

ALASKA FFA ASSOCIATION

Due: Feb 15



Dear FFA Members and Parents,

Congratulations on reaching this point in your FFA career. We applaud you and appreciate your dedication to FFA. This document contains the information necessary to apply for a position as an Alaska FFA State Officer! Please review the application closely – not only to fully complete the application, but also to understand the expectations and responsibilities of a State Officer. The position of State Officer is an honor that we expect you to take very seriously. The role of a State Officer is rigorous and extensive. As a State Officer, you will be expected to execute the State FFA Program of Activities (including conducting chapter take-offs; advocating for agriculture, FFA, and agricultural education; working closely with stakeholders and sponsors; attending planning meetings; and planning and executing the Alaska FFA State Convention) and receive the proper training to accomplish such activities. All officers are expected to be active members of their chapter and to help the chapters of Alaska execute their own Program of Activities. State Officers shall build and maintain close relationships with FFA members across Alaska, and help inspire, motivate, and education them to participate in FFA and agricultural & natural resource education programs that will further their potential in premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. State Officers will also be expected to, at all times, be a positive image for Alaska FFA and as a leader among American youth. On a more regular basis, State Officers will be expected to respond to and participate in messaging and emails with fellow State Officers and State Advisors. In addition, there will be teleconferences State Officers will be required to attend. The Alaska FFA Association assists with their jacket purchase and travel expenses to and from each FFA event the State Officer is required to attend. Often officers are asked to find their own means of transportation, in which case we will pay for fuel costs and housing when traveling for FFA. The only exception to this is the trip to National FFA convention. We ask the State Officers to assist in fundraising with their home chapter and pay for that as they have in the past, whether it's as a chapter or as individuals. The role of a State Officer is not only work, but has many benefits. It leaves an individual with inseparable friendships, skills important for the rest of your life, and experiences you can't find anywhere else. If you have any questions about the role and expectations of a State Officer, please do not be afraid to contact the Alaska FFA State Association.

Take Care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Fochs', is positioned above the typed name.

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Alaska FFA Year at a Glance (2017-2018)

Bold Items Require Attendance By All State Officers. Dates include travel days

Some items are listed for informational purposes ie. Fairs, state officers are not required to attend but it would be rewarding to participate.

May 30-June 2	BLAST OFF Training	UAF Experiment Farm
July 5-July 9	NLC SO	W S U-Pullman
July 24-29	State President's Conference	Washington DC-Hilton Crystal
Aug. 4-13	Tanana Fair	Fairbanks, AK
Aug. 18-19	State Officer Training Camp	UAF Experiment Farm
Aug.	Agriculture Farm Tour	Palmer
Aug 24-Sept 4	Alaska State Fair	Palmer
Aug. 25	2017 Annual FFA report Due	Statewide
Sept 1	Begin Dues Entry/Membership for 2017/18	Statewide
Sept-Dec.	Sponsorship Visits	TBD
Sept. 15-16	District Leadership Training COLT Friday evening Take Off Saturday Morning	MatSu District
Sept. 22-23	District Leadership Training COLT Friday evening Take Off Saturday Morning	Kenai District
Oct. 6-7	District Leadership Training COLT Friday evening Take Off Saturday Morning	Southeast/Kodiak District
Oct. 13-14	District Leadership Training COLT Friday evening Take Off Saturday Morning	Interior District
Oct. 23-24	FFA National Delegate Meetings Pres & V.P.	Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 24-28	National FFA Convention	Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 30-Nov 1	AAANRE Conference	AACTE -Anchorage
Nov. 1	FFA Membership Final Rosters Due	Alaska FFA State Office
Dec. 6-9	NAAE Conference	Nashville
Jan 26-27	Officer State Convention Planning Mtg.	Palmer
Feb. 8-9	MatSu District Leadership CDE Events	Palmer
Feb. 3-4	Interior District Leadership CDE Events	Fairbanks
Feb 15	State Officer Applications Due	Alaska FFA State Office
Feb 15	State Degree Applications Due	Alaska FFA State Office
Feb. 19	State Conv. REGISTRATION DUE	Alaska FFA State Office
Feb 23	Proficiency Award Applications Due	Alaska FFA State Office
Feb 23	Star Chapter Applications Due	Alaska FFA State Office
Feb 19-23	National FFA Week	Nationwide
March 13-16	STATE CONVENTION	MatSu College
May 15	American FFA Degrees Due	Alaska FFA State Office
May 20	Gold winning Proficiency/Star Chapter Applications Due	Alaska FFA State Office
May 29-June 1	BLAST OFF Training	UAF Experiment
June 1	National Proficiency & National Applications Due	National FFA

