

**STATE OFFICER AGREEMENT
SOUTH DAKOTA FFA ASSOCIATION**

Name of Applicant: _____ **School:** _____

One of the highest honors in the FFA is to serve as one of the six State Officers. Past State Officers report this experience to be of great value to them in succeeding years. It is an honor to serve, only if the job is done well. To serve effectively, 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 Office should study the following information carefully.

A. Qualification for State FFA Office

1. Must hold the State Degree, must be an active FFA member, and must be continuing their supervised agricultural experience program.
2. Must live in South Dakota all year, and not attend school out of state.
3. Must be free of commitments to the military or other organizations or activities which might conflict with State Officer responsibilities.

B. State Officer Activities

State Officer activities include many events throughout the year. These include, but are not limited to: Executive Committee Meetings, the State Fair, Leadership Retreats, Business and Industry Visits, Banquet Speeches, Legislative Breakfast, District Officer Training, Chapter Visits, National Leadership Conference for State Officers, Leadership Career Development Events, National Convention and State Convention.

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 Officer, except in severe emergencies.
3. Am totally dedicated to the total program of agriculture, food, and natural resources education in agriculture, agribusiness, and the FFA.
4. Be able and willing to be away from home to participate in officer activities.
5. Be willing to take and follow instructions as directed by those responsible for me.
6. Become thoroughly knowledgeable about agriculture and agricultural education.
7. Work untiringly through preparation and practice to develop myself into an effective public speaker and project a desirable image of the FFA at all times.
8. Write all letters, thank you notes, reports and other necessary correspondence regularly and in a timely manner.
9. Accept and search out constructive criticism and evaluation of my total performance.
10. Keep myself up-to-date on current events.
11. Constantly evaluate my personality and attitudes making every effort to improve myself.
12. Maintain and protect my health.
13. Follow the South Dakota State Officer Code of Ethics:
 - a. To forego all alcohol and tobacco while involved in official or unofficial FFA activities from the day the officer is elected until he/she installs a new state officer. This means 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for 365 days. This means anywhere within the United States and any international travel.
 - b. To treat all FFA members equally.
 - c. To behave in a manner which conveys and demands respect without any air of superiority.
 - d. To maintain dignity while being personable, concerned, and interested in my fellow people.
 - e. To avoid places or activities which in anyway would raise question as to my moral character or conduct.
 - f. To consider boy/girl friends as secondary to officer responsibilities.
 - g. To use wholesome language in all speeches and informal conversations.
 - h. To maintain proper dress and good grooming for all occasions.
 - i. 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 to a State Office, 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.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of One Parent/Guardian

Signature of FFA Advisor