

Due February 12, 2024
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STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE APPLICATION
IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION
(APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED)

Name: _____ Male or Female: _____

FFA Chapter: _____ Chapter ID Number: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ FFA District: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Current/Planned College & Major: _____ Yrs. as an Active Member: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Advisor's Name(s): _____

Dates of FFA Degrees Received: Greenhand: _____ Chapter: _____ Iowa: _____

Years of Agricultural Education Completed (include this year, if in HS): _____

Office Desired: 1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

If elected to an office, I will:

- a. Be available for a joint officer meeting immediately following the final general session of the Iowa FFA Leadership Conference. (This meeting will last approx. 2 hours)
- b. Attend State Leadership Conference for District Officers **April 23-24, 2024**
- c. Attend State Officer Trainings on **May 5-9, May 21-23, and July 7-9, 2024**
- d. Attend Other Trainings and Iowa FFA Foundation functions **Various Summer Dates**
- e. Attend Partnership Visits with the Iowa FFA Foundation **June 26-27, and July 10-12, 2024**
- f. Attend the State Officer Summit in Washington, DC **July 22-26, 2024**
- g. Attend the Iowa State Fair **August 5-18, 2024**

Checklist for proper application submission: ALL forms below must be sent by the deadline.

- a. I have read and acknowledge the **State Officer Calendar of Events**.
- b. I have acquired the appropriate signatures for the **State Officer Candidate Application**.
- c. I have attached the signed **Policy for State Officers Form**.
- d. I have attached the signed **Enrichment Center Policy Form**.
- e. I have attached the signed **State Officer Candidate Personal Commitment Form**.
- f. I understand **my chapter is responsible** for paying my hotel costs as I interview for state office.

I. SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

1. Your SAE program is a valuable source of knowledge and information to share as a state officer. Please mark your SAE type(s) and briefly describe your projects.

Indicate Area(s)	SAE Areas	Description
	Foundational	
	Entrepreneurship/Ownership	
	Placement/Internship	
	Research	
	School-Based Enterprise	
	Service-Learning	

II. FFA ACTIVITIES

A. Offices Held in FFA	Chapter (Indicate year)	District (Indicate year)	State (Indicate year)	Months of Service

B. Local FFA Leadership Activities	Year

C. Above the Chapter Level FFA Leadership Activities	District (Indicate year)	State (Indicate year)	National (Indicate year)

D. FFA Awards (Not Degrees)	Chapter (Indicate year)	District (Indicate year)	State (Indicate year)	National (Indicate year)

III. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP (NON-FFA)

Activity	Year

IV. ESSAY RESPONSE

1. How has your passion for the FFA evolved throughout your FFA journey? (Limit: 200 words)

As a candidate for state office in the Iowa FFA Association, I certify that all information contained herein or provided in furtherance of my application is true and accurate.

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

As a parent/guardian of this candidate, I agree to support his/her candidacy to serve as a state FFA officer. If my son/daughter is elected, I will provide the cooperation and encouragement necessary for him/her to effectively serve FFA members and the Iowa FFA Association.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

This candidate has my endorsement as a person of ability, integrity, character and high standards that would qualify this person, if elected as a State FFA Officer, to serve with credit to the members, his/her school, and the FFA. I understand my chapter is responsible for paying hotel costs as he/she interviews for state office.

