



Tennessee FFA Association
National FFA Delegate Application

Name: _____ Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Parent Cell Home: _____

Applicant Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

FFA Advisor(s): _____ Chapter: _____

Where do you expect to attend school for the 2024-2025 school year? (i.e. Anytown High School, UTK, UT Martin, etc...) _____

Do you understand that attending the National FFA Convention as a delegate will necessitate missing an entire week of school? YES _____ NO _____

Further, are you willing to work ahead of time in your classes to ensure that you afford to miss the week of school?(Mark one answer) YES _____ NO _____

We have reviewed the information on this page and the attached documentation and agree that it is accurate. We acknowledge the need for the candidate to miss a week of school to serve as a National Convention delegate and will assist them in working with their teacher/professors and administration to meet that expectation. Further, we support the nomination of this student for service as a delegate to the National FFA Convention.

Principal (Date) Parent/Guardian (Date) Advisor (Date)

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Supplemental Information (please attach all to this application and email to ryan.inman2@tn.gov)

• **Letter of application**

Each candidate should write a 1-page letter of application for the job of National Convention delegate. The letter should be addressed to the State FFA Advisor (PO Box 40627, Nashville, TN 37204) and should 1) introduce the candidate to the committee, 2) express the applicant's interest in the job, 3) explain the applicant's qualifications for the job, and 4) close by answering briefly why the applicant wants the job. Letter of application must be the work of the applicant and must be signed by the applicant. Letters in excess of one page will not be accepted.

• **Three (2) letters of reference in support of the applicant**

Each applicant should have two 1-page reference letters supporting their qualification(s) for the job of National Convention Delegate. One letter must come from the applicant's FFA Advisor. The remaining letter can come from any person who can fairly and accurately speak to the applicant's character, work ethic, and qualifications for this important task of representing our state at a national event. Letters should be the original work of the reference person, be limited to one page, be on letterhead and be signed.

• **Resume**

Each applicant should include a resume highlighting their experiences, recognition, and service. Resumes must be two (2) pages or less and are expected to include the following information.

-**Personal Information:** Student name, address, contact information

-**Education:** name of school attending and year of graduation

-**Experience:** specific work and/or leadership experiences that qualify the student for the role of national delegate

-**Leadership Positions:** officer and/or committee positions held (FFA and non-FFA)

-**Awards and Recognition:** honors earned by the applicant (FFA and non-FFA)

-**Community Service:** summary of activities & events, roles the applicant played & impact made on others

• **"Why I Want to Serve" Statement**

Each candidate is expected to provide a written statement (maximum of 500 words) answering the question, "Why do you want to serve as a National Convention Delegate?"

• **Candidate Commitment form**

Each candidate is expected to review and sign the Candidate Commitment form, ensuring that the candidate, as well as their family and advisors, understand and agree to the expectation of serving as a national convention delegate

• **Photo**

Each applicant is expected to submit a head & shoulders photo of themselves in official FFA dress.



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Serving as a Tennessee Delegate for the National FFA Convention requires making a commitment to service. In addition to serving and representing the members of the Tennessee FFA Association, you will represent the image and direction of the Tennessee FFA Association to fellow delegates, FFA members, teachers, state and national FFA staff, Alumni, sponsors, and the general public. You will also be expected to handle the official business of the National FFA Organization on behalf of Tennessee’s over 33,000 members, in a professional manner.

The following are commitments required of all National Convention Delegates from Tennessee.

During my time of service as a National Convention Delegate, I commit to:

1. Be willing to commit the entire week to Delegate activities.
2. Be willing and able to travel to the National Convention with the Tennessee delegation.
3. Forego all alcohol, tobacco, and illegal substances at all times during my delegate trip.
4. Wear complete and proper official FFA dress each time it is called for.
5. Avoid places or activities that, in any way, would raise questions as to my moral character or conduct.
6. Adhere to the schedule, expectations and curfews provided for Tennessee delegates.
7. Arrive on time and attend each delegate function/session throughout the week.
8. Use wholesome and appropriate language in all speeches and informal conversations.
9. Maintain proper dress and good grooming for all occasions.
10. Be willing to take and follow instructions as directed by those responsible for Delegates.
11. Maintain and protect my health.
12. Treat all FFA members and delegates equally and with respect; not favoring one over another.
13. Conduct myself in a manner that commands respect without any display of superiority.
14. Maintain my dignity while being personable, concerned, and interested in contact with others.
15. Evaluate, periodically, my personality and attitude, making every effort to improve myself.
16. Serve as a member of the team, always maintaining a cooperative attitude.
17. Work in harmony with fellow FFA delegates, and not knowingly engage in conversations or relationships detrimental to the Tennessee delegation, other FFA members, or supporters.
18. Become knowledgeable of my delegate issue and be prepared for my responsibilities ahead of time.

Signatures:

Candidate

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

FFA Advisor

Date

High School Principal

Date