



IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION

About State FFA Office

State FFA office is a position of leadership and it is an elected post. The officers are the people who are charged with the responsibility of providing leadership and direction to the organization throughout the year. An officer's duties can be placed in three general categories:

1. To motivate members to achieve their highest potential and get the greatest good from their involvement in FFA.
2. To promote the organization and act as a goodwill ambassador with the public, governmental organizations and agricultural business partners.
3. To give direction to the work of the organization and perform all tasks necessary to execute the various programs of the Iowa FFA Association.



It takes a highly motivated person to become a successful state FFA officer - an opportunity afforded to few members. If you want to be a state officer, take time now to learn about your passions and gain a better understanding of what life as a state officer is really like. A life of glamour and glory - maybe, but the truth is that as a state officer, your life is non-stop hard work and never-ending commitments.

Talk with past state FFA officers (this is a great way to learn more about the office) and most everyone will tell you that the rewards of serving our great organization and holding a position of influence with over 20,500 FFA members was a life changing experience - one they will cherish forever.

Past state FFA officers will tell you that maintaining their intense travel schedule, college classes and countless commitments often with inadequate amounts of sleep and minimal personal time was extremely challenging. Taking time to connect with friends and family can make a positive difference in your year.

As a state officer, you might think that you will be with FFA members most of the year, but in reality, your time is spent fulfilling numerous obligations. From gaining knowledge in training, meeting with partners, serving on the board of directors, organizing conferences and

meeting members, your plate will be full. Some parts you may like more than others. Whatever you do as a state officer, you influence members' lives in a positive way.

Perhaps the best part of becoming a state officer is the bonds you build with your eight teammates, Iowa FFA staff, the Team Ag Ed family and most of all, FFA members throughout our great state and nation. State officers meet friends and mentors - often these relationships last a lifetime.

With each position comes tremendous responsibility, because a great many people will depend upon you to follow through and honor your commitments. With so many tasks, it is incredibly challenging to prioritize your workload, but when you figure out a way to solve that challenge, it is extremely rewarding.

One of the most amazing and perhaps unexpected joys of holding state office is the inevitable transformation that occurs in individuals because of their year of service. Talk about personal growth! The thousands of people you meet from Sioux City to Davenport and Maine to Hawaii, the varied experiences you share inspire profound growth and maturity in most every officer.

