



Application Information

QUALIFICATIONS AND PREREQUISITES

State FFA Officers are required to perform on a 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 carefully. If you are fully convinced that if elected you will, without any reservations, be fully able to carry out the roles and responsibilities of being a State FFA Officer, then sign and upload the signature page and submit it with this application.

All application materials (application, photo, signature page, code of conduct) must be uploaded to this form and submitted no later than May 1st or it will not be accepted. The \$100 application fee should be postmarked no later than May 1st and mailed to the Office of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, PO Box 330, 369 South Warren Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE APPLICATION FEE

A \$100 application fee per state officer candidate is required from the FFA Chapter. The State FFA Officer Application will not be considered complete without this application fee. If not elected to a year of service, the chapter will be refunded the \$100. If elected to state office, upon completion of the year of service, the chapter will be refunded the \$100 application fee. If an elected officer does not complete his/her year, the \$100 application fee is forfeited.

ADVISOR STATEMENT AND APPRAISAL OF STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE

In addition to the advisor's statement and signature required, the advisor must also complete an assessment of the state officer (found under the advisor tab). Both the statement and the appraisal will be automatically sent to your advisor upon your submission of this application. The advisor should submit this statement and appraisal online through the respective form. The application will not be considered complete without these documents. These documents will not be seen by the state officer candidate.

TRANSPORTATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State officers may travel 2500-3500 miles a year, depending on where in the state they live. This travel is for chapter visits, state association meetings, and other responsibilities of office. Carpooling is encouraged if officers live near each other. The supplemental information tab includes a transportation questionnaire and the signature page includes an acknowledgement to be signed by the candidate, advisor, parent and school administrator.

ROLE OF STATE FFA OFFICERS

In order for present and future members of the State Officer Team, as well as state staff, chapters and membership at large to have an understanding of the role of State officers, the following major areas of responsibility are assumed by all elected State Officers:

1. The state officer shall be a member of the state executive committee which fulfills the specified functions of governance of the State Association.
2. The state officer shall execute the State FFA Program of Activities and shall assist each chapter in the execution of its Program of Activities.
3. The state officer shall be the disseminator of specific Agriculture 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 to assist the member in their advancement of agricultural knowledge and development of potential leadership abilities.
5. The state officer shall maintain positive relations with members, the agribusiness sector, the public and others interested in agricultural education.
6. The state officer shall project a positive image as a leader among American youth representing those qualities FFA members and society in general accepts as a life style role model.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATE FFA OFFICERS

The items listed below are some, but not all, of the responsibilities you will have as a State FFA Officer:

1. Travel to state meeting in Trenton each month.
2. Travel to FFA chapters around the state 2-3 times per month.
3. Attend planning meetings in Trenton for LEAD, National Convention, State Convention, etc.
4. Assist at Fall, Spring, Summer, and Misc. Career Development Events.
5. Participate in state activities listed on the calendar of events.
6. Represent New Jersey FFA Association at events of other state agricultural organizations as needed.
7. Attend SOLT, Base Camp, Check Points #1 & #2, State Officer Summit, Capstone and other trainings mostly during the summer months and throughout the year.
8. Chair and hold state level committee meetings.
9. Visit the state office as needed throughout the year to prepare and practice speeches, greetings, etc.
10. Design and refine materials for workshops, speeches and chapter visits on your own time.

Individual Information

Name *

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Name Pronunciation *

Provide the phonetic spelling of your name.

Personal Phone *

Personal Email *

FFA ID *

Residence Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Date of Birth *



Month Day Year

Current Age

FFA Membership Information

Date Membership Began *



Month Day Year

Highest Degree Earned *

Years of FANR Ed *

Date Began Supervised Agricultural Experience Program *



Month Day Year

Number of Full SAE Years

Continuous Membership (Past 12 Months) *

Yes

No

School & Chapter Information

School Name *

School Phone *

Principal Name *

Prefix

First Name

Last Name

Principal Email *

School Address

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Chapter Name *

Chapter Number *

Advisor Name *

Prefix First Name Last Name

Advisor Phone *

Advisor Email *

Supervised Agricultural Experience Information

WARNING: Do not include information concerning your Supervised Agricultural Experience for the current year if included below, by mistake. SAE descriptions for the current year will not be judged or scored.

