

**AS A CANDIDATE FOR MINNESOTA FFA OFFICE, I WILL:**

1. Agree to arrange my schedule to arrive in and remain in St. Paul according to recommendations.
2. Comply with all instructions of the nominating committee including, but not limited to, being available to the nominating committee as directed; participate in all facets of the state officer selection--election process, and be prompt in all aspects of the procedure.

**Minnesota FFA Officer Commitment Form**

1. Be dedicated and committed to FFA and the total program of education in Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources.
2. Be willing to commit the entire year to state officer activities.
3. Be willing and able to travel in serving the Minnesota FFA Association.
4. Continue to develop knowledge of agriculture, education in Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources, 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. Treat all FFA members equally by not favoring one over another.
11. Conduct myself in a manner which commands respect without any display of superiority.
12. Avoid places or activities that in any way would raise questions as to one's moral character or conduct.
13. Consider FFA officer activities to be my primary responsibility.
14. Use wholesome and appropriate language in all speeches and informal conversations.
15. Maintain proper dress and good grooming for all occasions.
16. Serve as a member of the team, always maintaining a cooperative attitude.
17. Be willing to take and follow instructions as directed by those responsible for Minnesota FFA Officers and state and national FFA programs.
18. MN FFA encourages the State Officers to pursue their education at a post secondary institution, working diligently to maintain quality grades and be a positive role model for other students at the institution and to agricultural education students.

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

- 19. Any use of alcohol, and/or supply of alcohol to members or others. State FFA officers will forego all alcohol 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.**
20. 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.
21. Participation in any illicit or promiscuous acts.
22. Commission of any felony against the laws of State or Nation.
23. Other violations of codes of ethics and responsible behavior so identified that may be acted upon by individual State FFA Adult Board.

The above apply to any FFA activity (official or unofficial) or membership involvement by the State FFA Officers, individually or as a group. If any of the above violations occur, the state officer or officers will be asked to appear before the entire State FFA Adult Board to give a complete explanation of the incident which occurred. The State FFA Adult Board will then rule on a dismissal of the officer or officers involved.

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

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Signature of State Officer Candidate

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Advisor

**(This Officer Policy Form MUST be submitted with the Application)**