

KANSAS



ASSOCIATION

**CONSIDER
SERVING
AS AN
FFA STATE
OFFICER**

Each year, Kansas FFA selects six members to represent the organization as a state officer. During the year, state officers wear a variety of hats. They teach leadership skills to chapter members through workshops and conferences. They represent agricultural education at industry and sponsor visits. They are communicators and public relations specialists for FFA. They are teammates to each other and to FFA staff. Eager to learn and grow, officers commit to bettering others and the FFA.

Myth: State officers must first be chapter and district officers.

Fact: While state officers must demonstrate leadership ability, they do not have to hold chapter or district offices prior to running for state office. In fact, there have been several state officers who never served as district officers.

Myth: Only students who plan to major in agriculture can run.

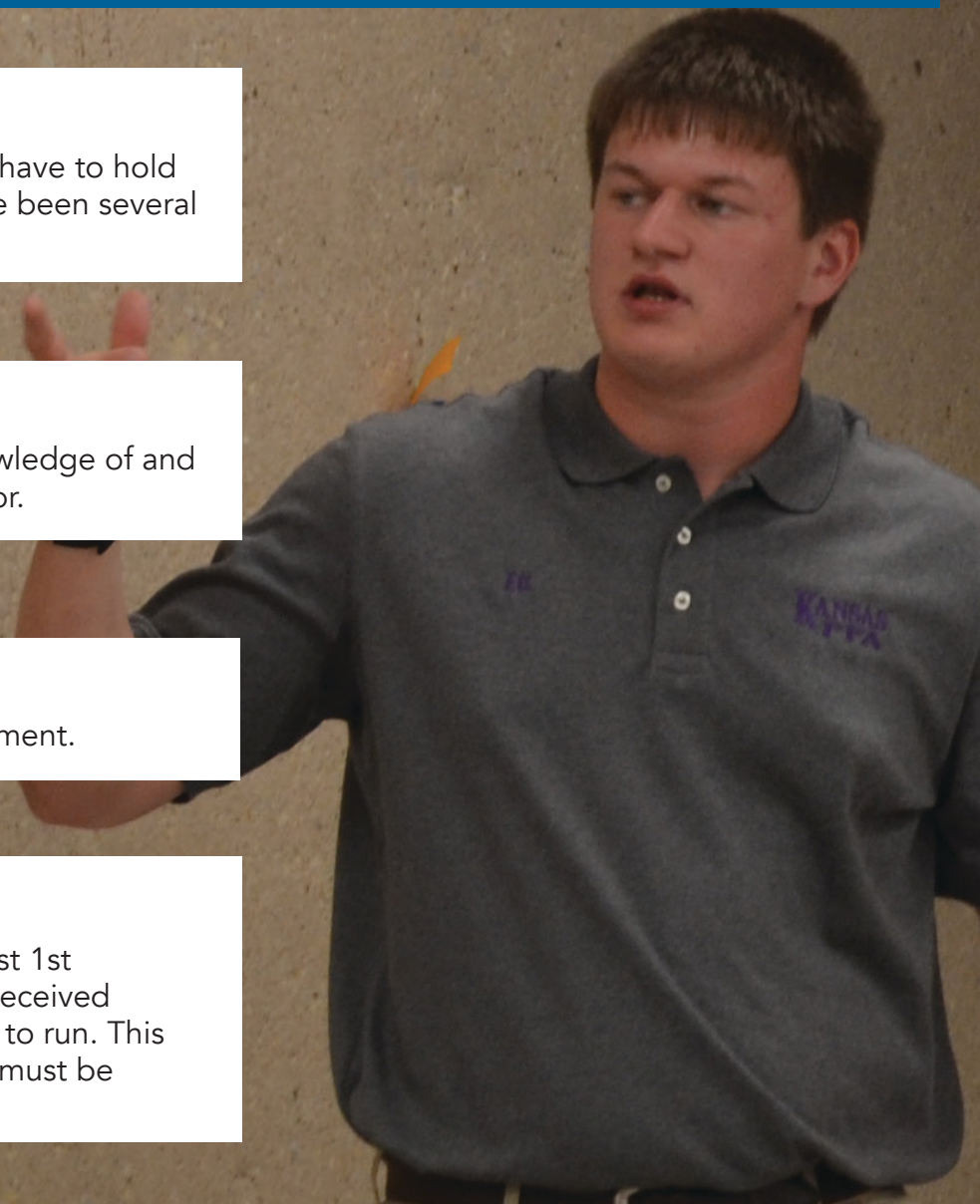
Fact: Students are not required to major in agriculture. While a strong knowledge of and passion for agriculture is essential for state officers, it is not a required major.

