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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Agricultural Education Teachers  
**FROM:**  Ben Lastly  
Executive Secretary, Georgia FFA Association  
**DATE:** December 1, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Washington Leadership Conference Bus Trip

The Georgia FFA Association is taking a bus trip to Washington D.C. to be part of the national FFA organization's 2023 Washington Leadership Conference (WLC). WLC is a week of outstanding leadership training and touring our historic nation's capital. WLC is a life changing experience, and I hope that you will encourage student leaders in your chapter to attend.

The Georgia FFA's WLC bus trip is scheduled for June 19 – 25, 2023. The student fee for WLC in 2023 is \$1,325, and the advisor fee is \$1,455. This fee includes most meals, all lodging, conference materials, and bus transportation. A registration form is included with this memo. All WLC registration material is due to the state FFA office by April 3, 2023. A \$500 deposit is due with the registration form to confirm a spot on the bus. The remaining balance for WLC is due to the state FFA office by May 5, 2023.

The Georgia FFA Foundation and its generous supporters provide funds for several WLC scholarships. The scholarship application for the 2023 WLC bus trip is included with this memo and is available on the Applications page of the Georgia FFA website. The scholarship application for WLC is very competitive. All FFA members are eligible to apply, but priority is given to current 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade FFA members. Students who have previously attended WLC are not eligible to receive a scholarship. WLC Scholarship applications are due March 1, 2023, to your respective Region office. Please submit a completed copy of the conference registration paperwork with your student's scholarship application so that we have the information to register the students selected to receive scholarships. Students who submit a \$500 deposit with their registration material and then receive a scholarship will have their deposit funds returned.

In 2023 the Georgia FFA's WLC bus trip has only 40 students spots available. I encourage those interested to submit their registration material early to secure a spot on the bus. The 2023 bus trip will have 4 advisor spots available. The advisor portion of the WLC trip is a great way to not only see our nation's capital, but also to engage with other agricultural education teachers from across the nation.

If you or your students are interested in attending WLC and have additional questions, please call me at (706) 552-4456.