

## PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING STATE FFA OFFICERS

### Part I: Regional Level Interview Process

1. The State Regional Vice President and the regional advisor and/or regional agriscience teacher representative on the FFA board of directors shall assemble the nominating committee and set a time, date, and place for the interview. It will be the responsibility of these two individuals to make any other necessary arrangements, to conduct the interview, and to make sure that the procedure for electing state FFA officers is followed.
2. Advisors who have an FFA member they feel should be nominated for a state office must submit an application form to the Executive Secretary of the Michigan Association of FFA. A chapter is limited to a maximum of two applications each year. If a chapter has more than 75 high school members they may send three (3) applications, however only two (2) may be selected to go to the state level. To be qualified a candidate must hold or be recommended for the State FFA Degree and be an active, dues-paying member. They may not have been elected to state office in the past and must be either a senior in high school who will graduate at the end of the current school year or a high school graduate with enough remaining membership eligibility to serve. An application form is located on the Michigan FFA Web-site at <http://www.michiganffa.org/>. Completed applications must be received by the State Office by Regional Update.
3. Following the February State Association Executive meeting, state officer applications from all candidates within a region will be given to the State Regional Vice Presidents. Regional interviews will be conducted prior to Regional leadership contest day. (Due to distances in Region 6, interviews may be conducted on contest day).
4. The Regional Nominating Committee will be made up of a minimum of (5) and a maximum of (7) members. One member will be an FFA chapter advisor and one member shall be an FFA member. The FFA member will be selected from applicants who have submitted a letter of interest to their regional state vice president. The FFA Advisor and the local FFA member must be from chapters in the region who do not have an officer candidate. Every effort must be made to avoid any conflicts of interest when selecting any of the interview committee members. Examples include but are not limited to: Regional officers who have served on a team with a candidate, business professionals in a candidate's community who may be potentially biased, other possible conflicts. Final decisions on the committee selection will be approved by the Michigan FFA State Staff. Each regional nominating committee will have a former state officer. We recommend that this past state officer not serve on his/her home region's committee. The remaining members of the committee will be selected from the following categories:
  - a. Agribusiness persons (1)
  - b. Production Agriculture (1)
  - c. FFA Alumni member (1) (National, State, Local)
  - d. Past State FFA Officer (1)
  - e. Cooperative Extension Staff person (1)

- f. School Administrator/Counselor (1)
  - g. Student FFA member (1)
5. The Regional Nominating Committee will recommend up to three candidates and an alternate to the state nominating committee.
  6. Regional interviews are to be conducted, regardless of how many candidates are running, even if there is only one candidate. The interviews will be conducted to determine the qualifications of those running for state FFA office.
  7. The regional level interview process will be consistent throughout the state.

## **Part II: State Level Interview Process**

1. All candidates selected by the Regional Nominating Committee will be interviewed by the State Association Nominating Committee as specified in the Constitution of the Michigan Association of FFA.
2. The state nominating committee will consist of seven members consisting of the following:
  - a. FFA Members (2)
  - b. Retired Agriscience Teacher (1)
  - c. Past State Officers (1)
  - d. Industry Representatives (1)
  - e. MSU Agriscience Faculty (1)
  - f. State Projects Consultant/State Executive Secretary (Ex-officio)
3. State officers and state staff will make recommendations of individuals to serve on the state nominating committee. The FFA members who serve will be selected from a pool of candidates who have submitted an application to the state FFA vice president. These members will be selected from different regions each year according to the following schedule:
  - 2018, 2021, 2024 – Regions 4 and 6
  - 2019, 2022, 2025 – Regions 1 and 2
  - 2020, 2023, 2026 – Regions 3 and 5
4. The following ceremonial officers will be elected: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Sentinel. In addition to these officers, a State Regional Vice President from each region will be elected.
5. Two candidates will be slated for President. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will become president, and the second highest will be vice president.
6. Two candidates will be placed on the ballot for each of the following ceremonial offices: Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Sentinel.

7. Candidates nominated for ceremonial office must prepare and give a speech before the delegate body. Speech may not exceed one minute and must be given without the use of any type of prop.
8. After each candidate has given their speech they will be asked two questions that will be determined by the State Advisor and State Vice President.
9. After both candidates for each office have given their speech and answered their questions, delegates will be instructed to vote for the candidate of their choice. This process will continue until all ceremonial offices have been voted upon.
10. Candidates not nominated for ceremonial office, and candidates nominated but not elected are eligible to run for State Regional Vice President.
11. In the event that a region does not have a candidate who can serve as their regional vice president or if all three candidates from a region are elected to ceremonial office the candidate who was slated highest but not elected will be appointed to serve as the vice president for that region providing that they participated in the state level interviews.
12. If all of the candidates who were slated are elected to an office and a regional vice-president is still needed, that officer will be chosen from the pool of remaining candidates based upon their ranking by the state nominations committee with the highest ranking candidate receiving the officer position.
13. The vote shall be taken by written ballot, and ballots turned into the State Secretary along with a written record of all nominations and voting records.
14. In the event of a tie vote, the tie will be broken by giving each FFA chapter one vote rather than counting the vote of each delegate.
15. Campaigning with signs, banners, buttons, posters and all other materials will not be allowed at the state FFA convention.

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