

Georgia FFA Association
AREA OFFICER APPLICATION
Revised for 2017

Guidelines for Election

- I. 8 Area Officers will be elected each year in each Area of the state.
- 6 senior officers
 - 2 junior representatives
- II. Candidates seeking a senior office will have the opportunity to be elected to one of six positions.
- President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Reporter
 - Sentinel
- III. **Eligibility Requirements**
- a. To be eligible to run for an Area Office (Junior or Senior office) a candidate must be an active FFA member, and must have completed at least one year of Agricultural Education instruction at the time of election.
 - b. To be eligible to run for a senior office (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, or Sentinel) a candidate must be in 9th grade or higher. Ninth grade FFA members can choose to run for either senior or junior office, but cannot run for both.
 - c. To be eligible to run for a junior representative position, a candidate must be a member of a middle school Agricultural Education program and FFA chapter OR be an 8th or 9th grade member at a high school Agricultural Education program and FFA chapter at the time of election.
 - d. Each FFA chapter may run only one candidate for senior office and one candidate for junior office each year.
 - e. All candidates must be in good academic standing, passing all of his/her classes.
- IV. **Election Process**
- a. Meeting times and locations for the election of Area Officers will be at the discretion of each respective Region Director. (NOTE: Elections will generally be held in conjunction with spring teacher's meetings or awards banquets.)
 - b. Each chapter in the respective region will be asked to provide 2 voting delegates.
 - c. **No campaign materials such as printed cards, handouts, posters, letters, resumes or brochures (including online and social media campaigns) are allowed at any time.**
 - d. **Application** - All candidates for Area Office will submit an application to the Region Office.
 - Applications will be evaluated and ranked. The top 12 senior office candidates and the top 5 junior office candidates will be selected to run for office.
 - e. **Written Exam** - Candidates selected in the application process will take a written exam. Exam date and time will be set by the region office.
 - Exam Format:
 - 50 question, multiple choice test
 - All candidates will complete the exam in one room at the same time.

- No one other than the candidates and the administrator of the test are allowed in the room.
 - No materials, other than a writing utensil, will be allowed in the exam area.
 - The test will be developed from information found in the resources below:
 - a. Current Official FFA Manual
 - b. FFA Student Handbook
 - c. Robert's Rules of Order
 - d. FFA New Horizons – Past 12 months
 - e. Georgia FFA News (New Horizons Insert) – Past 12 months
 - Questions will concern practical information that an Area FFA Officer should know.
- Senior office and junior office candidates will be ranked based on their test scores. The highest test scorer will receive a ranking of 1, the second highest test scorer will receive a ranking of 2, etc. Senior and junior office candidates will be ranked separately.
- f. **Speeches/Voting** - The top 17 (12 senior office, 5 junior office) candidates for Area Officer positions will have the opportunity to offer a one-minute speech to the voting delegates. The delegates will then vote for the six senior officers and the two junior representatives they wish to elect. Each delegate will select six names for senior office and two names for junior office.
- One point will be allotted for each vote. Votes will be added and ranked for senior and junior office. The senior office candidate with the highest number of votes will be ranked 1, 2nd highest vote receiver will be ranked 2, etc. Junior candidates will also be ranked by the number of votes received.
 - Candidates are not allowed to use props of any kind during their campaign speeches.
- g. The application rank, written exam rank, and vote rank will be added. For example, if a candidate was ranked 3rd on the application, 5th on the exam, and the 7th highest vote getter, their overall rank is 15.
- h. The senior office candidates will be slated into an office based on rankings.
- Lowest ranking candidate will be the President
 - 2nd lowest ranking candidate will be the Vice-President
 - 3rd lowest ranking candidate will be the Secretary
 - 4th lowest ranking candidate will be the Treasurer
 - 5th lowest ranking candidate will be the Reporter
 - 6th lowest ranking candidate will be the Sentinel
- i. The two junior candidates with the lowest rankings will be elected as Junior Representatives.
- j. Ties will be broken by:
1. Test Score
 2. Vote
 3. Application Score



**AREA FFA OFFICER CANDIDATE
APPLICATION FORM**

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**Please circle:
Junior Office
Senior Office**

Please complete the following application and return to your Region Office.
(Check with Agricultural Education Regional Offices for due dates.)

**Attach head and
shoulders photo of
candidate here.**

**Please also submit
electronic photo of
candidate either on
CD with application
or attach to email
with electronic
application.**

Name _____ Age _____ Gender _____
(Name as you want it to appear on your FFA jacket)

Address _____ Date of Birth _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

FFA Chapter _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Current grade in school _____ *(Must be attending high school or middle school)* **FFA Jacket Size:** _____
100-male jacket; 103-female jacket

Highest FFA Degree Received: _____ Date received: _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

State your career objective _____

Do you have an automobile or access to the family vehicle for transportation if elected? _____

Can you afford to miss several days from school during the year while serving as an Area FFA Officer? _____

Are you a member of any athletic teams? _____ If yes, please list _____

Would your coach understand if you should miss a game because of an FFA responsibility? _____

What public speaking experiences have you had? _____

Do you hold a state office in any other organization? _____ If yes, please list _____

