

2026 State Officer Selection Process

MEDIA INTERVIEW ROUND – FFA

In 2026, the writing exercise, media interview, and representation round will focus on one specific area of knowledge individually. The focus of the Media Round is on the candidate's demonstration of FFA and Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Education knowledge and ability to effectively represent themselves while conducting a media interview. **This round will not be scored.** The answers candidates provide in this round will be used as evidence during deliberations only. This year, the media round topics will focus on **FFA**.

Candidates will participate in a 3–5-minute recorded interview conducted by the nominating committee assistant. This recording will be for internal use only and will solely be viewed by the nominating committee.

Topics for the media round will fall within one of the following "hot topic" areas. The following is a listing of topics to guide your preparation for this particular task in the interview process.

2026 SELECTION PROCESS HOT TOPICS

- A sense of belonging and engagement in FFA
- Partners to the NJ FFA Association
- Value of FFA as a Career and Technical student organization

One of these topics will be selected by the nominating committee prior to the state FFA convention.

For more information regarding this interview round please reference the New Jersey State Officer Candidate Handbook.

QUESTIONS?

Questions regarding the hot topics or general questions regarding the state officer selection process should be directed to: Jenny Allen , State FFA Specialist (jenny.allen@ag.nj.gov) or Abbey Goodenough, Adult Coordinator (abbeybcffa@gmail.com).