FFA Chapter Advisor's Signature

School Administrator's Signature

2024-2025 IOWA FFA OFFICER CALENDAR OF EVENTS
ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE & SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
April 23-24, 2024	Spring State Leadership Conference for District Officers (SLCDO)	Ankeny, Iowa
May 5-9, 2024	State Officer Training—Base Camp	Ankeny, Iowa
May 21-23, 2024	State Officer Training—Check Pt #1	Ankeny, Iowa
June, TBA	Chapter Officer Training Conferences (District Events)	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
June 6, 2024	Agronomy/Ag Mechanics/Food Science/Vet Science CDE	Various Locations
June 11, 2024	Horse/Floriculture/Nursery & Landscape CDE	State Center, Iowa
June 19, 2024	Iowa FFA Foundation Golf Tournament	Ames, Iowa
June 23-26, 2024	Iowa FFA Board of Directors Meeting & Summer Ag Ed Conference	Ankeny, Iowa
July 7-12, 2024	State Officer Training—Check Pt #2 & Partnership Visits w/Iowa FFA FDN	Ankeny, Iowa
July 22-26, 2024	National FFA State Officer Summit	Washington, DC
August 5-18, 2024	Iowa State Fair	Des Moines, Iowa
August 24, 2024	Livestock and Meats CDE	Ames, Iowa
August – March	Chapter Visits/Chapter Banquets/Chapter Meetings	Various Locations
September 13, 2024	Dairy Cattle and Milk Quality & Products CDE	Manchester, Iowa
September 15-16, 2024	Fall State Leadership Conference for District Officers (SLCDO)	Ankeny, Iowa
September, TBA	Iowa FFA Board of Directors Meeting	Ankeny, Iowa
Sept-Oct-Nov, TBA	Greenhand Fire-Ups (District Events)	Various Locations
October, TBA	Soils CDE	Ames, Iowa
Oct. 20-26, 2024	National FFA Convention & Expo	Indianapolis, Indiana
November 9, 2024	Ignite, Amplify, & Transform (IAT) Leadership Conferences	Ankeny, Iowa
December TBA	Iowa FFA Board of Directors Meeting	Ankeny, Iowa
December 7, 2024	Ignite, Amplify, & Transform (IAT) Leadership Conferences	Ankeny, Iowa
Dec. 6-8 & 18-21, 2024	Winter Retreat	Ankeny, Iowa
January TBA	Iowa FFA Alumni Conference	Ankeny, Iowa
January 28, 2025	40 th Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium	Des Moines, Iowa
February, TBA	District Degree Reviews & Officer Interviews	Various Locations
February 22, 2025	Proficiency & National Chapter Award Judging	Ankeny, Iowa
February 15-22, 2025	National FFA Week	Various Locations
March 1, 8 or 15, 2025	District Conventions	Various Locations
March 17-21, 2025	Spring Break Work Week	Ankeny, Iowa
March, TBA	Iowa FFA Board of Directors Meeting	Ankeny, Iowa
March, TBA	Agriscience Fair at State Science & Technology Fair	Ames, Iowa
April 8-10, 2025	State FFA Officer Interviews	Ankeny, Iowa
April 13-15, 2025	97 th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference	Ames, Iowa
April 22-23, 2025	Spring State Leadership Conference for District Officers	Ankeny, Iowa

<p style="text-align: center;">STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE PERSONAL COMMITMENT FORM IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION</p>
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Please review this form and the Policy for State Officers thoroughly prior to signing below. 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, sign below. Should you have any questions, please contact the Iowa FFA Executive Director or State Advisor regarding any of the expectations outlined.

State FFA officers are required to perform a demanding and exciting schedule. Being elected to state FFA office is making a commitment to service that is unique to most student organizations. In addition to serving and representing more than 17,000 FFA members, you will represent the image and direction of the Iowa FFA Association to teachers, state staff, teacher educators, agriculture industry executives, government leaders, the media and the general public. You will also be a teammate to eight other officers and cooperate with Iowa FFA staff.

The following items are commitments required of all Iowa FFA officers. If elected as an Iowa FFA Officer, I agree to all of the following statements:

1. To be dedicated and committed to serving the Iowa FFA Association and its members.
2. To forego all alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarette, vaping and illegal substances at all times during my year of service to the FFA.
3. To avoid places or activities that may, in any way, raise questions as to one's moral character or conduct.
4. To refrain from using profane, crude, vulgar or offensive language.
5. To take and follow instructions as directed by those responsible for Iowa FFA officers and state FFA programs.
6. To maintain and protect my health.
7. To write all necessary and desirable letters, thank-you notes, emails and other correspondence both regularly and in a timely fashion.
8. To seek and accept constructive criticism and evaluation of my total performance.
9. To develop myself into an effective public speaker through preparation and practice and project a desirable image of FFA at all times.
10. To commit the entire year to state officer activities and commit the time necessary for said activities.
11. To travel while serving the Iowa FFA Association.
12. To strive to improve my ability to carry on meaningful and enjoyable conversations with individuals of all ages and walks of life.
13. To treat all FFA members equally by not favoring one over another.
14. To maintain my dignity while being personable, concerned and interested in contacts with others.
15. To periodically evaluate my personality and attitudes, making every effort to improve myself.
16. To serve as a member of the team, always maintaining a cooperative attitude.
17. To work in harmony with fellow FFA officers and not knowingly engage in conversations detrimental to other FFA members, officers or adults.
18. To become more knowledgeable of agriculture, education in agriculture/agribusiness and FFA. To keep myself up to date on current events.
19. To refrain from telling tasteless or offensive jokes, stories, etc. I will not engage in any conversations of poor taste or dealing with less than moral conduct.

20. To follow the State Officer Code of Ethics:

- a. To forego all alcohol and tobacco while involved in official or unofficial FFA activities and to avoid places or activities, which in any way would raise questions as to my moral character or conduct.
- b. To project a positive image on any and all personal websites or blogs, including Facebook and Twitter. The following guidelines will be followed:
 - Pictures—all posted pictures are appropriate, promoting positive morals and behaviors.
 - Groups—any groups in which I participate should reflect a positive purpose.
 - Profiles—all interests, hobbies, etc. are appropriate.
- c. To behave in a manner which conveys and commands respect without any air of superiority.
- d. To use wholesome language in all speeches and informal conversations and to maintain proper dress and grooming for all occasions.
- e. To treat all team members with respect, acceptance and understanding.
- f. To treat all FFA members equally and to avoid participation in any conversations which belittle or downgrade FFA members, fellow officers and adults.

