



Symposium 2021 | “D.N.A. | Chicago, IL
Engage, Enlighten, Educate – Design . Nature. Art
Focus on the Future - Bringing FFA to the AIFD Symposium

We are introducing you to an amazing opportunity that provides a chance to experience The American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD) National Symposium – *D.N.A. 2021*. This is a program to develop and “engage, enlighten and educate” the FFA Floriculture Student Members and FFA Instructors by experiencing the AIFD Symposium in Chicago 2021.

This scholarship offers FFA Student Members and Instructors the opportunity to experience and learn from world-class floral designers. During their time at Symposium they will witness outstanding floral design programs, network with the floral industry’s leading Industry Partners, visit with AIFD Education Partners, and participate in practical education with hands on classes and take part in the AIFD Awards and Induction Night Dinner. All together this experience will allow them to gain knowledge from both design and business classes and expose them to the educational value and tradition of AIFD.

FFA leadership together with the current AIFD leadership will work together to select the FFA student member teams who will participate in this experience. These FFA members will have demonstrated an interest in continuing a career in Floriculture or respective careers, who have registered and participated in the FFA National Teacher Workshop and have shown leadership in their FFA region and chapters. Instructors attending and participating as chaperones will be given the same opportunities to experience all the education and networking activities listed as well as make connections with other floral educators who can offer support to their teaching efforts.

The schedule of the three-day FFA/AIFD experience is attached.
July 1 – July 4, 2021 * Hilton Hotel - Chicago, IL

The ability to hold the 2021 AIFD® FFA initiative is contingent upon the ability for AIFD® to host its 2021 Symposium in Chicago, IL. Physical distancing mandates currently restrict the number of attendees and should gathering restrictions still be in place, AIFD® may not be able to honor FFA scholarships awarded for 2021. Should AIFD® be unable to host the 2021 FFA event due to Covid-19 complications, you will be contacted as soon as possible, and additional options will be presented at that time.

By inviting FFA Student Members and Instructors to participate and witness the extraordinary dynamics of the AIFD Symposium we hope to encourage future growth in floral education, help students gain knowledge about floral related businesses, and create mentorships with AIFD members.

To download the applications please use <https://form.jotform.com/203032905968155> or download the link at <https://aifd.org/ffaatsymposium/>
For more information about AIFD and our Symposium please visit website: www.aifd.org

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