SAE Year One ({dateSAE} – 12/31/{SAEyear})

Description (Year One)

0/150

SAE Year Two (1/1/{SAEyear-two} – 12/31/{SAEyear-two})

Description (Year Two)

0/150

SAE Year Three (1/1/{SAEyear-three} – 12/31/{SAEyear-three})

Description (Year Three)

0/150

SAE Year Four (1/1/{SAEyear-four} – 12/31/{SAEyear-four})

Description (Year Four)

0/150

SAE Year Five (1/1/{SAEyear-five} – 12/31/{SAEyear-five})

Description (Year Five)

0/150

SAE Year Six (1/1/{SAEyear-six} – 12/31/{SAEyear-six})

Description (Year Six)

0/150

SAE Year Seven (1/1/{SAEyear-seven} – 12/31/{SAEyear-seven})

Description (Year Seven)

0/150

Supplemental Information

Parent/Guardian (1) Name *

First Name Last Name

Parent/Guardian (1) Occupation *

Parent/Guardian (1) Relation *

Parent/Guardian (2) Name

First Name Last Name

Parent/Guardian (2) Occupation

Parent/Guardian (2) Relation

State Degree Qualification

Date Received or Will Receive Garden State Degree *



Month Day Year

Scholastic and Career Information

What is the status of your post secondary education? *

Choose the option that best fits your current status.

Post Secondary Institution *

Anticipated, if not currently enrolled.

Post Secondary Field of Study *

Anticipated, if not currently enrolled.

Post Secondary GPA *

on a 4.0 scale

Career Goal *

Occupation or Industry/Field

Transportation Information

Do you have a valid Driver's License in the State of New Jersey? *

Yes

No

Do you have a dependable vehicle to use throughout the term of office? *

Yes

No

If you do not have a license and/or vehicle, how will you fulfill your duties as a state officer, which may be up to 3,500 miles of travel during the year? Please describe in the space below how you will be able to travel to events and activities.

max. 100 words0/100

Activities and Leadership

It is STRONGLY recommended that you type your responses in a separate document and then copy and paste it into the application. Responses that do not meet the minimum required word count will NOT be saved if you leave this page.

For this item, only list one office, committee chair held, and/or committee served on per available line. If you have served in the same office or committee over multiple years, mark the position on different lines (per term). Leadership Roles listed for multiple years on one line will only be counted once.

List major contributions made while serving in FFA leadership. *

max. 180 words0/180

For the above items, only list one activity or event per available line. If you have participated in the same activity or event over multiple years or at multiple levels, mark them on separate lines. Activities or events listed as multiple years on one line will only be counted once. Submitting applications or forms is not considered a CDE/LDE or FFA Activity.

In achieving recognition in FFA program and activities, what skills and competencies have you gained or improved upon? *

max. 180 words0/180

For the above items, only list one activity or event per available line. If you have participated in the same activity or event over multiple years or at multiple levels, mark them on separate lines. Activities or events listed as multiple years on one line will only be counted once.

List major contributions and accomplishments made through participation in non-FFA activities. *

max. 180 words0/180

Prepared Statement

This response requires at least 100 words. Response is limited to a maximum of 500 words. NOTE: It is STRONGLY recommended that you type your responses in a separate document and then copy and paste it into the application. Responses that do not meet the minimum required word count will NOT be saved if you leave this page.

