

# TENNESSEE FFA ASSOCIATION STATE OFFICER APPLICATION



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## Qualifications and Prerequisites

State FFA Officers are required to perform on a very vigorous and continuous basis. Therefore, it is necessary that those who aspire to become officers are highly qualified, able and willing to perform. Please read and study the major qualifications and prerequisites very closely. When you are fully convinced that if elected you will, without any reservations, be fully able to carry out the role and responsibility of a state FFA officer, then sign, scan and upload your completed application and transcripts as one file in PDF form to:

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## **ROLE OF THE STATE OFFICERS**

In order for present and future members of the state officer team, as well as state and national staff and the membership at large to have an understanding of the state officers' role, the following major areas of responsibility are assumed by all elected officers:

1. The state officer shall be a member of the student board of officers, which fulfills the specified functions of governance of the National FFA Organization/Tennessee Association FFA.
2. The state officer shall execute the Tennessee FFA Program of Activities and shall assist the chapters in the execution of their program of activities.
3. The state officer shall be a disseminator of specific agricultural education and FFA information to the membership.
4. The state officer motivates, inspires and encourages FFA members to participate in agricultural education and FFA programs. They assist members in their advancement of agricultural knowledge and development of leadership abilities.
5. The state officer shall maintain positive relationships with members, agribusiness organizations, educational organizations, and personnel within the agricultural natural resources and fiber sector, and others interested in agricultural education.
6. The state officer shall project a positive image as a leader among American youth representing those qualities members and the FFA code of ethics accept as a life style role model.
7. The state officer shall uphold the FFA Code of Ethics.

## **AS A CANDIDATE FOR STATE OFFICE, I WILL:**

1. Agree to arrange my schedule to arrive in and remain in Gatlinburg according to recommendations.
2. Comply with all instructions of the nominating committee including, but not limited to, being available to the nominating committee as directed: participating in all facets of the officer selection-election process, and being prompt in all aspects of the procedure from the beginning until the convention ends.

## **IF ELECTED TO STATE FFA OFFICE, I WILL:**

1. Be dedicated and committed to FFA and the total program of education in agriculture/agribusiness.
2. Be willing to commit at least 100 days to state officer activities.
3. Hold a valid driver's license and be willing and able to travel serving the Tennessee FFA Association.
4. Become knowledgeable of agriculture, of education in agriculture/agribusiness, and of FFA.
5. Through preparation and practice, develop myself into an effective public speaker and project a desirable image of FFA at all times.
6. Regularly and promptly write all letters, thank you notes, reports and other correspondence which are necessary and desirable.
7. Strive to improve my ability to carry on meaningful and enjoyable conversations with individuals of all ages and walks of life.
8. Accept and search out constructive criticism and evaluation of my total performance.
9. Keep myself up to date on current events.
10. Evaluate periodically my personality and attitudes, making every effort to improve myself.
11. Maintain and protect my health.
12. Follow the state officer code of ethics:
  - a. To forego use of all alcohol, tobacco, and drugs while involved in official or unofficial FFA activities.
  - b. To treat all FFA members equally by not favoring one over another.
  - c. To conduct myself in a manner which commands respect without any display of superiority.
  - d. To maintain dignity while being personable, concerned, and interested in my contacts with others.
  - e. To avoid places or activities which in any way would raise questions as to my moral character or conduct.
  - f. To consider FFA officer activities as my primary responsibility.
  - g. To use wholesome language in all occasions.
  - h. To maintain proper dress and good grooming for all occasions.
  - i. To work in harmony with fellow FFA officers, and not knowingly engage in conversations detrimental to other FFA members, officers, and adults.
13. Serve as a member of the team, always maintaining a cooperative attitude.
14. Be willing to take and follow instructions as directed by those responsible for me.

I have read, studied, and understand the above guidelines. If elected to state office, I will carry out my responsibilities in accordance with these statements and understand that I can be removed from office by the Tennessee Association FFA Board of Directors if I have not satisfactorily followed these established standards for state officers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's or Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**In addition to chapter visits, banquets, and stakeholder events that occur throughout the year,**

**All State FFA Officers must attend the following**

July	State Officer Training Executive Meeting/Camp Clements Planning State Officer Training at Camp Clements The Summit in Washington, DC (Pres, Sec) CTSO state officer leadership training
August	ROPE conference
September	Executive Meeting/State Fair
October	National FFA Convention
November	Executive Meeting/212&360 conferences
December	Executive Meeting
February	Statewide FFA Goodwill Tour
March	Executive Meeting/State Convention Planning Retreat State FFA Convention

**At least one officer will attend the following as requested:**

July	Tennessee Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference State President’s Conference Tennessee Junior Livestock Exposition Tennessee Junior Sheep Exposition
September	Tennessee Valley Fair Tennessee State Fair State Horse Evaluation CDE Tractor Supply Company Vendor Golf Tournament
October	State Land Evaluation CDE
December	Tennessee Farmers Cooperative Annual Meeting Tennessee Farm Bureau Convention
March	Tractor Supply Company Vendor Show
April	Regional Awards Programs



**List the most important of your FFA activities. Do not attach additional pages. If space is limited, list only major activities.**

**Year**

**Activity**

**Involvement**

**Please answer the following questions:**

What is your favorite Career Development Event? 225 character max

Most Memorable FFA Moment? 225 character max

What are your career plans? 225 character max

**List the most important of your school and community activities. Do not attach additional pages. If space is limited, list only major activities.**

**Year**

**Activity**

**Involvement**

**Express in your own words: (Maximum of 3000 characters)**  
**“Why I want to be a State FFA Officer”**

## **Supplemental Information Sheet**

**This page allows you to attach any information to support your candidacy for State Office. All materials (must be in a photo format and must fit on one page.**

## SCHOLARSHIP VERIFICATION (attach transcript(s))

- A. \*Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Scholastic Rank (consider all subjects): \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ students
- C. Highest ACT and/or SAT score (attach transcript showing score or a copy of the score report):  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above ranking is correct for \_\_\_\_\_ and that he/she has a satisfactory scholastic record.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent or Principal

School: \_\_\_\_\_

\*All candidates must have at least a 2.5 grade point average to be eligible as a state officer

Please insert a professional/headshot photo of yourself here:

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Attach  
recent  
photograph

*We have carefully checked this application and find that all statements are true in every detail. We certify that records are filed with the chapter advisor supporting all activities listed, and we recommend the applicant as a State FFA Officer candidate. We hereby permit the viewing of grades by the state officer nominating committee and the use of any of the other information and pictures included in this application with the exception of the following:*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Advisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date