21. To follow the direction of the Iowa FFA Executive Director with regard to any other matters not covered in this document.

I have read, studied and understand the intent and spirit of the items listed above. If elected to office, I commit to following the rules and procedures outlined above. I recognize that my failure to abide by these policies and rules may result in (a) limitations being set on my roles as a state FFA officer and/or (b) the Iowa FFA Board of Directors removing me from my state FFA officer position.

Date

State Officer Candidate Signature

I fully understand the commitment and responsibility that my son/daughter is undertaking as a state FFA officer. I agree to support the efforts and decisions of the Iowa FFA Board of Directors (and its members) in the event my son/daughter fails to meet the commitment he/she is hereby agreeing to undertake.

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

STATE OFFICER FFA ENRICHMENT CENTER USAGE GUIDELINES
IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION

The use of the State Officer Suite and State President's Office at the FFA Enrichment Center is a privilege given to the Iowa FFA Officers during their year of service. Iowa FFA Officers must follow these guidelines to use the facility:

Use of Meeting/Workspace/State President's Office—General:

- Officers must be aware of and have respect for events that are occurring at the FFA Enrichment Center.
- Officers must check in and check out of the FFA Enrichment Center when they are working in the state officer suite.
- DMACC is an open campus whenever classes are in session. However, when officers plan to work at the FFA Enrichment Center outside of when classes are in session, they must notify DMACC Security.
- Officers must wear business casual dress at all times outside of the state officer suite during extended business hours, which are 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Use of State Officer Suite—Overnight Lodging:

- Occasionally, FFA Chapter Retreats occur in the FFA Enrichment Center that may not allow officers to work in the Officer Suite.
- Officers must contact the Iowa FFA Association Executive Director and DMACC Security if they plan to stay overnight in the state officer suite.
- A chaperone may or may not be staying at the FFA Enrichment Center during overnight stays. If an officer is under the age of 18, there must be an accompanying adult over the age of 21 that has had a background check.
- Officers must be in the state officer suite by 11:30 PM and may not leave the room until the following morning.
- DMACC Security will alert Iowa FFA Officers concerning any emergencies (fire, weather, etc.).
- Iowa FFA Officers must comply with the "State Officer Personal Commitment Form" and Policy for Removal of State Officers" at all times.
- The Iowa FFA Association, Iowa FFA Foundation and DMACC are not liable for damages caused by or injuries to Iowa FFA Officers while on the FFA Enrichment Center premises.

Support provided to the State Officers:

- The DMACC academic calendar is posted on the DMACC website. This calendar will be provided to the officers and posted in the officer suite.
- The DMACC Security contact information is provided to the officers and posted in the officer suite.
- Security cameras are operating at various locations on all floors of the FFA Enrichment Center.
- DMACC Security provides staff on site for all events with alcohol at the FFA Enrichment Center that involve over 100 people.
- The Iowa FFA Association provides the chaperone for supervision in the event that one is needed.
- A training and orientation session is provided to the officers upon election.

*Random checks by Iowa FFA Staff may be made at any time and may cause removal of Iowa FFA Officer(s) from the premises. **I understand, agree to, and will abide by these guidelines.***

Date

State Officer Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

POLICY FOR STATE OFFICERS
IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION

To ensure complete understanding of the Iowa FFA Association’s policies, several serious policies are re-iterated below for additional review by the state officer candidate and his/her parents/guardians. All Iowa FFA Association policies will be strictly enforced. An Iowa FFA Officer **will be dismissed** for performing any of the following offenses while serving as an Iowa FFA Officer*:

- A. Any use or possession of alcohol (including beer and wine), whether legal or illegal.
- B. Supplying, or in any way assisting, to make alcohol available to others, whether legal or illegal.
- C. Any use and/or supply of controlled substances (drugs) not under direction of a physician.
- D. Any use of tobacco or tobacco related products.
- E. Any use of vaping or e-cigarette related products.
- F. Participation in any illicit or promiscuous acts.
- G. Commission of any felony against State or Federal laws.
- H. Any violation of the codes of ethics or inappropriate behavior that may be acted upon by the State FFA Board of Directors.

*Duration of service as an Iowa FFA Officer begins on the day of election to office and ends upon installation of a successor in office. The above apply to any FFA activity (official or unofficial) or membership involvement by the State FFA Officer, individually or as a group. No exception is made for domestic or international travel or events.

If any of the above violations occur, the state officer will be asked to appear before the entire State FFA Board of Directors to give a complete explanation of the incident that occurred. The State FFA Board of Directors will then rule on whether the officer involved should be dismissed.

I certify that I have reviewed, understand and agree to the Iowa FFA Policy concerning behavior of officers of the State FFA Student Organization.

Date

State Officer Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

THE STATE FFA OFFICER APPLICATION AND POLICY FORMS ARE DUE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 12, 2024 TO:

Iowa FFA Association
FFA Enrichment Center
1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway
Ankeny, Iowa 50023