

STATE FFA OFFICERS AGREEMENT MISSOURI FFA ASSOCIATION

Name: _____ FFA Chapter: _____

One of the highest honors in the FFA is to serve as one of the sixteen state officers. Past state officers report this experience to be of great value to them in succeeding years. It is an honor to serve, only if the job is well done. To serve effectively, a member must be dedicated to the FFA, must possess superior leadership ability and be willing to devote definite times throughout the year to the job. All FFA members giving consideration to applying for state office should study the following information carefully while considering the hours of volunteer time you will need to dedicate.

A. Qualifications for State FFA Office

1. Must be an active FFA member, hold the State FFA Degree or have been nominated for the degree by the executive committee, must be an active FFA member, must be continuing their supervised agricultural experience program and must be enrolled in Missouri agricultural education in high school at the time of election.
2. Must have reliable transportation and driver's license throughout the year.
3. Must live in Missouri all year and not attend school out of the state.
4. Must be capable of delivering a prepared speech and/or extemporaneous speech.
5. Must be free of commitments to the military, organizations or activities which might conflict with state FFA responsibilities.

Competencies -- the following lists the essential competencies required for serving as a state FFA officer. The selection committee will screen candidates to find those who demonstrate these consistently.

- Communication** - Demonstrate the effective use of various forms of communication, i.e., non-verbal, listening written, speaking and facilitation to convey a message in both large and one-on-one settings.
- Team Player** -- Demonstrates the ability to work in a team setting, values diversity of opinion, and works to be inclusive in the process and is willing to put others above self.
- Knowledge** -- Demonstrate the ability to articulate the systemic nature of food, fiber, agricultural, and natural resources issues, FFA and Education issues.
- Organization** -- Demonstrates the ability to see the big picture, break large projects into smaller tasks, appropriately prioritize multiple demands and use time management and organizational tools to produce quality results by identified deadline.
- Character** -- Displays a disposition that is genuine, responsible, honest, mature, confident, respectful and has a positive outlook on life.
- Influence** -- Demonstrates the ability to influence others through modeling expectations, building relationships, and growing the association and organization.
- Critical Thinking** - Demonstrates the ability to seek out solutions and resourcefulness in finding information.
- Passion for Success** -- Displays personal attributes that are courageous and passionate in carrying out the FFA mission with contagious enthusiasm.

C. State FFA Officer Activities (Please consider the time commitment you are about to agree to)

State officer activities include approximately **20 to 35 days during the school year** for the following activities:

- Executive Committee Meetings in late May, September, November, December, and February
- National FFA Convention – October / November
- Greenhand Motivational Conferences in January
- Legislative Day in February
- State FFA Convention in April
- Area and District Leadership Activities
- Speaking at degree initiations and banquets
- Chapter visits within home or assigned area
- Representation for MO FFA at meetings and conferences (Farm Bureau, Governors Conf., etc.)

During the summer months officers will be involved in activities requiring approximately **26 days** as follows:

- State FFA Leadership Camp / Area FFA Officer Institute / Public Speaking Academy/HYMAX/HYPE
- National Leadership Conference for State FFA Officers
- State and District Fairs
- Advocacy Training
- Leadership Adventure

Experience shows that state officers in high school have very few problems meeting these responsibilities. State Officers in college also get along quite well, however, they are advised to carefully select the courses they enroll in and sometimes to reduce the number of hours carried.

D. State FFA Officer Commitments:

During the year as a State FFA Officer I commit to:

1. Serving as a member of the team, always maintaining a cooperative attitude.
2. Being totally dedicated to the total program of Career & Technical Education in Agriculture, Agribusiness, Agriscience and the FFA.
3. Becoming thoroughly knowledgeable of Agriculture, Career & Technical Education and the FFA.
4. Treating all FFA members equally.
5. Behaving in a manner which conveys and commands respect without any air of superiority.
6. Maintaining dignity while being personable, concerned and interested in others.
7. Considering girlfriends or boyfriends as secondary to officer responsibilities.
8. Using wholesome language in all speeches and informal conversations.
9. Working untiringly through preparation and strive to develop into an effective public speaker and to project a desirable image of FFA at all times.
10. Regularly and on time writing/typing all letters, thank you notes, reports, email and other correspondence which are necessary and desirable.
11. Working constantly to improve my ability to carry on meaningful and enjoyable conversations with individuals of all ages and walks of life.
12. Accepting and searching out constructive criticism and evaluation of my total performance.
13. Keeping myself up to date on current events.
14. Evaluating constantly my personality and attitudes making every effort to improve myself.
15. Maintaining and protecting my health and healthy lifestyle.
16. Avoiding participation in and actively discouraging any conversations which belittle or downgrades fellow FFA members, officers, and adults.
17. Maintain at least a C in all course work.
18. Maintain and protect my health.
19. Project a positive image on any websites or blogs, not limited to but including Facebook, Twitter and other social media avenues. Pictures are appropriate, promoting positive morals and behaviors. Groups in which you participate should reflect a positive purpose and interests, hobbies, etc. are appropriate.

E. State FFA Officer Agreements:

During the year as a State FFA Officer I agree to:

1. Participating in all activities expected of me as a state FFA officer, except in severe emergencies.
2. Be willing to be away from home to participate in officer activities.
3. Wearing official FFA dress as defined in the National FFA Official Manual.
4. A state officer still in high school will forgo participation in Spring Career Development Events.
5. Being unwed, nor be the father or mother of a child at the time of serving as a State Officer. Further understood that I will resign my office if there are any changes in marital or parenthood status.
6. Being willing to take and follow instructions as directed by those responsible for me.
7. Foregoing all alcohol and tobacco.
8. Not using or possessing narcotics or illegal drugs in any form, at any time, under any circumstances.
9. Having body piercing jewelry removed, other than on ears on females. All tattoos must be covered.
10. Avoiding places or activities which in any way would raise questions as to my moral character or conduct.
11. Not participate in any illicit or promiscuous acts.
12. Maintaining proper dress and good grooming for all occasions. This includes completely shaven faces for men and reasonable hair styling and color for men and women.
13. Immediately resigning from office upon conviction of a felony.
14. Understanding any legal conviction will be reviewed by the state FFA advisor &/or executive committee which may result in removal from office.

I have read, studied, and understand the above qualifications, commitments, and agreements.

If elected to a state FFA office I will carry out my responsibilities in accordance with these established agreements and understand that limitations may be set on my role as a state FFA officer and/or I could be removed from office at any time by the state FFA advisor or by a majority vote of the State FFA Executive Committee, if I do not completely adhere to these established State FFA Officer Agreements.

Signature of Applicant

Name of Applicant

I believe this applicant understands the time, commitment, agreements, and responsibilities to perform as a State FFA Officer and is willing and capable of meeting these requirements. For students under the age of 18 and still in high school: School district understands that the student is still under the supervision of the school district and will make arrangements (with the state FFA Advisor) for the student to be adequately supervised according to the district's policies and procedures. The school district is responsible for providing said supervision and related expenses.

Signature of School Administrator

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Agriculture Instructor