

SIoux CENTRAL FFA CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name, Mission, Strategies

Section A The name of this organization shall be the Sioux Central FFA Organization

Section B The mission and strategies for this chapter are as follows:

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

- 1. Develop competent and assertive agricultural leadership.*
- 2. Increase awareness of the global and technological importance of agricultural and its contribution to our well-being*
- 3. Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.*
- 4. Promotes the Intelligent choice and establishment of a career in agriculture.*
- 5. Encourages achievement in Supervised Agricultural Experience programs.*
- 6. Encourages wise management of economic, environmental, and human resources of the community.*
- 7. Develop interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations, and social interaction.*
- 8. Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism.*
- 9. Promote cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.*
- 10. promotes healthy lifestyles.*
- 11. Encourages excellence in scholarship*

Article II - Organization

Section A - The Sioux Central of FFA is a chartered local unit of the Iowa Association of FFA, which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

Section B - The Sioux Central Chapter of FFA accepts, in full, the provisions in the constitution of Iowa Association of FFA, as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

Article III - Membership

Section A - Membership in the Sioux Central FFA Chapter shall be of three kinds: 1) Active, 2) Alumni, and 3) Honorary, as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

Section B - The regular activities of this chapter shall be conducted the active membership.

Section C - Honorary membership in the chapter shall be selected by the active membership and honored at the annual chapter banquet.

Section D - Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter.

An active member shall be considered in good standing when:

1. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study. Either course must include a planned course of study. Either course must include a Supervised Agricultural Experience program, the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career.
2. Show an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
3. Pay all current state and national dues by the date determined by the chapter.
4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.

Section E - Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the Treasurer.

Section F – The chapter will pay a one-year Alumni membership for all members who attain their State Degree and a lifetime Alumni membership for all members who attain their American Degree.

Article IV - Emblems

Section A - The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the chapter.

Section B - Emblem used by the members shall be designated by the National FFA Organization.

Article V - Degrees and Privileges of Active Membership

Section A - There shall be five degrees of active membership based on individuals' achievements. These degrees are 1) Discovery FFA Degree 2) Greenhand FFA Degree 3) Chapter FFA Degree 4) State FFA Degree, and 5) American FFA Degree.

- All Discovery Members are entitled to wear the regulation pin.
- All Greenhands are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin.
- ALL members holding the Chapter FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation silver emblem pin.
- All members holding the American FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm.
- All members holding the American FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold key.

Section B - Discovery FFA Degree minimum qualifications: (Refer to National Constitution.)

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
2. Learn and explain the FFA Creed, motto, salute and FFA Mission Statement.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
4. Demonstrate a knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.

5. Demonstrate a knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter Program of Activities.
6. Personally own or have access to the Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.
7. Submit written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

Section C - Greenhand FFA Degree minimum qualifications: (Refer to National Constitution.)

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
2. Learn and explain the meaning of the FFA Creed Motto and Salute.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the FFA code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the organization the chapter constitution and by-laws and the chapter Programs of Activities.
6. Personally own or have access to the Official Manual and the FFA student Handbook.
7. Submit a written application for the Greenhand Degree.

Section D - Chapter FFA Degree minimum qualifications: (Refer to National Constitution)

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily complete the equivalent of at least 180 hours of school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level have in operation an approved Supervised Agricultural Experience program, and be enrolled in an agricultural education course.
3. Must have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the chapter Program of Activities
4. Must have earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the members own efforts or worked at least forty-five hours in excess of scheduled class time or combination thereof and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program
5. Must have effectively led a discussion for at least 15 min.
6. Must have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
7. Must show progress toward individuals achievement in the FFA awards programs
8. Must have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Must submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.
10. Complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service activities

Section E - Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set forth in the constitution of the State FFA Association and National FFA Organization.

Section F - Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in constitution of the National FFA Organization.

Section G – Members who have livestock or other projects for their SAE program may exhibit said projects at county, district, or state FFA shows as long as that member is a member in good standing.

- ⤴ Members may show the same species for both 4-H and FFA as long as the exhibited projects are different (i.e: separate animals identified for both 4-H and FFA). If a member shows a specific species for 4-H during active FFA membership, but does not show that same species for FFA, that member may not show the same species for FFA following graduation from high school.
- ⤴ FFA members may exhibit livestock according to state and county fair rules up until the 4th National FFA Convention after their graduation.
- ⤴ FFA members who did not exhibit livestock for FFA while in high school may not switch from 4-H to FFA showing status following graduation.
- ⤴ Members must remain in good standing, adhere to the school's Good Conduct Policy and the FFA Code of Ethics in order to show following graduation.

Article VI - Dues

Section A – The chapter membership will vote, annually, to pay a chapter affiliation fee or to pay individual student dues for Active Members to the State and National FFA Organizations.

- ⤴ Under chapter affiliation fee, eighth grade and all high school agricultural education students are automatically members.
- ⤴ Under chapter affiliation fee, all graduated members may retain membership if they (a) request to remain on the chapter roster, (b) are enrolled in an agriculture-related major or employment following graduation and (c) remain active as FFA members by attending chapter functions, activities, and/or meetings.
- ⤴ Under individual dues, all members must pay an amount set by the chapter which must meet or exceed the state and national dues amounts.

Article VII - Chapter Officers

Section A - The offices of an FFA Pres shall be: President, Vice President-Student, Vice President-Chapter, Vice President-Community, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Historian, Parliamentarian and Junior Advisor. Other officers may be elected as deemed appropriate by the local advisor and or governing body. The teacher(s) of agricultural education shall be the FFA Advisor(s). The members present at any regular meeting of the chapter shall elect chapter officers annually.

Section B – Officer applications must be returned to the officer team at least one chapter meeting prior to the chapter meeting prior to the annual banquet. Officer interviews and balloting will be completed by and officer elections shall be held at the chapter meeting immediately prior to the banquet. The newly-elected officer team shall be announced and installed at the banquet.

Section C – Officers may be removed from office if they are found in violation of the school's Good Conduct Policy, if they miss more than 75% of required events, or if they are academically ineligible.

Section D – Officers are expected to perform all duties as outlined by the Official FFA Manual. In addition to those duties, the following expectations are placed upon the specified officers:

- ⤴ Vice President(s) – attend all Alumni meetings.
- ⤴ Junior Advisor – keep careful record of thrift accounts and update the chapter website.
- ⤴ Parliamentarian – oversee all Career Development Event preparations.

Article VIII - Amendments

Section A - This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the state association constitution or that of the National FFA Organization.

Section B - Bylaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such bylaws conflict in no way with the constitution and bylaws of either the state association or the national organization.

Article IX - Quorum Requirements

Section A - A quorum shall exist when 30% of active members are present.

Section B - Conduct of the following items of business will require a quorum:

1. Amendments of changes to the Sioux Central FFA chapter Constitution and/or Bylaws.
2. Annual adoption of the chapter's Program of Activities (POA).
3. Any item of expenditure exceeding \$150.00 of the chapter's treasury.