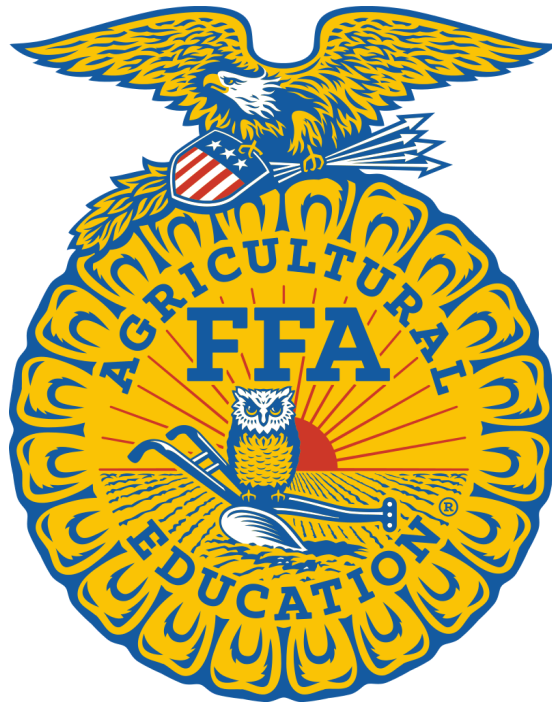


Filer FFA Constitution and Bylaws



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FILER IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A The name of this organization shall be the Filer Chapter of the National FFA Organization. Members are here and after referred to as the National FFA Organization. The letters “FFA” may be officially used to designate the organization, its units, or members thereof.

Section B The purposes for which this association is formed are as follows:

1. To be an integral part of the organization instructional programs in agricultural education/agribusiness with includes preparation for occupations in production agriculture; agricultural supplies and services; agricultural mechanization; agricultural products, processing, and marketing; horticulture; renewable natural resources, forestry and other; representing those programs that qualify for assistance under federal and state vocational occupational education legislation.
2. To build the confidence of students in themselves and their work by developing desirable work habits and the effective use of their time by learning to assume responsibilities and developing personal and occupational competencies in communications, human relations, and social abilities leading to intelligent choices of careers and successful employment, including entrepreneurship in agriculture.
3. To foster programs and activities which will develop occupational pride and responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, patriotism, thrift, and the improvement in community life by encouraging members to improve the home and its surroundings and to develop and improve the community, including its economic, environmental and human resources.

4. To recognize achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs, scholarship, leadership, and other individual and group achievements by providing awards to deserving members.

ARTICLE II-ORGANIZATION

- Section A The Filer Chapter of the National FFA Organization is a local organization, which is in turn composed of local members in school-offered organized instruction in agricultural education under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.
- Section B The Filer Chapter of the National FFA Organization is for students enrolled in secondary school where recognized systematic instruction in agricultural education in the all-day or day-unit type is offered under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.
- Section C Members from the Filer chapter shall meet in monthly meetings, organize, and adopt a chapter constitution and bylaws not in conflict with the state and national constitutions, elect officers, set a Program of Activities, and apply to the state advisor for membership in the State Association of The National FFA Organization. The members, thereof, will be recognized as members of The National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

- Section A Membership in this organization shall be of three kinds: active, alumni, and honorary.
- Section B Active Membership:
- Any student who is regularly enrolled in an all-day or day-unit class in agricultural education is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FFA chapter. To retain membership during high school, the member must be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year. Members may retain active membership until November 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduating from high school or age 21 (whichever comes first).
- Section C Alumni Membership
- Membership shall be open to former active FFA members, collegiate or honorary FFA and NFA members, present and former professional

agricultural education instructors, parents of FFA members, and others interested in and supporting the FFA.

Section D Honorary Membership

Farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, businessmen, and others who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA, and who have rendered outstanding service may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of members present at any regular meeting. Honorary membership shall be limited to the honorary chapter farmer degree in the local chapter.

ARTICLE IV-EMBLEM

Section A The emblem of the National FFA Organization shall be made up of five symbols, namely: (1) the plow, representing labor and tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture, (2) the owl, representing wisdom, (3) the rising sun, representing progress, (4) a cross section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests, since corn is native to America and is grown in every state, and (5) an American eagle surmounting the cross section of the ear of corn, indicating the national scope of the organization. The emblem shall also carry the three letters “FFA” and the words “Agriculture Education.”