Myth: Only students who plan to attend Kansas State University can run.

Fact: While most state officers choose to attend K-State, it is not a requirement.

Myth: Only high school seniors are able to run for state office.

Fact: Any student who has or will graduate from high school prior to August 1st following the state FFA convention at which they are a candidate and has received their State FFA Degree or will receive the degree as a candidate is eligible to run. This includes high school seniors, college freshman and sophomores. Students must be active members for the duration of their time of service.



HIGHLIGHTS OF A YEAR

LATE MAY/EARLY JUNE



Officer Candidacy and Election

EARLY JULY



State Conference for Chapter Leaders

LATE JULY



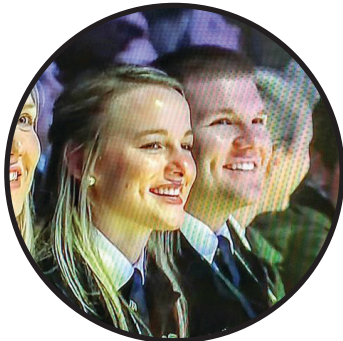
State Officer Summit (Washington D.C.)

THROUGHOUT YEAR



Chapter Visits

OCTOBER



National FFA Convention Delegate Process

JANUARY



International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

SPRING



Chapter and District Banquets

LATE MAY/EARLY JUNE



State Convention and Retirement

OFFICERS COMMIT NEARLY 300 DAYS OF THE YEAR TO FFA

EXPECTATIONS OF OFFICERS



BE THE BRAND

Officers have to be in their role twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week for a three hundred sixty-five day year.



PAY IT FORWARD

The training and experiences in this role help make service more realistic to the officers, and help them approach the year of service with a plan.



BALANCING ACT

A state FFA officer must include personal health, wellness and stress management as one of their keys to success.



ABOVE THE LINE

Work in harmony with fellow FFA officers and not knowingly engage in conversations detrimental to other FFA members, officers or adults.



STEP UP

Officers must be committed to trying new things, approaching failure as a learning experience, building team trust and resolving conflict.



LEARN FOR LIFE

Growing knowledge of self (focus on growth) and growing knowledge of team members allows officers to perform more efficiently and effectively.



THIS IS IT

The training and experiences center around life and time management. Officers should excel so they will be better able to focus to the present.



FUEL THE FIRE

Officers find and share passion with members and the team so they can help members find their passions. State FFA officers discover and build on their personal interests and passions.

TAKE IT FROM THEM



Lindy Bilberry
2013-2014
State President
Garden City FFA

"Serving as a state officer was easily one of the most significant experiences in my life. It opened doors for me that I never imagined—I met people, went places and did things that I never would have otherwise."



Grant Geone
2001-2002
State Treasurer
Winfield FFA

"Being able to serve the Kansas FFA Association as a state officer was definitely a life-changing experience. It allowed me to grow tremendously as a person, as well as a leader."



Skyler Denio
2017-2018
State Sentinel
Hoxie FFA

"I've never had more opportunities to meet industry professionals, supportive community members and passionate youth leaders than during my year of service."



Bailey Peterson
2015-2016
State Vice President
Buhler FFA

"A year of service is an opportunity. An opportunity to make a difference in the state and beyond, an opportunity to grow close to five other individuals that challenge you and support you, and an opportunity to find and grow yourself while being a part of something bigger."



Nathan Laudan
2011-2012
State Reporter
Paola FFA

"My year as a state officer is still one I look back on with fond memories! It taught me so much and even to this day many of the lessons I learned during my year of service I can apply in my everyday life."



Grace Luebcke
2016-2017
State Secretary
Marysville FFA

"Throughout the year, I have seen the passion in my fellow members that is the driving force of the FFA, and I am reminded that it is a privilege to be a part of this organization to work with so many inspiring individuals."

Questions?

Read the State Officer
Selection Handbook or
contact the Nominating
Committee Chair at

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