



TENNESSEE FFA
LEGISLATIVE VISIT
HANDBOOK

TENNESSEE FFA LEGISLATIVE VISIT RESOURCES

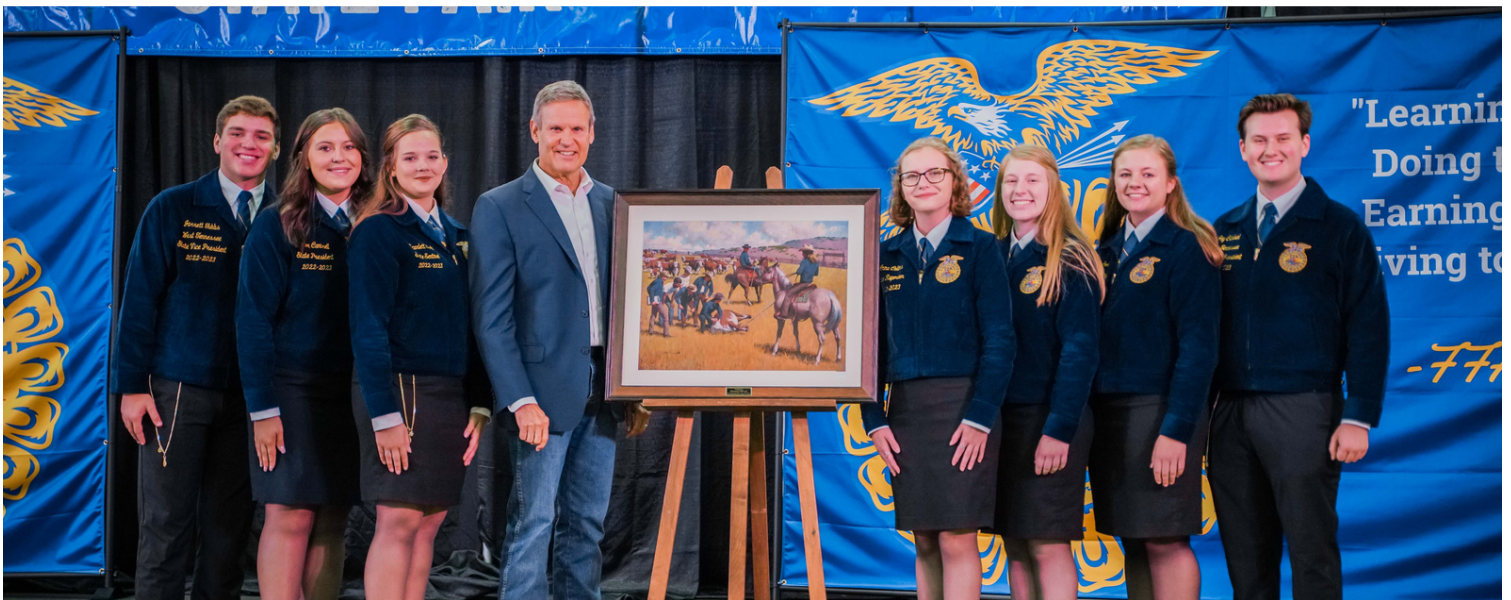


Communicate
Effectively

Find Your
Legislator

Sample
Letter

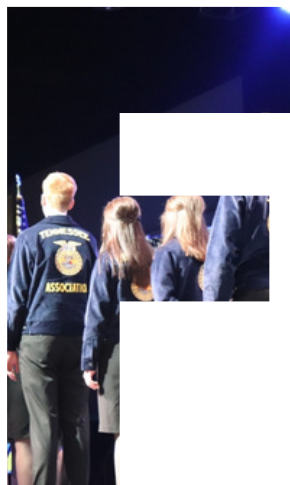
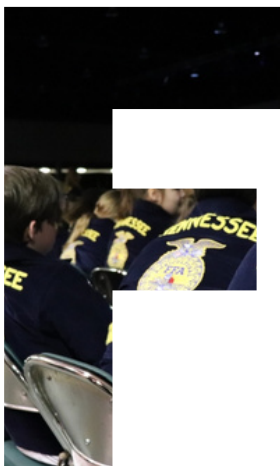
TN Ag Ed
Task Force Report



Legislative Talking Points

Reflect on these questions prior to meeting with your legislator. These prompts will help you have a productive and meaningful conversation about the importance of FFA/agricultural education in Tennessee.

- **Tell them about you, your chapter, and your SAE.**
- **What will FFA look like in the future?**
- **What impact has Tennessee FFA made in your life?**
- **Why is FFA more important now than ever before?**
- **How has affiliation impacted Tennessee FFA?**- Every student enrolled in an agriculture education course is now a member of Tennessee and National FFA. Our membership has increased from 14,000 to over 30,000 since affiliating! Students and chapters no longer have the burden of paying state or national dues. FFA is truly seen as an integral component of agriculture education.
- **How does your chapter serve the local community?**- What service projects does your chapter participate in? What are you planning to do in the upcoming year?
- **How can he/she support Tennessee FFA as your senator/representative?** - By understanding the integral nature of FFA and agriculture education! Be sure your legislator is aware of the recommendations set forth by the Agricultural Education and Youth Participation Task Force.



Guest Engagement

- Ask open-ended questions to engage with the guest.
 - How did you get involved in (x,y,z)?
 - Earlier, you mentioned (x,y,z). Could you tell us more about that?
 - What kind of internship programs are available in your office?
- Research the guest you will be meeting with ahead of time to prepare relevant and intelligent questions—write them out if needed.
- Take notes throughout the meeting in order to better engage with the guest after introductions!
- Be yourself AND be professional. It can be done!
- Use proper titles for guests (i.e. Commissioner Hatcher, Congressman Rose)!

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

-FFA Mission

