

Region VIII Election Process

Part 1 - Application

1. Applicant will fill out an application to be due no later than the date that is set for state degree and proficiency applications to be due. All parts of the application must be completed.
2. The applicant's chapter advisor will complete a letter of recommendation for the candidate.

Part 2 - Delegate Address

1. The Region VIII Assistant Advisor, or their appointee will facilitate this portion of the interview.
2. Each Region VIII FFA Chapter may have up to two (2) voting delegates at the interviews. Copies of each candidate's application and an optional resume will be distributed to voting delegates before the interviews.
3. Delegate Addresses will begin with president and vice president candidates, followed by candidates for the remaining offices, all in alphabetical order.
4. Candidates for Region VIII president and vice president will either have the MN State FFA Degree or will receive the state degree at the next state convention.
5. Officer candidates will have up to four (4) minutes to speak to the delegates. There will be an additional four (4) minutes to ask candidates questions.
6. Following each officer position interview voting will take place by the delegates to choose the best candidate for the position. These votes will be tallied and reported to the nomination committee.

Part 3 - Committee Interview

1. The Region VIII Advisor, or their appointee will facilitate this portion.
2. The committee will be made up of the Region Advisor, past region officers, statewide, regional and local agricultural education staff and instructors. Priority will go to the top seven in that order.
3. This will be a ten (10) minute interview.
4. Committee will slate ten (10) officer spots by using their interviews and the vote results from the delegates as a guide. A candidate will not be slated for an office higher than what is listed on their application. Only two (2) members from the same chapter will be slated on the team.

5. Officers will be formally announced at the conclusion of all interviews and delegate address.
6. Officers will be officially installed at the end of the spring awards night.

REGION VIII FFA OFFICER CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Years of Agricultural Education Completed: _____

Years in FFA: _____

Candidate's Signature

Candidate's Parent/Guardian's Signature

Chapter Advisor's Signature

Superintendent, High School Principal, or Guidance Counselor

I. POSITION

A) Rank the top **three** positions you would like to be considered for, in order of preference.

—	President* <i>Must hold or be receiving the MN FFA State Degree</i>
—	Vice President* <i>Must hold or be receiving the MN FFA State Degree</i>
—	Secretary
—	Treasurer
—	Reporter
—	Sentinel
—	Assistant Officer

Is there an office you would not accept? _____

President Candidates:

*Will you accept a position besides
president?*

Yes ____ *No* _____

III. **PERSONAL ASSESSMENT**

- A) What qualities do you feel you can bring to the officer team?

- B) What is your greatest strength and weakness?

- C) Have you ever been an FFA officer before (chapter or region)? Please describe some of the major contributions you made as an officer.

IV. **PERSONAL GOALS**

- A) List the major goals you have in FFA and how you plan to accomplish them.

- B) Explain your SAE project(s).

V. **PLATFORM FOR CANDIDACY**

- A) What are you most proud of with Region VIII FFA?

- B) What do you think could be improved in Region VIII FFA?

- C) If elected, how will you be a role model throughout the year?

VI. STATEMENT BY OFFICER CANDIDATE

"Why I Desire to Serve as a Region VIII FFA Officer."

Signature of Applicant

REGION VIII FFA OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS AND PREREQUISITES

Region VIII FFA officers are required to perform on a very vigorous and continuous basis. Therefore, it is necessary that those who aspire to become officers are highly qualified, able and willing to perform. Please read and study the major qualifications and prerequisites very closely. When you are fully convinced that if elected you will, without any reservations, be fully able to carry out the role and responsibility of a state FFA officer, then sign and return one copy of the Region VIII FFA Officer Commitment Form.

ROLE OF THE REGION OFFICERS

In order for present and future members of the Region Officer team, as well as regional teams and state staff and the membership at large, to have an understanding of the Region Officers' role, the following major areas of responsibility are assumed by all elected Region Officers:

1. The Region Officer shall be a member of the student executive team of officers, which fulfills the specified functions of governance of the Region VIII FFA Association and the National FFA Organization.
2. The Region Officer shall execute the Region VIII FFA Association Program of Activities and shall assist the chapters in the execution of their program of activities.
3. The Region Officer shall publicize agricultural education and FFA information to the membership.
4. The Region Officer motivates, inspires, and encourages FFA members to participate in agricultural education and FFA programs. They assist members in their advancement of agricultural knowledge and development of leadership abilities.
5. The Region Officer shall maintain positive relationships with members, agribusiness organizations, educational organizations, personnel within the agribusiness sector, the public, and others interested in agricultural education.
6. The Region Officer shall project a positive image as a leader among American youth representing those qualities members and society accept as a lifestyle role model.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE REGION OFFICERS

