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Jim Evans Fund provides easy money for chapters

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The Jim Evans Fund was established with intent of providing financial support to chapters for leadership and professional development. Any chapter that decides to spend any amount up to \$125 on an event or activity can receive matching funds of up to \$250. All that is required is an application, a good idea and a plan to see the process through.

Last year, only one application was received. This year, the National ACT officer team would like to challenge each chapter to submit an application to receive support from the Jim Evans Fund.

Recent changes to the grant now allow new chapters to receive funding to help launch their chapters. All applications are considered on a rolling basis, and each chapter can only receive one grant each year. If you have any questions regarding the Jim Evans Fund contact [Garrett Wilkerson](#), or if you need an application [click here](#).

Meet the 2004-2005 officer team

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You can view each officer's press release [here](#).

2005 convention to be held in San Antonio

The upcoming National ACT Convention is scheduled to be held in San Antonio May 31 to June 4 in conjunction with Agricultural Communicators in Education. We will be staying at the [Marriott Riverwalk Downtown](#). Check out more details including the tentative schedule in your ACT welcome packet, which your adviser should receive soon.

New way to submit Critique and Contest entries

Several of this year's critique and contest entries may be submitted electronically to NationalACT@gmail.com. The first entry is free and each additional entry is \$5, which must still be mailed to National ACT. All entries must be received, not post-marked, by March 18. The winners will be announced at the convention in San Antonio. For full details and a list of which entries may be submitted electronically [see the Critique and Contest page](#).

Upcoming Events

[Agriculture Future of America Conference](#), Nov. 4 to Nov 7, Kansas City

Texas Tech ACT professional development event, Feb. 25 to Feb 26, Lubbock, TX (details T.B.A.)

Get published: Submit articles to ACTion

National ACTion accepts stories and blurbs (3-5 sentences) relevant to ACT and agricultural communications for publication. All entries must be e-mailed to [Katie Chodil](#) by the 25th of each month. This is a great way for underclassmen to get their college portfolio started. All members are encouraged to submit stories about their chapter's activities.

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