

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 Phillip Babin Age 15 Gender male
(Name as you want it to appear on your FFA jacket)

Address 131 Exley Road South Date of Birth 08/28/2001

City Rincon State GA Zip 31326 Home Phone _____

Email babinphillip@gmail.com Cell Phone (478)-622-4237

FFA Chapter Effingham County High School FFA T-Shirt Size: Adult Medium

Current grade in school 10th *(Must be attending high school or middle school)* FFA Jacket Size: _____
100-male jacket; 103-female jacket

Highest FFA Degree Received: Greenhand Date received: 05/12/2016

Parent/Guardian Names Troy and Michelle Babin

State your career objective Veterinarian

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

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

Are you a member of any athletic teams? No If yes, please list N/A

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

What public speaking experiences have you had? Horse Evaluation, Livestock Evaluation
parliamentary Procedure, Treasurer of Chapter

Do you hold a state office in any other organization? no If yes, please list N/A

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

I. Supervised Agricultural Work Experience Program

A. Current SAE Program

Kind of Enterprise	Description <i>(scope, size, place of employment, hours worked, etc.)</i>
Market Goat Production Entrepreneurship	1 goat, 257 hours
Dairy Goat Production Placement	322 goats, Bootleg Farm, 93.5 hours
Beef Cattle Production Entrepreneurship	1 heifer, 135 hours

B. Off-Farm Supervised Agricultural Experiences or Self-Employment Record

Job Title or Work	Location/Place of Employment	Hours Worked

II. Major FFA Leadership Activities

A. Offices

Offices Held	Level of Participation			Length of Service (Months)
	Chapter	Area	State	
Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 Months
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

II. Major FFA Leadership Activities-Continued

B. Other Activities

FFA Leadership Activities (Other than Officer)	Level of Participation				Status
	Chapter	Area	State	National	
Horse Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2nd High Ind
Livestock Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Team Member
Parliamentary Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1st on Team
State Convention Courtesy Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Participant
National FFA Convention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attendee
GA State FFA Convention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attendee
Summer Leadership Camp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attendee
Area 4 Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attendee
Central Region Rally	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Participant

III. Major Non-FFA Leadership Activities

Activity	Level of Participation			Status
	Local	State	National	
Church Mission Trip/ W. VA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contractor
Church Mission Trip/ VA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Give Out Food
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV. Major FFA Awards and Recognition Received

Activity	Level of Participation				Placing
	Chapter	Area	State	National	
Livestock Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Team Member
Horse Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2nd High Ind
Parliamentary Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1st on team
Florticulture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Team Member
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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.

Michelle L. Balra

 Parents' or Guardians' Signature(s)

Advisor(s) Statement:

I recommend Phillip Babin 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).

Phillip's dedication to our FFA Chapter is unmatched. He has a strong desire to accomplish goals he has set for himself. Phillip is an exemplary student, & works hard to maintain good grades in all of his classes. He grew up in a military family, therefore he's always punctual. Phillip is very helpful, creative, and a team player. I have no doubt that he would be able to fulfill his duties as an area officer. I've witnessed Phillip transform our Chapter. I know he could do the same for Central Region FFA.

Advisor(s) Signature Meredith Avington

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

Administrator Statement:

I recommend Phillip Babin 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).

Phillip is very goal oriented & will do what's needed to fulfill those goals. Phillip has good attendance & maintains an "A" average.

Principal's Signature Bill Hughes

Candidate's Statement:

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

When I attended my first Georgia State FFA convention. I became interested in the FFA. I was adamant about being on that stage serving as a state officer. I fell into a deep love with the FFA and everything it stands for. The FFA not only creates comradeships between members, but creates a deep respect for agriculture and just how fragile it can be. I feel I have sacrificed both time and energy for my success in the FFA.

As I listened to the officers give their retiring addresses, I learned how the FFA formed each one of them into the person that they are today. As I was listening, chills ran down my spine, and goosebumps appeared on my skin. I didn't know that an organization could change someone into something more. I realized it was not just a club, but it was a family. In that moment, I desired to be a part of the FFA. I wanted to see the changes occur in me, and to see how I could impact the FFA, in a positive and meaningful way.

The longer I was an active member, the more my love and knowledge of the FFA grew. I learned the meaning of hard work better than I knew before. I began to take leadership roles in my chapter. Earlier I mentioned my sacrifices. To be a leader, you have to be willing to sacrifice a little of yourself for the well-being of those around you. A leader is someone who is willing to put in the hard work to form a path for those to follow behind them. I have worked hard for everything I have received in life. Nothing was given to me, especially in the FFA. Because of this I know how to go and work for what I want.


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:

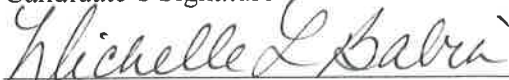
- Discovery Conference (middle school students)*
- Greenhand Jamboree (9th grade students)*
- Success Conference (10-12th grade students)*
- Washington Leadership Conference*

North Region Area Officer Activities:

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



Candidate's Signature



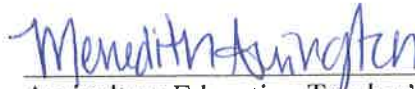
Parent/Guardian's Signature

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)



Agriculture Education Teacher'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: Phillip Babin

Chapter: Effingham County High School FFA

Current Grade in School: 10

SAE Area/Type:

Meat Goat Production

FFA Offices Held:

Treasurer

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

I want to make a difference in my FFA family.

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.