial report to the adviser.
- 4. Cooperate with the secretary in keeping an accurate membership roll.
- 5. Serve as chairman of the State Finance Committee.
- 6. Assist in collecting state and national dues.

Section F. Reporter

The State Reporter shall:

- 1. Serve as editor of the state publications and chairman of the State Publicity Committee.
- 2. Arrange news notes and articles for the official state publication and send same to state adviser for publishing.
- 3. Collect and send items to the National F.H.A. publication.

Section G. Parliamentarian

The State Parliamentarian shall:

- 1. Assist in conducting meetings in a business-like way.
- 2. Rule on points in question concerning parliamentary procedure.
- 3. Keep in her possession the following:
 - a. A standard publication on parliamentary procedure.
 - b. A copy of the "Official F.H.A. Guide".
 - c. A copy of State Constitution and By-laws.
- 4. Keep the state constitution up to date.

Section H. Historian

The State Historian shall:

- 1. Keep an accurate history of the organization.
- 2. Compile all material for and be the custodian of the state scrapbook.

Section I. Song Leader

The State Song Leader shall:

1. Be responsible for music at state meetings if music is needed.
2. See that the members are acquainted with appropriate songs.
3. Secure a pianist for state meetings if one is needed.

Section J. Adviser

The State Adviser shall:

1. Become familiar with history, purposes, constitutional provisions, ceremonies and other essentials of the Future Homemakers of America.
2. Help to acquaint the officers with their duties and responsibilities and assist in carrying them out.
3. Give guidance in setting up the program of work and seeing it through to completion.
4. Keep in touch with developments of the national organization and call them to the attention of the chapters.
5. Receive and act as custodian of state funds. The funds shall be deposited in a dependable bank.
6. Pay out state funds.
7. Collect state and national dues; send national dues to National Headquarters.
8. See that all state indebtedness is paid promptly.
9. Provide a suitable place for filing and keeping state records and other state materials.
10. Recognize the importance of the state program as a means of achieving goals of homemaking education.

ARTICLE II

SELECTION, TERM AND DUTIES OF STATE ADVISORY BOARD

Section A. Selection

1. The district advisers on the State Advisory Board shall be selected by vote of the chapters within the district.
2. The homemaker shall be selected by the State Executive Council with the advice of the State Adviser.

Section B. Term

1. Term of office shall be for two years except for the first group when terms shall be as follows:

District I - term 2 years - 1946-48
District II - term 1 year - 1946-47
District III - term 2 years - 1946-48
District IV - term 1 year - 1946-47

Section C. Duties

1. The State Advisory Board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the state Executive Council.

2. Help determine state policies and procedures.

3. Advise with the State Adviser on work of the association.

4. Care for all legal matters.

5. Assist the finance committee in preparing the state budget and submit same to the State Executive Council.

6. Help determine the place and time for state meetings, workshops, conferences and conventions.

ARTICLE III

DISTRICTS OF THE NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

Section A. There shall be four designated districts of F.H.A. in Nebraska until such time as the number of chapters warrants further division. The districts are composed of the following counties:

District I Southeast district - All counties south of Platte River and East of and including Hamilton, Clay, Nuckells, Jewell and Mitchell counties.

District II Northeast district - All counties north of the Platte River and east of and including Knox, Antelope, Boone, Vance and Merrick counties.

District III Western District - All counties west of and including Sheridan, Garden, and Deuel Counties.

District IV Central District - The remaining counties in the state.

Section B. Any chapter which because of physical condition of the land or because of highways or transportation facilities finds it more convenient to participate in meetings in an adjoining district, may do so with the consent of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES

Section A. The president shall appoint the following committees annually, (1) membership, (2) finance, (3) publicity, (4) recreation and (5) state program of work. Other committees may be appointed as necessary.

Section B. Duties of committees

1. The membership committee whose chairman is the second vice-president shall (1) suggest ways for chapters to increase their membership (2) promote formation of new chapters in high schools offering systematic instruction in homemaking.
2. The finance committee, whose chairman is the state treasurer, shall compile a list of activities that afford good learning experience by which chapters can raise funds. The finance committee shall assist the advisory board in preparing the association budget and assist in collecting State and National dues.
3. The publicity committee, whose chairman is the state reporter, shall be responsible for interpreting the program of Future Homemakers of America to others and in securing materials for the publication of the association.
4. The recreation committee shall suggest ways for promoting good recreational programs in the chapters and shall assume responsibility for recreation at state meetings.
5. The program of work committee, whose chairman is the first vice-president, shall formulate plans and procedures for the coming year in harmony with the purposes of F.H.A.; shall strive to upgrade the programs in the local chapters throughout the state; shall set up an eligibility list for chapters to fulfill in order to be represented at state meetings; shall be responsible for creating interest in participation in state and national projects.

ARTICLE V

PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING STATE OFFICERS

Section A. Nomination

1. Officers shall be nominated by districts.
2. There shall be combinations on blocks of officers nominated from each district annually. The blocks are as follows:

Block I	President, Treasurer, and Chairman of Recreation
Block II	1st Vice-President and Parliamentarian
Block III	2nd Vice-President, Reporter and Song Leader, Pianist
Block IV	Secretary and Historian

Section B. Election

1. Officers shall be declared elected by a majority vote of the affiliated chapters.
2. Each chapter shall have one vote for every twenty members.
3. Annual election shall be in the Spring of the year.

Section C. Installation

1. State officers shall be installed at either the annual state meeting or the annual Officers Training Work-shop.

ARTICLE VI

PUBLICATIONS

Section A. Name

The name of the official publication of the Nebraska Association of Future Homemakers of America shall be NEBRASKA TEEN TALK.

Section B. Number of issues

There shall be two issues annually -- December and April.

Section C. Procedure

1. Each chapter shall send items to the reporter who shall edit and arrange them for publication, then send same to the state adviser.
2. The state department office shall mimeograph and distribute the publication until such time as other procedures becomes feasible.

Section D. Contents

1. Articles concerning chapter activities, homemaking classes, special programs, money making ideas, reports of special meetings, district, state, regional, and national meetings, songs, poems, jokes, mottoes, skits, games, sketches, and exchanges from F.H.A. publications from other states.

ARTICLE VII

QUORUM AT STATE AND DISTRICT MEETINGS

- Section A. Two-thirds of the voting delegates of the organization shall constitute a quorum.

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NEBRASKA STATE F.H.A. PROGRAM OF WORK 1945 - 46

1. To improve ourselves
2. To contribute toward making our homes finer
3. To increase our understanding of F.H.A.
4. To cooperate with others in our schools
5. To serve our community, state and nation in any way we can
6. To send clothing to children in war torn countries as a part of the national drive.
7. To extend F.H.A. in Nebraska by doubling the number of chapters and total membership this year.
8. To build up our state F.H.A. treasury, through gifts from each chapter.