1. The region officer shall be expected to:
 - a. Maintain a minimum of a C (2.0) Grade Point Average at all times. Failure to do so will result in suspension until grades have improved and/ or eventually removal from office.
 - b. Maintain regular communication, including phone and email, with fellow officers and advisors.
 - c. Attend all scheduled meetings of the Region VIII FFA officer team at their scheduled time as set by the current officer team unless advanced notice has been given to the regional president or regional advisor.
 - d. Attend summer officer retreat and professional development training provided by Minnesota FFA known as **Providing Officers with Essential Resources (POWER)** and **Region Officer Leadership Orientation (ROLO)**.
 - e. Be sufficiently involved in the planning, facilitation and reflection of all scheduled Regional Leadership Conferences and Banquets, including: **Fall Leadership Day, Regional Greenhand Conference, Regional Leadership Conference, Winter Leadership Day** and **Spring Awards Night**.

- f. Conduct regional education tours and chapter visits at each chapter in the region, as assigned by the regional officer team.
- g. Assist elsewhere as needed by the state association, region and local chapters.

Region VIII FFA Officer Commitment Form

1. Be dedicated and committed to FFA and the total program of education in agriculture/agribusiness.
2. Be willing to commit the entire year to Region Officer activities.
3. Be willing and able to travel in serving the Region VIII FFA Association.
4. Continue to develop knowledge of agriculture, education in agriculture/agribusiness, and of FFA; and keep myself up to date on current events.
5. Through preparation and practice, develop myself into an effective public speaker and project a desirable image of FFA at all times.
6. Regularly, and on time, write all letters, thank-you notes and other correspondence which are necessary and desirable.
7. Strive to improve my ability to carry on meaningful, personable and enjoyable conversations with individuals of all ages and walks of life; and work in harmony with fellow FFA officers, and not knowingly engage in conversations detrimental to other FFA members, officers and adults.
8. Accept and search out constructive criticism and evaluation of my total performance to evaluate, periodically, my personality and attitudes making every effort to improve myself.
9. Maintain and protect my health.
10. Forego all alcohol, tobacco and illegal substances at all times during my year of service to the FFA.
11. Treat all FFA members equally by not favoring one over another.
12. Conduct myself in a manner, which commands respect without any display of superiority.
13. Avoid places or activities that in any way would raise questions as to one's moral character or conduct.
14. Consider FFA officer activities to be my primary responsibility.
15. Use wholesome and appropriate language in all speeches and informal conversations.
16. Maintain proper dress and good grooming for all occasions.
17. Serve as a member of the team, always maintaining a cooperative attitude.
18. Be willing to take and follow instructions as directed by those responsible for Region VIII FFA Officers and state and national FFA programs.

I have read, studied and understood the above points. If elected to state office, I will carry out my responsibilities in accordance with these statements and understand that I can be removed from office by the Region VIII FFA Officer team and/or Advisor if I do not satisfactorily follow these established standards.

Signature of Officer Elect
Chapter Advisor

Signatures of Parent/Guardian Signature of

Date _____

Region VIII FFA Association Policy for Region Officers

In order that there are no misunderstandings, the Region VIII FFA Association would like each Region Officer candidate and his/her parents to read and agree to the following association policies. All policies will be strictly enforced.

The following are offenses that **will cause dismissal** from Region FFA Office:

1. **Any use of alcohol, and/or supply of alcohol to members or others. Region FFA officers will forego all alcohol while involved in official or unofficial FFA activities from the day the officer is elected until he/she installs a new Region 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.**
2. Any use and/ or supply of controlled substances (drugs), not under direction of a physician. In addition, any use of tobacco or tobacco related products is prohibited.
3. Participation in any illicit or promiscuous acts.
4. Commission of any felony against the laws of State or Nation.
5. Other violations of codes of ethics and responsible behavior so identified that may be acted upon individually by the region advisor or Minnesota FFA Adult Board of Directors.

I certify that I have reviewed and understand the Region VIII FFA Policy concerning behavior of officers of the Region FFA Student Organization.

Signature of Region Officer Elect
Chapter Advisor

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of

Date _____