Section B All members shall be entitled to wear the emblem.

ARTICLE V-MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

Section A There shall be two degrees of membership based upon achievement. These degrees are (1) Greenhand FFA Degree and (2) Chapter FFA Degree. All Greenhands are entitled to wear the bronze emblem pin.

Section B Greenhand Degree:

On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the Greenhand Degree may be conferred by the chapter:

1. Be regularly enrolled in an agricultural education course for an agricultural occupation and have satisfactory plans for supervised agricultural experience programs.

2. Learn and explain the FFA creed, motto, and salute.
3. Describe the FFA emblem, colors, and symbols.
4. Explain the proper use of the FFA jacket.
5. Have satisfactory knowledge of the history of the organization.
6. Know the duties and responsibilities of FFA members.
7. Personally own or have access to the Official FFA manual.
8. Submit a written application for the Degree for chapter records.

Section C

Chapter FFA Degree:

Upon meeting the following minimum qualifications, the Chapter FFA Degree may be conferred by the chapter:

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one semester of instruction in agricultural education, have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program and be regularly enrolled in an agricultural education class.
3. Have satisfactory knowledge of the local constitution and of the local program of activities.
4. Satisfactorily participated in at least three official functions in the chapter program of activities.
5. Have earned at least \$150 by the member's own effort or worked 50 hours (other than scheduled class time) in a supervised agricultural experience program.
6. Demonstrate ability to effectively lead a group discussion for 15 minutes.
7. Demonstrate five parliamentary procedure abilities.
8. Demonstrate progress toward achievement of an Agricultural Proficiency Award on the local level.
9. Have a satisfactory scholastic record in an agricultural course.

10. Submit an application for the Degree for chapter records.
11. Meet other requirements as established by the chapter of State Association.
12. Complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service.

ARTICLE VI-OFFICERS

- Section A The Constitutional officers of the chapter shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel, advisor(s) and optional offices such as: historian, student advisor, parliamentarian. The local teacher(s) of agricultural education shall assume the responsibilities of local advisor(s). Officers other than the advisor shall be elected annually at a regular meeting of the local chapter of the National FFA Organization.
- Section B The president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel, historian, student advisor and parliamentarian of the Filer chapter of the National FFA Organization shall constitute the Executive Committee.
- Section C Alumni and honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office except that of advisor of the local chapter.
- Section D Greenhand officers: Greenhand Officer Team- The Filer FFA Chapter may choose to elect a Greenhand Officer Team at the start of the school year or at the beginning of the 2nd quarter. The Greenhand officer team shall assist the Chapter officers in all official duties. The purpose of the Greenhand team is to encourage first year members to become active participants in leadership development events and gain experience as junior officers. The officers will be as follows: Greenhand President, Greenhand Vice President, Greenhand Secretary, Greenhand Treasurer, Greenhand Reporter, Greenhand Sentinel, and Greenhand Historian. They shall serve on all committees that the corresponding Chapter officer is chairing and act as co-chairs on those committees. This amendment to the chapter constitution was Adopted October 10th, 2017 by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the membership.

ARTICLE VII-MEETINGS

- Section A Local chapters shall hold their meetings monthly or more often throughout the calendar year and at such time and place as may be decided upon by the officers of the local chapter and /or the executive committee.
- Section B The chapter will be represented by two delegates to the annual state meeting.

ARTICLE VIII-DUES

- Section A The dues of the chapter shall be fixed by current dues' rates at the National, State, District, and local levels.

ARTICLE IX-AMENDMENTS

- Section A Amendments to the chapter constitution and bylaws may be submitted in writing by any dues paying members at any meeting of the chapter. The amendment presented may be amended by a majority vote of the members present. However, the resultant constitutional amendment must receive a two-thirds majority vote of the members present for final adoption.
- Section B Bylaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter, providing they are not in conflict with the state, district, or national constitutions.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I- DUTIES OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

- Section A The President: It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings of the chapter of the National FFA Organization and over all meetings of the executive committee. The president shall call special meetings of the chapter or of the executive committee when there is a demonstrated need for such meetings. The president shall appoint all committees except as otherwise herein noted, and may serve as ex-officio member of these committees.
- Section B Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the vice-president elected to represent the active members enrolled in all day agricultural education

classes, to look after the special welfare of those active members through cooperation with members. In case a chapter office becomes vacant by resignation or other circumstances, the chapter executive committee shall, in conjunction with the chapter advisor, appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

Section C The Secretary: The secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office, such as keeping accurate records of the meetings of the chapter and of the meetings of the executive committee. The secretary shall perform such other duties as directed by the advisor or the executive committee.

