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Agriculture Education
SW District Supervisor
State Nominating Committee

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MO FFA Executive Secretary

Audrey Martin
Past State Officer – 2018-2019
State Nominating Committee Member
Opportunity To Serve

1. It is a High Honor in the FFA to Serve as a State Officer
2. Motivation stems from past experiences
3. Decision should not be made lightly and you should have a sincere commitment to SERVE
4. You begin this process the day you enroll in Agricultural Education
5. All your experiences with classroom, SAE and FFA help you develop the skills to serve
6. Seek support of your family, advisors, and administration
7. Understand the Handbook and expectations
**Expectations of you as a State Officer**

1. Dedication, humility, commitment to give to all students selflessly
2. Serve organization before self
3. Growth and maturity will be rewarding
4. Role model 24/7/365
5. State officer for one year but your impact last for a lifetime
6. Minimum Time requirement
   a. 20-30 days in the summer
   b. 20-35 days during school year
7. Chart in the Handbook – Please Review
8. READ and UNDERSTAND Officer Agreement found in application and handbook

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- **Commitments for the upcoming year of Service**
- **December:** Chapter Visit, G/MC Planning Meeting, Governor’s Ag on Agriculture, MO Farm Direct Convention
- **January:** January 1-10 days
- **Greenland Motivational Conference, Public Speaking Institute, Chapter Visits**
- **February:** FFA Day at the Capitol, Chapter Visits, Executive Committee, Meeting FFA Work
- **March 5-8 days:** State Officer Interviews, Chapter Visits, Convention, Hearing
- **April:** 6-10 days
- **May:** Chapter Visits
- **June:** Chapter Visits

**Minimum Time Requirement**
- **Summer:** 20-30 days
- **School Year:** 20-35 days

**READ and UNDERSTAND Officer Agreement found in Handbook**
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Criteria to apply and run for Office

1. Must be an Active FFA Member
2. Must hold the State FFA Degree or have been nominated
3. Must continue your Supervised Agricultural Experience program
4. Must be enrolled in Missouri Agriculture Education in high school at the time of election
5. Must have reliable transportation and driver’s license throughout the year
6. Must live in Missouri all year and not attend school out of the State of Missouri
7. Must be free of commitments to military, organization or activities which might conflict with responsibilities
8. ALL Paperwork due in the State FFA Office on or before March 1st
Importance of utilizing Handbook

1. Read the Handbook (member, advisor and parent)
2. As you read, take notes and/or mark questions in the margins to then obtain clarification.
3. Handbook has all basic necessary information about application and the different rounds (personal round, stand & deliver, writing exercise, written test, group/role play, and second personal round) which are part of the process
4. We tried to write the application from a members perspective who is considering applying for a state office
5. Guide to Prepare for the Selection Process (extensive but not inclusive)
6. List of Resource materials (extensive but not inclusive)
Application Process and Timeline

1. While an FFA member should be modeling what a State Officer acts like their entire FFA career, typically January is the time you should start preparing.

2. Application Consists of: Application, State FFA Officer Agreement, Letter of Application, Copy of State FFA Degree Application – All DUE March 1st.

3. Missouri State FFA Officer Advisor Recommendation is also DUE March 1st.

4. Start preparing for personal interviews, knowledge test, writing exercise, and group activities. Work with community agriculture leaders, other advisors, past state officers, etc.

https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/career-education/career-education-programs/agricultural-education/ffa/apps_awards_guidelines
Application Process and Timeline

1. Throughout March, Area Rounds of State FFA Officer Interviews will take place and two candidates will be selected to represent their Area at the State rounds in April.
2. If selected from area a second Missouri State FFA Officer Advisor Recommendation is also due.
3. Finalists should continue practicing and studying for the state rounds.
Area Selection – General Overview

1. Each Area looks different, depending on which activities they include in the interviews
2. Will ALWAYS include a personal interview
   - Just be yourself
   - There is no “cookie cutter” State Officer
   - Be prepared
3. Other aspects of interviews may include all or some of the following: Written Exam, Writing Exercise, Stand and Deliver, Group Situation, or Role Play Scenario.
4. Two Candidates will then be selected to represent the Area at the State Round of Interviews!
State Interview Process

1. A rigorous, 2-day event
2. Nominating Committee of 11 people
3. Schedule provided ahead of time
4. Day One includes:
   - Personal Round / Writing Exercise / Written Exam /
   - Stand and Deliver / Evening Activity
5. Day Two includes:
   - Breakfast where cuts are announced
   - Group Activity or Role Play / Personal Round
   - Announcement of 16 new officers
Components of the Process

1. Personal Round #1 – 400 points
   ASK -- (Attitude, Skill, Knowledge)
2. Written Exam – 50 questions, Resource list, 100 points
3. Writing Exercise – 100 points
4. Stand and Deliver – 400 points
5. Group Activity – Preparation, Process, Presentation, Questions
6. Role Play – Preparation, Presentation, Questions
7. Personal Round #2 – ASK, 400 points

* The 11 NomCom scores for Personal Round, Stand & Deliver, Group/Role Play are all averaged
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For questions -- contact the State Agricultural Education Office at 573-751-3544 or visit the Ag Education Resource/Applications and Handbooks page at www.missouriffa.org