Why I wish to serve the New Jersey FFA Association as a State Officer *

min. 100 words/max. 500 words0/500

Commitment Form and Code of Ethics

State Officer Candidate Commitment Form/Code of Ethics

If elected to state FFA office, I will:

1. Be dedicated and committed to the FFA and the total program of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resources Education.
2. Be willing to commit to the entire year to state officer activities.
3. Be willing and able to travel in serving the State FFA Association.
4. Arrange personal obligations and responsibilities so they do not interfere with FFA activities.
5. Attempt, through preparation and practice, to develop myself into an effective public speaker.
6. Correspond through letters, thank you notes, reports and other forms of communication on a regular and timely basis.
7. Strive to improve my ability to carry on meaningful and enjoyable conversations with all individuals of all ages and walks of life.
8. Accept and search out constructive criticism and evaluation of my total performance.
9. Become knowledgeable of Agriculture and Food, Agricultural and Natural Resources Education.
10. Evaluate periodically my personality and attitudes, making every effort to improve myself.
11. Maintain and protect my health.
12. Forego all alcohol and tobacco.
13. Maintain proper cleanliness and grooming at all times. A proper image for the FFA must be maintained by all state officers and I will project a desirable image of the FFA at all times.
14. Treat all FFA members and chapters equally.
15. Avoid places or activities which, in any way, would raise questions to my moral character or conduct. Not participate in any activity that is illegal by local, state and federal laws.
16. Consider social events and free time as secondary to officer responsibilities.
17. Use wholesome language in all speeches and inform conversations and refrain from jokes which may be distasteful or offensive to any individuals.
18. Avoid participation in and actively discourage any conversations which belittle or down-grade fellow FFA members, officers or advisors.
19. Serve as a member of the officer team and always maintain a cooperative attitude.
20. Be willing to take and follow instructions as directed by those responsible for me, as well as take on extra responsibilities when needed.
21. Wear official dress at all official functions and remain as such until I have left or all members present have left.
22. Manage my time and schedule so I will be prompt to all FFA activities.
23. Keep myself up to date on current events and agricultural concerns.
24. Show enthusiasm and motivational support for the FFA.
25. Always show respect for others.

FFA Jacket Details

Video on measurements and jacket information can be found here: <https://www.ffa.org/jacket-measuring-videos-calculator/>

Jacket Name *

Your name as it should appear on the FFA jacket.

Biographical Information

Name *

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Nickname *

Plans in the Fall (college name and major, high school name, name of full-time employment, etc.) *

Supervised Agricultural Experience Program Short Description *

0/180

FFA Experiences - offices, CDEs, conferences, awards, etc. *

0/180

Additional Information - activities, hobbies, etc. *

0/180

Short Biography Paragraph *

0/300

Your most unique skill/talent/attribute *

Communications Questionnaire

How would you describe your computer efficiency? *

Do you have access to a computer? *

Do you have access to the Internet? *

Do you use email on a regular basis? *

Do you have a smartphone? *

Do you have a phone plan with text messaging? *

What additional programs have you used that would enhance your skills as a state officer? (i.e. Power Point, Publisher, iMovie) *

0/180

What computer programs do you use the most or are most familiar with? (i.e. Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Sheets, Pages) *

0/180

What social media platforms do you use? (check all that apply) *

Facebook

Twitter

Snapchat

Instagram

None

Additional Requirements

The following fields must be completed as a part of this application. The signature page provided below must be downloaded, printed, signed by the applicable parties, and uploaded to the appropriate field below. All fields must be completed BEFORE final submission.

Advisor Statement

This document must be printed, completed by your chapter FFA advisor, and submitted using the Advisor Statement Application Rider form provided to the advisor email provided in this application. Your chapter FFA advisor will receive an email with the link to provide such statement and upload this document. You will not have automatic access to your advisor's statement. NOTE: Be sure to provide your chapter FFA advisor with this PDF document.***

Submit

This is for FINAL SUBMISSION only. If you wish to edit your responses at a later time, DO NOT click submit.