



NOSB and FFA Partnership



About the Partnership

- The National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) is now recognized as a **National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization Endorsed Activity**.
- FFA is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO).
 - The NOSB falls within FFA's career cluster "Cultivating Resources: Energy and Natural Resources and Agriculture."
- Being an Endorsed Activity of FFA, a CTSO, means that NOSB teams are eligible to receive funding through their school district's Career and Technical Education (CTE) department.

Why it Matters

- **ENHANCED OUTREACH**
 - The NOSB is advertised on FFAs website, increasing reach to new audiences
- **FUNDING SUPPORT** (differs by state)
 - Get paid for YOUR time!
 - Funds for FFA membership dues
 - Funds to support regional bowl travel
 - Funds to attend National Finals
 - Funds to help with community service activities like watershed cleanups
 - Funds for professional development
- **STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES**
 - With FFA they can compete in more events
 - More access to scholarships, career internships, and mentorship opportunities
- **SUSTAINABILITY**
 - Access to more support can help sustain teachers' NOSB participation

How to Participate

- Determine if you already have an FFA chapter at your school.
 - Identify the chapter contact person as well as the state FFA contact.
- If you don't have an FFA chapter at your school, create one!
 - Example program of activities
- Determine who is in charge of your CTE department at your school/district.
 - Inform them that the NOSB and your regional bowl are now part of a CTSO.
 - Ask how the district CTE money (Perkins Grant) could help you with your NOSB costs, as well as starting an FFA chapter.

Questions?

- NOSB coaches can email Samantha Matsuoka (Bartlett High School - Anchorage School District - Alaska Tsunami Bowl Coach), who has led this charge for her team and the NOSB.
- The NOSB thanks Samantha for her efforts and for sharing her knowledge!
- Note that benefits and processes listed here are based on Samantha's experience and may differ from what is possible within your school system.