Section D The Treasurer: The treasurer shall supervise the collection and disbursement of all FFA funds collected from the chapter and shall be assisted by the advisor. The treasurer of the chapter shall assist in this work by making collections from active members in the chapter and submitting payments and reports to the state treasurer with the signed information of the local advisor as to the number of students and amounts paid. All checks shall be made payable to the Filer High School.

Section E The Reporter: The reporter shall help publicize the FFA. The reporter shall write articles for the state publication, local news media, and be responsible for the reporter's scrapbook contest.

Section F The Sentinel: The sentinel shall be responsible for the meeting room, officer equipment and paraphernalia. The sentinel shall watch over the door to welcome friends and guests of the FFA. The sentinel will assist the president in maintaining order.

Section G The Advisor: The advisor is an ex-officio member of all committees. It is the advisor's duty to advise the chapter executive committee, and the other appointed committees on matters of policy and assist the chapter officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs of activities. The advisor shall review all applications for the Greenhand and Chapter FFA degrees.

Section H Historian: The Historian shall be responsible for assisting the reporter in all responsible activities, be responsible for taking chapter pictures, write articles about chapter members, compile FFA History, and the Chapter Scrapbook.

Section I Parliamentarian: The Parliamentarian is to be proficient with parliamentary procedure, rule on all questions of parliamentary conduct at chapter meetings, serve as a participant or an ex-officio member of the parliamentary procedure team, conduct parliamentary procedure

workshops at the chapter level, and chair or serve as ex-officio member on the conduct of meetings committee.

Section J Student Advisor: Assist Advisor with any needs; Help supervise chapter activities; Inform the public about the FFA; Instruct members in leadership; Build support for the FFA; and Encourage involvement of all chapter members in activities.

ARTICLE II-COMMITTEES

Section A The president of the Filer Chapter of the National FFA Organization in conjunction with the chapter advisor shall appoint three committees annually: the audit and budget committee, the nominating committee, and the program of activities and resolutions committee. Other committees may be appointed at the discretion of the chapter executive committee.

1. The audit and budget committee shall audit the reports of the chapter treasurer and the financial report of the chapter advisor. Further, the committee shall prepare and present to the member assembly an estimate of receipts and expenses for the next fiscal year.
2. The nominating committee shall review applications and qualifications of members applying for chapter office and recommend a chapter officer slate to the voting members at the Annual Parent-Member Chapter Banquet.
3. The committee of the program of activities and resolutions shall set up the annual program of activities of the chapter and suggest ways and means by which it may be effectively carried out.

ARTICLE III-PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section A: The nominating committee shall consist of the Filer FFA Advisors, no less than three members of the community who are appointed by the Advisors, and two active Filer FFA members. The designated community members shall not be immediate relatives of the candidates for chapter office. The Filer FFA members shall apply to be a part of the committee through an application. The Filer FFA advisors shall select the members after the submission of their application, and the members may not run for a chapter office in the year they serve on the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall designate a chairman from the committee. The committee shall study and review the applications and qualifications of all active members applying for a chapter office. They will also complete an interview with each candidate. A rubric will be used to assist in the

sifting process. The committee shall select the best candidates for each office. The committee shall report during the annual parent-member chapter banquet. The election shall be by a majority vote of the members present at the banquet. (Amended 3/19/24)

Section B: Chapter officers will be elected to serve from May of the current school year through April of the next school year. If, in case of an extreme emergency, an officer election is not held, the student officers already serving shall continue to hold office through the next school year. The chapter executive committee has the power to appoint temporary chapter officers to fill any office declared vacant between May and April of the school year.

Section C: Sifting process for Greenhand Officers

1. The Greenhand officer slating will be established through a written application process
2. Selection committee will consist of the Chapter Officers and two Agriculture Advisors.
3. Greenhand officers must maintain a 2.5 G.P.A or higher. If a Greenhand officer's G.P.A drops below 2.5 he/she will have 4 weeks to improve their grades. In the event that he/she does not improve G.P.A office will be forfeited and a new officer will be elected by the leadership team.