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Parent Information Sheet

Dear Parent(s),

First of all, we would like to express our gratitude and sincere respect toward you and your child. What your child has already given to the FFA organization up to this point has made a difference in the lives of many members and your support throughout their FFA career has made that possible. Becoming a State Officer requires a lot of time and dedication. While most of the efforts must come from your child, your support and understanding in their endeavors as well as our understanding of your child's restrictions and availability is essential. In order for us to better understand your child's situation and to assure you are aware of the commitment your child is making, we would like to ask you to please fill out the survey below. We appreciate your time and understanding. Once again, thank you for your continued support of your child throughout their FFA career. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Alaska FFA Association.

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I have read and understand the FFA events my child will be expected to attend. ? *Yes/No (circle one)*

I have read and understand the financial costs expected of my child. ? *Yes/No*

I have read and understand the time commitment and expectations in being an FFA State Officer ? *Yes/No*

I have discussed with my child their running for this position, the financial obligations, and the expected time commitment of a State Officer ? *Yes/No*

1. Has your child expressed interest in serving as a National Delegate? *Yes/No*
 - a. If so, do you understand the financial obligation of your child to attend National FFA Convention? *Yes/No*
 - b. Are you going to be assisting your child in these financial obligations? *Yes/No*
 - c. If no, does your child have the means to obtain these funds? *Yes/No*
2. Being a state officer requires a lot of travel. Does your child have a driver's license? *Yes/No*
 - a. If so, do they have access to a vehicle? *Yes/No*

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3. Are you comfortable with them driving or riding long distances to FFA events? *Yes/No*

4. Does your family hold any religious or spiritual beliefs that may affect your child's availability during the year?
Yes/No

a. If so, please describe here:

5. Does your family have any vacations or other travel plans for the coming year? *Yes/ No*

a. If so, what dates will your child be gone?

(Signature of Parent/Guardian) (Date)

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STATE OFFICER APPLICATION MATERIALS

The STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE application form must include the following:

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- Complete application form
 - NO additional pages or lines may be added
 - Use a size 10 or 12 point font
 - **All signatures must be included**
- Complete Parent Information
- Complete Application Essay
- Complete Participation Information
- Complete Media information (including photo that can be used in press releases).
- Read and Sign State Officer Personal Conduct Agreement
- Transcript
- TWO recommendations:
 - 1 from your chapter advisor
 - 1 from source other than your parents**(These recommendations must be sent in by the people writing them, DO NOT include them with your application)**

Send to:
Alaska FFA Association
1509 S. Georgeson Road
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**All State Officer applications must be in the FFA Association Office in Palmer by 5 PM on
Feb. 15 --- NO faxes will be accepted**

**Mail to: Alaska FFA Association
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Any questions --- Call Kevin Fochs at (907) 746- 9499 or email kfochs@alaska.edu

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Name of Applicant:	Date of Birth:
Home Address:	College or Other Address:
Home Phone:	Other Phone:
Email:	Current Year of Education
Parent/Legal Guardian(s) Name(s):	FFA Chapter:
Years of FFA Membership:	Chapter Offices held:
Have you received your State FFA degree? Yes or No If not, will you receive it this convention? Yes or No	FFA degrees received and the year you received them?

Why do you want to be an Alaska State Officer?