Are you prompt in answering correspondence? _____ Do you type or do you have someone who can help
you handle your correspondence? _____

I. Supervised Agricultural Work Experience Program

A. Current SAE Program

| Kind of Enterprise | Description <i>(scope, size, place of employment, hours worked, etc.)</i> |
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B. Off-Farm Supervised Agricultural Experiences or Self-Employment Record

| Job Title or Work | Location/Place of Employment | Hours Worked |
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II. Major FFA Leadership Activities

A. Offices

| Offices Held | <u>Level of Participation</u> | | | Length of Service (Months) |
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| | Chapter | Area | State | |
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II. Major FFA Leadership Activities-Continued

B. Other Activities

| FFA Leadership Activities (Other than Officer) | Level of Participation | | | | Status |
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| | Chapter | Area | State | National | |
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III. Major Non-FFA Leadership Activities

| Activity | Level of Participation | | | Status |
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| | Local | State | National | |
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IV. Major FFA Awards and Recognition Received

| Activity | Chapter | Level of Participation | | | Placing |
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| | | Area | State | National | |
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Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Statement:

We are willing for our son/daughter to be an Area FFA Officer, should he/she be elected to this honor, and will cooperate with him/her in fulfilling the duties of the office, realizing he/she will be away from home and from school several days and nights during the year.

 Parents' or Guardians' Signature(s)

Advisor(s) Statement:

I recommend _____ for Area FFA Office. I am willing to support him/her to the best of my ability in their responsibilities if elected, **including covering the cost of a new Area Officer FFA jacket.** *(Please include any additional comment you wish to make regarding your recommendation of the student).*

Advisor(s) Signature _____

High School Advisor's Signature *(if candidate is rising 9th grade student)* _____

Administrator Statement:

I recommend _____ for Area FFA Office. I certify that the candidate is in **good academic standing** and believe he/she is capable of keeping up with his/her academic work while fulfilling the duties of an area officer. *(Please include any additional comment you wish to make regarding your recommendation of the student).*

Principal's Signature _____

Candidate's Statement:

In your own handwriting explain why you would like to serve as an area officer.

Candidate Signature

Area Officer Commitment Form

Serving as an Area FFA Officer requires making a commitment to service. In addition to serving and representing the members of the your Area/Region, you will represent the image and direction of the Georgia FFA Association to members, teachers, state staff, teacher educators, the agriculture industry, Alumni, the media, and the general public.

The following are commitments required of all Area FFA Officers in Georgia:

1. Be willing to commit to the entire year of Area FFA Officer activities.
2. Be willing to take and follow instructions from those responsible for Area FFA Officers and programs.
3. Communicate regularly with those responsible for Area FFA Officers and programs.
4. Become knowledgeable of the agricultural education program, FFA and the agriculture industry.
5. Forego all alcohol, tobacco, and illegal substances at all times during my year of service to FFA.
6. Avoid places or activities that, in any way, would raise questions as to my moral character or conduct.
7. Use wholesome and appropriate language in all speeches and informal conversations.
8. Maintain proper dress and good grooming for all occasions, including complete and proper official FFA dress when it is called for.
9. Maintain and protect my health.
10. Strive to improve my ability to carry on meaningful and enjoyable conversations with individuals of all ages and walks of life.
11. Treat all FFA members and fellow teammates equally and with respect, not favoring one over another, and conduct myself in a manner that commands respect without any display of superiority.
12. Evaluate, periodically, my attitude and personality, making every effort to improve myself.
13. Serve as a member of the team, always maintaining a cooperative attitude.
14. Work in harmony with fellow FFA officers and not knowingly engage in conversations or relationships detrimental to the team, other FFA members, or supporters.
15. Represent the North/Central/South Region and the Georgia FFA Association with a smile on my face and love in my heart.

Area Officer Activities (statewide):

- Area FFA Officer Training (August)
- FFA Day at the Fair (October)
- Courtesy Corps at the State FFA Convention (April)

Other Suggested Activities:

- Discovery Conference (middle school students)*
- Greenhand Jamboree (9th grade students)*
- Success Conference (10-12th grade students)*
- Washington Leadership Conference*

North Region Area Officer Activities:

- North Region Rally (September)
- Area Career Development Events (year-round)
- Area Banquet (May)

Central Region Area Officer Activities:

- Area Officer Meetings (August & April)
- Central Region Rally (September)
- Area Career Development Events (year-round)
- Area Banquet (May)

South Region Area Officer Activities:

- Area Officer Meetings (August & April)
- South Region Rally (September)
- Area Career Development Events (year-round)
- Area Banquet Practice (May)
- Area Banquet (May)

Candidate's Signature

Agriculture Education Teacher's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Principal's Signature

AREA FFA OFFICER CANDIDATE
SUMMARY PAGE



Content on this page only will be shared with FFA chapters before the area banquet. Each region office will email the information below about the candidates to advisors so that chapters and delegates can learn more about each candidate before voting.

Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Current Grade in School: _____

SAE Area/Type:

FFA Offices Held:

Why do you want to serve as an Area Officer? (*1 sentence only*)

Please submit a head and shoulders photo of candidate either on CD with hard copy application or attach to email with electronic submission of application.