

**STATE AMBASSADOR AGREEMENT  
SOUTH DAKOTA FFA ASSOCIATION**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_

To serve effectively as a State FFA Ambassador, a member must be dedicated to the FFA, must possess superior leadership abilities, and must be willing to devote definite times throughout the year to the job. All FFA members giving consideration to applying for a State Ambassador position should study the following information carefully.

**A. Qualification for State FFA Ambassador**

Promote agriculture, food, and natural resources education and the FFA through attendance at South Dakota FFA activities, including but not limited to:

- A. Serving as a leader at the State Fair Ag Learning Center and Animal Nursery for the entire duration of the fair.
- B. Leading Courtesy Corp and assisting State Crew at State FFA Convention.
- C. Attending and assisting with all Leadership Retreats, State Leadership Career Development Events, Legislative Breakfast, District Officer Training, and other events, as needed.

**B. State Ambassador Selection Process and Guidelines**

- 1. All candidates for State FFA Ambassador must be active South Dakota FFA members.
- 2. Candidates must be a graduating high school senior or older.
- 3. Interviews will take place at the State FFA Convention.
  - a. Selection criteria will consist of the written application and a personal interview.
  - b. After submitting the written application, candidates will receive further information as to the time and place of the interviews.
  - c. Proper attire for the personal interview is professional dress – a tailored dress or suit for females and a suit or sports jacket for males.
  - d. Each candidate and/or FFA chapter will be responsible for all expenses to and from, as well as during, State FFA Convention.
- 4. No candidates will be allowed to run for State FFA Office and State Ambassador during the same year.
- 5. Two candidates will be selected to serve as State FFA Ambassadors

**C. Other Commitments and Agreements**

- 1. Will serve as a member of the team, always maintaining a cooperative attitude.
- 2. Will participate in all activities expected of me as a State Ambassador, except in severe emergencies.
- 3. Be able and willing to be away from home to participate in FFA activities.
- 4. Be willing to take and follow instructions as directed by those responsible for me.
- 5. Project a desirable image of myself, and therefore, the FFA at all times by avoiding places or activities which in anyway may raise question as to my moral character or conduct.
- 6. Maintain and protect my health.
- 7. To forego all alcohol and tobacco while involved in official or unofficial FFA activities from the day State Ambassadors are elected until new State Ambassadors are installed. This means 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for 365 days. This means anywhere within the United States and any international travel.
- 8. To maintain proper dress and grooming for all occasions.
- 9. To avoid participation in and actively discourage any conversations, which belittle or downgrade fellow FFA members, officers, and adults.

*I have read, studied and understand the above qualifications, commitments and agreements. If elected as a State Ambassador, I will carry out my responsibilities in accordance with these statements and understand that I will be removed from office at any time by a majority vote of the South Dakota FFA Executive Committee, if I do not adhere to these established standards for State FFA Officers.*

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*Signature of Applicant*

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*Signature of One Parent/Guardian*

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*Signature of FFA Advisor*