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What special qualities, talents and/or strengths would you bring to a State FFA Office?

How will you make FFA a priority while attending school or working?

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What does “service” mean to you?

What do you believe is the most important factor in team trust and functionality?

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Application Essay Information

List three significant leadership positions/experiences and what you have learned from each experience (all examples do not need to be FFA/AgEd related, these can include class offices, 4-H, sports, etc. . . .)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Describe three rewarding FFA/Agriculture & Natural Resource experiences. Why was each meaningful for you?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Describe your SAE (goals, growth, how it relates to your future goals, etc.)

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Describe the five most important qualities an Alaska FFA State Officer should possess, and why?

If you were elected to serve as a State Officer, what message would you want to share with Alaska FFA members? Why?

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Participation Information

Yes No Will you be attending the National FFA Convention?

Yes No Will you be available to attend the State President's Conference?

Yes No Are you planning on attending a university if elected?

By the signature below I understand and agree to devote the time needed to carry out the duties and obligations associated with being a state officer in Alaska.

_____ Applicant	_____ Date	_____ Parent or Legal Guardian
_____ School Administrator Signature	_____ Date	_____ School Administrator (Printed Name)
_____ Chapter Advisor Signature	_____ Date	_____ Chapter Advisor (Printed Name)

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Media Information

Name: _____

School: _____ Year in School: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Permanent home address: _____

Permanent phone number: _____

Local daily newspaper (if any) Name: _____

Address: _____

Local weekly newspaper (if any) Name: _____

Address: _____

IMPORTANT: Must attach a picture of yourself.

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STATE OFFICER PERSONAL CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Applicant name: _____ Chapter: _____

IF ELECTED TO A STATE OFFICE, I AGREE TO:

1. Conscientiously serve the Association and assist FFA members and chapters.
2. Set a positive example for members of the Alaska FFA Association as a good student, good speaker, responsible and courteous person, and a good citizen.
3. Be neat in dress and personal appearance, wearing FFA official dress on proper occasions.
4. Refrain from use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and profanity.
5. Not be involved in unsafe, irresponsible, unhealthy and/or illegal conduct.
6. Memorize my part for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, State FFA Degree Ceremony, Honorary FFA Degree Ceremony.
7. Represent the Alaska FFA Association creditably at chapter banquets, meetings and other gatherings when asked to do so.
8. Speak on behalf of the FFA as required and project a desirable image of FFA at all times.
9. Keep up to date with activities, maintain contact with chapters, members and friends of the FFA, and strive to know as many members as possible.
10. Thoroughly familiarize myself with the Official FFA Manual, State and National Constitutions, Parliamentary Procedure, the Alaska FFA Association Program of Activities, Association Policies and Procedures, and the total agricultural education program.
11. Encourage FFA members to take an active part in FFA, school and community affairs.
12. Strive to maintain a good working relationship between FFA, the state officer team and the public.
13. Strive to improve my leadership ability and give as much time as required to carry out my duties as a state officer during the year and strive to make state officer activities a priority over other events.
14. Be enthusiastic, speak well and clearly, and use proper grammar at all times.

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STATE OFFICER PERSONAL CONDUCT AGREEMENT (continued)

15. Write thank you notes and other desirable correspondence in a timely manner.
16. Maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in school.
17. Make FFA my #1 priority – which may require putting in additional work to maintain academic or work endeavors.
18. Serve as a member of the team, always maintaining a cooperative attitude and work in harmony with fellow FFA officers, and not knowingly engage in conversations detrimental to other FFA members, officers, and adults.
19. Be punctual and prepared for all assignments and activities.
20. Use social media responsibly and in a manner that will reflect positively on the image of FFA and agriculture in Alaska.

By signature below, I acknowledge that I have read this State Officer Personal Conduct Agreement, understand the behavioral expectations of the office, agree to these behavioral expectations, and pledge to abide by them. Any infractions of this conduct agreement could result in limitations being set on my role as a state officer or possible removal from office by the State FFA Board of Directors.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date** _____