



Chapter Officer Handbook



Becoming a Chapter FFA Officer is a challenging process, yet a very rewarding opportunity. Through this chapter officer candidate process, you will grow as a person and advance in leadership development and career preparation. Congratulations on deciding to run for office!

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Although Chapter FFA Office takes a great deal of hard work and dedication, officers will gain experiences and contacts that will last a lifetime. The skills gained will help prepare them for future careers, opportunities in college, and leadership roles in other organizations. Chapter officers serve the Silverton FFA members and advisors. They make a positive difference in the lives of many people.

This handbook is to help you prepare your candidacy for Chapter FFA Office. In it, you will find everything you need to get you on your way. Please thoroughly review all the enclosed information as you prepare for the chapter officer selection process.

Remember this handbook is only the beginning!! As a candidate, you will need to study Agricultural Education and FFA information, and practice interviewing and presenting yourself in front of people. It will take your personal commitment and dedication to truly prepare for this process. You know yourself best! You know what areas you need to work on. We wish you the very best.

If you have any further questions, regarding the responsibilities of Chapter Officers, or the Selection Process, please contact your chapter advisor.

Organization

The Silverton FFA Officers are overseen by the FFA advisor and the other agriculture teachers, with support from the school administrative office.

There will be six elected chapter officers for the school year and the possibility of one appointed editor, as decided upon by the advisors. Results for the Silverton FFA Chapter Officer Team will be presented at the FFA Awards Banquet.

Qualifications

To participate in the Silverton FFA Chapter Officer program, officer candidates must meet all of the eligibility requirements:

- Have and maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher.
- Have and maintain a clean discipline and attendance record.
- Attend the summer Chapter Officer Retreat scheduled for August.
- Have a signed, completed application on file with the chapter advisor.
- Have a signed, completed chapter Code of Ethics on file with the chapter advisor.
- Be a member of the local FFA chapter for the current school year.
- Review the Chapter Officer Handbook.
- Go through the chapter selection process.

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Discipline

All FFA Chapter Officers will be placed on behavior contracts for any of the offenses listed below. The Chapter Officer is allowed two chances to improve their behavior, with the third offense resulting in removal from the team.

Offenses:

- Not abiding by the FFA Code of Ethics
- Unexcused absences: Anything but an illness or family emergency.

Offenses resulting in immediate removal from the Chapter Officer Team:

- Use and/or possession of alcohol or drugs.
- Use and/or possession of tobacco.
- Stealing or possession of stolen goods.
- Use and/or possession of weapons.
- Defiance of advisor, administrator, or other teacher.
- Two consecutive grading periods below 2.5 GPA.
- Fighting.

The parent and/or officer has the right to request a hearing regarding this action. The hearing will be held as soon as possible with a panel consisting of an administrator, advisor, officer's counselor, and one teacher. The officer and parent will be given the opportunity to present reasons for this action to be voided. The decision of the panel will be final.

Required Activities Calendar

The following activities are required of all chapter officers. A description of the activities and calendar are as follows:

Activity	Date
District Leadership Camp	September
Chapter Meeting – Selection Process	2nd Semester
Initial Officer Retreat	August
Executive Committee Meetings	Monday Mornings
Chapter Meetings	Monthly
Midyear Retreat	January
Chapter Banquet	May
One LDE	1st or 2nd semester