

**APPLICATION FOR STATE AMBASSADOR
SOUTH DAKOTA FFA ASSOCIATION**

Application should be 3 pages long, plus the Agreement page and must be postmarked by March 1st, 2022

Send eight stapled copies of the application and agreement form, as well as one copy of sealed recommendation. Application is not valid if 8 copies are not sent.

Name: **Age:**

Email Address:

Home Address:

Home Phone Number:

Parent or Guardian's Name:

Parent or Guardian's Email Address:

FFA Chapter: **Current Year in School:**

School:

Chapter Offices Held and Year:

FFA Activities (*include committees, Career Development Events, service projects, etc.*):

FFA Awards won:

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Other School Activities:

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Brief Description of your SAE (by Year):

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Occupational and/or Educational Plans for the Future:

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Why do you want to become a State FFA Ambassador and how will you assist the State Officer team?

Candidate Signature: _____

Advisor Recommendation: Reference must address personality traits, not awards won or activities participated in. Include three strengths and two areas needing improvement that you see as an advisor. This recommendation is confidential and must be attached to the application in a signed, sealed envelope.

Return to: Dani Herring, SD FFA Executive Secretary
Box 507, SDSU
Brookings, SD 57007

**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. Role of the South Dakota FFA Student Ambassadors

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 Stage Crew at State FFA Convention.
- C. Attending and assisting with all Leadership Retreats, State Leadership Career Development Events, Legislative Breakfast, District Officer Training, State Convention 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 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 State Ambassador 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, tobacco and other nicotine products 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 my position at any time if I do not adhere to this commitment.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of One Parent/Guardian

Signature of FFA Advisor