



## State Officer Candidate FAQ's

Last updated: 4/21/2022

1. Can two people from the same chapter run at the same time?
  - a. Yes – Each chapter can have as many students run as they want.
2. Are all state officers able to go to Washington D.C.?
  - a. No. Currently only the President and Secretary attend this. We need our other state officers to assist at the ND State Fair.
3. Do you have to go to a ND college to be a State Officer?
  - a. Yes, with exceptions– There have been a few cases where students attended a college that was very close to ND (a border college) that have been allowed to be an officer.
4. Do you have to attend college at all to be an officer?
  - a. No – This is not a requirement, but it is important to have a job that understands how much you will be gone.
5. What happens if you can't attend a required event?
  - a. These are required and cannot be missed. You know these dates ahead of time for planning. If something comes up this is handled on a case-by-case basis.
6. Can I still show livestock at the state fair if I am an officer?
  - a. No
7. Can you have a job while being a state FFA Officer?
  - a. Yes – Prior planning needs to be done to fulfill your duties as a state officer. Take the dates into your employer as soon as possible.
8. Can you be in a CDE/delegate at State Convention while running for office?
  - a. Yes
9. Do you have to be majoring in Agricultural Education to be a FFA State Officer?
  - a. No
10. Do you have to be 18 years old to be a FFA State Officer?
  - a. Yes - Must reach your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by September 1<sup>st</sup>. They need to be an adult because of the travel expectation.
11. Is all a state officer does is reads CDE/LDE results, hands out ribbons and give speeches?
  - a. No - Labor is involved including critical thinking, planning, writing, traveling, and personal growth and development.
12. Does my family have to have a lot of money because of the personal costs involved to be a FFA State Officer?
  - a. No – We offer reimbursement for costs associated with being a state FFA officer.
13. Do you have to major in an Agricultural Degree to be a FFA State Officer?
  - a. No
14. Do you have to attend NDSU to be a FFA State Officer?

- a. No – State FFA Officers can attend any ND college.
- 15. Do you have to have your state FFA degree to be a FFA State Officer?
  - a. Yes
- 16. Do State Officers serve as a voting member of the ND FFA Board of Directors?
  - a. Yes
- 17. Can a state officer serve as a judge at an FFA/4H event?
  - a. No
- 18. Do campaign slogans have to be Ag related?
  - a. No – we encourage you to have fun and be creative. They do however have to be school appropriate.
- 19. Is there free time at the ND State Fair?
  - a. Yes – You will have times that you are busy helping run portions of the event but there is also time to enjoy the fair.
- 20. Can I compete in a 4H event at State fair while I am a state officer?
  - a. Yes – You will need to fulfill your duties as a state officer first – we will work with you on this.
- 21. Who are good people to ask for help as we prepare to run for a state office?
  - a. Current state officers, past state officers, your ag teacher, other ag teachers, your parents, your friends etc. If you have questions about the running process you should reach out to Nikki Fideldy-Doll ([nfideldy-doll@nd.gov](mailto:nfideldy-doll@nd.gov)) too!