



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ROLE, RESPONSIBILITIES & PROFILE

VISION

The vision of the Missouri FFA Foundation is to cultivate the next generation of leaders for the agriculture industry and our communities.

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The mission of the Missouri FFA Foundation is to secure strategic partnerships and financial resources to enhance, strengthen, and support the educational and leadership opportunities that promote premier leadership, personal growth and career success for Missourians in Agricultural Education.

BOARD COMPOSITION

The Missouri FFA Foundation's Board of Directors is composed of at least three, but no more than nineteen voting directors. The Board of Directors also has up to six ex-officio directors representing the organizations making up Missouri's Team Ag Ed. Directors need not be residents of the state of Missouri. All members of the Board are expected to make themselves available for meetings and for contact via phone and electronic means.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Directors are responsible for identifying and fulfilling the organization's mission, policies, long-range goals, and objectives. The Board will assure the financial well-being of the Foundation by actively supporting the organization's fundraising efforts and by being involved in the accomplishment of development projects.

Additionally, Board members will be expected to assume the following responsibilities:

- Serve as an advocate for the Missouri FFA Foundation
- Support philanthropically with their time, talent, treasure, and testimony
- Attend, and participate, in board meetings
- Serve as an active member of a committee or project of the Foundation
- Help in securing financial support for the Foundation through identification of prospective donors, building appropriate relationships with prospective donors, understanding the needs of the Missouri Agriculture Education programs, and actively soliciting support when appropriate.

TO BECOME A FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER

The Board of Directors of the Missouri FFA Foundation assists in both the development of positive community relations and the generation of private financial support. To be

effective, membership of the Board should represent a cross section of the state's agriculture, leadership, business, and educational diversity. Members should be willing to support the Foundation financially and influence other individuals, organizations, trade associations, or corporations to support our mission.

Our success must be a result of a collaborative effort with Missouri Team Ag Ed, staff, and our governing board. The degree to which each member fulfills their responsibility assures the accomplishment of the mission.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER PROFILE

To be considered for nomination to the Missouri FFA Foundation Board of Directors, an individual should possess the following qualities:

- Highly respected members of their profession and community
- Have the time and willingness to actively participate in meetings, call on potential donors, and attend special events
- Help develop foundation projects and assist in designing strategic funding priorities
- Be aware and supportive of the mission, vision, and values embraced by the Missouri FFA Foundation
- Available to the Executive Director and the staff for counsel, mentorship, and professional insights
- Willing to support financially through an individual contribution and by soliciting other contributions

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

As individuals, board members are expected to make contributions of *time, talent, treasure, and testimony* to the Missouri FFA Foundation. This may be done in the following ways:

- Participate in board and committee meetings. It is understood a board member's time is extremely valuable; therefore, every effort is made to limit time requirements and keep meetings organized and efficient.
- As we cannot ask others to assist us with their financial support when we have not demonstrated our own commitment, a willingness to make a personal financial commitment at your level of comfort is always recognized and appreciated.
- Assist staff and other board members in long-range cultivation and solicitation activities.
- Maintain an active knowledge of Missouri Agriculture Education's programs and the needs they have expressed.
- Stay informed on issues pertinent to nonprofit management and philanthropy.

MEETINGS

The Missouri FFA Foundation operates on a calendar year. The governing board of the Missouri FFA Foundation meets quarterly (4 times a year). At least two meetings per year are in person, the summer meeting and the late fall/early winter meeting when next year's budget is approved. Other board meetings and committee meetings will primarily be held virtually.