

## **State Officer Applications and Nominating Committee**

### ***Frequently Asked Questions***

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**Q: When is the application due?**

A: The application should be submitted by the due date.

**Q: I will be graduating prior to the election at state convention, and attending college the following August. Do I have to major in agricultural education?**

A: In a word, no. Your major of choice is entirely up to you. The reason some recommend majoring in an agriculture related field is because those professors tend to have more experience working with state FFA officers. That is not to say that all professors outside of this area will be difficult to work with, but you may need to adopt a proactive and organized approach. Regardless of major, discussing the absences due to state office and completing any make up work is an initiative you will need to take as a young adult and competent leader.

**Q: I will be graduating prior to the election at state convention, and attending college the following August. Do I still need my principal's signature?**

A: Yes, your principal should sign your application. The two main reasons we ask for a principal signature are a) evidence that they have read and understand the duties required of you as a state officer, and b) they endorse you as a representative of your high school/chapter on the state level.

**Q: I am currently a chapter/district officer. Can I list these under "Previous FFA Offices Held"?**

A: You may put your current chapter or district officer position in this area, as it will be "previously held" by the time state convention occurs. However, offices to which you are recently elected prior to submitting the application should not be included. For example if you served as the chapter secretary for the previous year, and are then elected in May as the chapter president for the *current year*, 'secretary' is the only position you should include in the application.

**Q: Does the short answer "FFA Awards" mean just state awards?**

A: This section may include chapter, state, or national recognitions you have received from the FFA

**Q: Can I bring study materials into any prep or presentation room?**

A: No, all materials will be provided in the prep or presentation room. Paper, writing utensils, blank notecards, and any additional information necessary to complete the round successfully will be provided by the committee.

**Q: Can I still compete at State Convention if I am in the Nom Comm Process?**

A: Yes, we will work with your competition schedule and rearrange interview orders as necessary to allow you an equal chance to participate in both. Please be aware that YOU are responsible for arriving to either the contest room or interview room on time once orders have been determined.

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If you have additional questions, please contact:

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