

_____ FFA
Constitution and Bylaws

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the _____ FFA.

Article II. Objectives

The objectives of the organization shall be consistent with Section 3 of the organization's federal charter. The organization shall cooperate with the local school system, the local community, the state association, and the national organization to accomplish the following:

1. To be an integral part of the organized instructional program in agricultural education at _____ High School, in order to prepare students for a wide range of careers in agriculture related fields.
2. To strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and in their work by developing desirable work habits and the effective usage of their time; by learning to assume responsibility; and by developing competencies in communications, human relations, and other social abilities leading to the intelligent choice of a career and successful employment or entrepreneurship in the agriculture industry.
3. To provide agriculture related programs and activities which will develop pride, responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, patriotism, and thrift; which will improve the economic, environmental, recreational, and human resources of the community.
4. To encourage and recognize achievement in supervised agriculture experience programs, scholarship, leadership, and other individual and group activities by providing awards to deserving members.

Article III. Organization

The _____ FFA is the organization of, by, and for students enrolled in agricultural education at _____ High School. It is a chapter in the Kentucky Association and the National FFA Organization.

Article IV. Membership

Membership in the _____ FFA shall be of three types- active, honorary, and alumni.

To be considered an Active member, a student must:

1. Be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course at _____ High School during the school year for which membership is desired.
2. Show an interest in the affairs and activities of the chapter by attending meetings of the chapter, striving for advanced degrees, and participating in chapter activities.
3. Pay regional, state, and national dues as well as local dues determined by the chapter.
4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals, principles, and values of the National FFA Organization.
5. Membership may be revoked if a member does not act in accordance with the FFA Code of Ethics as outlined in the National FFA Manual.

A member may remain active until November 30th following the fourth National FFA Convention after the student graduates from high school.

Alumni membership shall be open to former members, honorary members, parents, teachers, sponsors, and other individuals interested in supporting the local FFA chapter and its members. Membership shall follow the guidelines of the National FFA Alumni Association and the _____ FFA Alumni.

Honorary membership- Farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, business people and others who are working to advance agricultural education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service may be elected to honorary membership. Individuals may be nominated for honorary membership by any active member of the Taylor County FFA. Honorary members will be selected by the executive committee at the April Executive meeting. Honorary membership shall be awarded at the FFA Banquet following election by the committee.

Article V. Degrees and Privileges of Membership

There shall be four degrees of active membership in the _____ FFA. They shall be the Greenhand FFA Degree, the Chapter FFA Degree, the State FFA Degree, and the American FFA Degree. Degrees shall be based on the guidelines of the National FFA Organization and the Kentucky FFA Association.

Article VI. Officers and Procedures for Election

The elected officers of the _____ FFA shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel, and chaplain.

These officers shall serve a term of one year, which shall begin with their installation and end with the installation of the next set of officers.

Chapter officers must be recipients of the Chapter FFA Degree, members in good standing, and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA in regular school classes.

Members wishing to serve as officers shall complete a written application which shall be turned in according to announced chapter policy. The candidates shall be interviewed and slated by the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall consist of the senior FFA officers and will be chaired by the President of the local FFA Alumni chapter or his designee. In the event that there are less than three senior officers the senior committee chairmen shall be asked to serve on the nominating committee.

The committee shall interview the candidates at a predetermined time and location and choose a slate of officers. This slate will be presented to the chapter for approval at the May FFA meeting. If the slate is approved, installation of officers shall follow.

In the event that the slate is not approved, the floor will be opened for nominations for each officer, with the slated candidate for each office having an implied nomination. A vote will be taken for each office by secret ballot. Installation will follow the election of officers by this method.

Chapter officers are expected to serve as examples for all members to follow. Officers shall be provided with a copy of chapter policy for officer behavior and responsibilities, as well as a list of expectations. They will sign a copy of this, which shall be kept on file by the advisor. Officers who are in violation of chapter policies may be reprimanded, asked to resign, or be removed by a 2/3 vote of the active membership present at any regular or called meeting.

In the event that an officer resigns or is removed from office, the SAE Committee Chairman shall assume the office and carry out all the duties thereof. In the event that the President resigns or is removed from office, the Vice President shall become the President and the SAE Chairman shall become the Vice President.

Regional Officers-

In order to run for a regional office, a member must be at least a junior and be serving as an officer of committee chairman. The candidate will be selected by a committee appointed by the advisors.

State Officers-

In order to run for a State Office, the member must meet all minimum qualifications outlined in the State FFA Constitution. If a current regional officer wishes to run for state office, he or she shall have the first chance. If the current regional officer does not wish to run and there are more than one candidate from the chapter who wish to run, the state officer candidate will be selected by a committee appointed by the chapter advisors.

Article VII. Committees

The _____ FFA shall have the following committees: Supervised Agriculture Experience, Cooperation, Community Service, Leadership, Alumni Relations, Recreation, Scholarship, Earnings and Savings, Public Relations, Conduct of Meetings, and Greenhouse.

The officers and advisors shall select a chairman and secretary for each standing committee. Committee chairmen must be at least second year FFA members.

Each committee shall be responsible for certain activities and functions as outlined in the chapter program of activities. The committee is expected to meet once a month or as needed to plan and carry out these activities. The committee shall report on accomplishments and plans at each regular FFA meeting.

Committee officers and members will be expected to carry out all responsibilities related to their positions. They may be removed in the event that they are not.

Article VIII. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held each month. During the school year, meetings will be held on club day at a time and place determined by the school administration. At least two summer meetings will be held, one of which may be at the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center. Special meetings may be called by the president, on an as needed basis.

Executive committee meetings shall be held at least once each month. The vice president shall call these meetings and be responsible for setting the agenda and running the meetings. The executive committee shall consist of the officers and committee chairmen. Decisions of the executive committee shall be binding.

Meetings shall include all official FFA ceremonies as outlined in the "Official FFA Manual." The most recent edition of "Mastering Parliamentary Procedure" shall be followed in running the meeting.

Article IX. Activities and Awards

Activities shall be planned by the advisors, officers, and committees in order to meet the objectives of the organization. These activities shall be outlined in the chapter program of activities, which shall be made available to all members upon request.

Chapter policies for contests, awards, and activities shall be contained in a chapter handbook, which shall also be available upon request.

The officers, advisors, and committees shall inform members of various activities and awards that are available. Every effort shall be made to insure that all members are aware of the opportunities that are available to them.