



**KANSAS**  
**FFA ASSOCIATION**

## State Officer Application

**Jacob Leroy Wendland (Jacob)**  
**Riley County FFA Chapter**



# Educational Background and Status

**High School**

Riley County High School

**Chapter Name**

Riley County

**Chapter Number**

150

**Number in High School Class**

39

**Your Rank in High School Class**

15

**Semesters of Agricultural Education Completed**

5

**Years in FFA**

4

**In what level of education are you currently enrolled?**

High School

**If you will be enrolled in post-secondary education following election to state office, where will you be attending?**

Kansas State University

**Anticipated College Major**

Agribusiness (minor in agriculture Education)

**Career Objective**

Feed or Livestock Salesman, or Agriculture Education

# FFA and Agriculture Education Experience

## **Supervised Agriculture Experience Program and Scope**

My SAE Sheep production started by receiving the Kansas Sheep Association Starter Flock Grant. This granted me the funds to purchase 6 ewes and a ram, I received a small Shropshire flock. In addition, I have added past show lambs to start a show lamb operation. My goal is to raise high-quality and competitive show lambs. I hope to use my Shropshire program to start an embryo transfer program to bring in quality genetics. I now have over 40 ewes and have sold lambs for members to show.

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## **FFA Leadership Experience: (Office/Committee Assignment, Organization/Group, Year Held) - List up to 5**

North Central District Sentinal, 2023-2024

Riley County FFA Chapter Secretary, 2023-2024

Riley County FFA Chapter Vice-President, 2022-2023

Riley County FFA Chapter Reporter, 2021-2022

Riley County FFA Chapter strengthening agriculture committee chair, 2022-2024

Example: Chapter Vice President, Blue and Gold FFA Chapter, 1 year (2019-2020)

## **FFA Activities: (Chapter, District or National Events; CDEs; LDEs; Leadership Programs; and other FFA sponsored activities) - List up to 10**

National FFA Convention - 2 years

State Convention - 3 years

Green Hand Conference - 1 year

State Convention Voting delegate - 2 years

State Livestock CDE - 3 years

District Livestock Judging - 3 years

Discussion meet - 2 years

Speech Contest - 3 years

Chapter Petting Zoo - 4 years

FFA Week Faculty Breakfast - 4 years

Examples: Livestock Judging CDE - 3 years; Leader Lab - 1 year; National Convention - 2 years

## **Other Leadership and Service Activities: (Community, School, 4-H, Church, Sports, Clubs, etc.) - List up to 10**

4-H - 12 year member

National Honor Society - 2 year member

Tri-M - 3-year Member, President (2 years)

High School Baseball - 4 years

High School Band - 4 years, Drum Major (senior year)

Junior Charolais Association - 5-year member

Junior Angus Association - 9 year member

Future Business Leaders of America - 3 years

Fellowship of Christian Athleats - 4 years (worship team leader)

Church Worship Team Leader - 6 years

Examples: Football Team - 4 years; CYO - 2 years; 4-H - Member (10 years), Club President (2 years)

## Essay Questions

### **What is your biggest accomplishment up until now? How has it shaped you and your leadership style?**

My biggest accomplishment has been my journey to serve as a district officer. In my sophomore year of high school, my advisor approached me about running for District Office. I was not sure at first, I did not know much about the office and it seemed like a lot of work, but he signed me up anyway. FFA had always been something I wanted to be involved in but I never knew what all it had to offer. I worked hard to write my speech and prepare for my interview. I was nervous but excited about this new opportunity, I walked into my interview room and gave it my all. When the day of the interviews was complete they announced the top 10 slate, I made the slate! Next, I just had to push through and get selected for an office at the district awards banquet, where I would give a speech and be voted on by delegates from schools across the district. I did not end up getting an office that year but when applications opened my junior year I could not wait to run again. I spent extra time preparing and practicing with past state officers and gave it everything I had. When the interviews came around I was ready. I did my interview and gave my speech the best I had ever done, and when they announced the top 10 again I had made it! This time I knew I had to work even harder to be sure I got an office. When the district banquet came I was selected at the North Central District FFA Sentinel! Being able to serve in this role has made a big impact on my life getting to meet industry professionals and make friends that will last a lifetime. It has given me many valuable experiences and has opened new opportunities for the future such as State Office. This experience challenged me but forced me to show determination and grit to work toward my goal. In addition, this experience has shown me how important agriculture education is and showed me my passion for helping younger members find their place in FFA and agriculture. I hope to take this passion that I developed this year and continue my life of service pursuing a career in agriculture education.

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### **If elected, how would you positively influence the Kansas FFA Association?**

If elected to hold a Kansas FFA state office I hope to dive in and experience everything this opportunity offers. However, I hope that my year of service can have an impact on the members of Kansas FFA and help to grow and promote agriculture. I believe that promoting FFA and encouraging younger members to get involved is one of the foremost responsibilities of a state officer. Through my many experiences in organizations such as 4-H and FFA, I have developed a passion for helping and encouraging people to find their place in FFA and agriculture. I have seen firsthand the impact agriculture and FFA can have on people's lives and communities. As a chapter officer, I have worked closely with my advisor and officer team to encourage younger members to get involved in FFA and its many opportunities. These members who follow our instructions and get involved have grown their skills and passion. I have seen my fellow chapter members step into leadership positions, start SAEs, and get out of their comfort zone trying new CDEs and LDEs. With some simple encouragement, these members are making life-changing steps towards bettering themselves and the people around them.

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### **Signature of State Officer Candidate**

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