



## 2026 Stand & Deliver State Officer Selection Topics

*Below you will find the list of current topics that will be used for the State Officer Selection process to select officers for the 2026-2027 school year.*

### EXERCPT FROM STATE OFFICER HANDBOOK

*"Topics will be chosen from Agriculture Current Events and Issues, FFA Current Events and Issues, and Education or Agricultural Education Current Events and Issues. The round will be based on 400 points. A list of current hot topics that will be used for the interview will be posted on the DESE website by February 1 of each year. The list will be 6-8 topics in length."*

### 2026 TOPICS

The overarching theme is our vision – **Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Strengthening Agriculture**. Using those major vision points there will be subheadings addressing Agriculture/FFA/Education/Agriculture Education Current Events and Issues under each of the vision areas.

#### GROWING LEADERS

- A. Conveying the relevance of home-grown leaders in agriculture
- B. Advocating for agriculture in today's world

#### BUILDING COMMUNITIES

- A. Engaging local chapter members in community activities
- B. Implementing agriculture literacy to audiences of all ages

#### STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURE

- A. Working with Missouri agriculture professionals to secure the industry for future generations.
- B. Impacting school students and/or community members of any age with Supervised Agriculture Experience Programs.

#### Reminder of this round from Page 15 of the State Officer Handbook:

*"The stand and deliver round allows the nominating committee to observe the candidate's ability to develop and organize a prepared speech, deliver a spoken presentation, and respond to questions regarding a given topic or scenario.*

*The candidate will be presented with three scenarios. Each scenario will include the topic and information about the intended audience. Candidate will choose the topic that best suits them. Candidates will have 5 minutes to prepare a 3–4 minute speech on a topic related to the identified topic area. The candidate will then move to the interview room to deliver their speech.*

*Note cards will be provided and no outside resources or materials will be allowed in the preparation room. Time will be called at the end of four minutes no matter where the candidate is in delivery. 4 minutes of questions will then be asked to the candidate. Time will be called at the end of 4 minutes of questioning regardless of where the candidate or interviewer is in the response or question."*

#### Example of a Stand and Deliver Topic (Additional examples in Appendix pg. 25):

✓ You have been asked to attend the Governor's Conference on Agriculture and given the topic of "Building Communities through FFA". The audience at the conference will include stakeholders from agriculture and statewide media members. Prepare 3-4 minutes of remarks related to the topic. You will then be asked question from audience members.

**Any questions please contact the State FFA Office**