Dear State FFA Officer Candidate,

Congratulations on reaching this point in your FFA career. I appreciate your dedication to FFA and your desire to serve the members of the Alaska FFA Association. 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 Office 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 District Leadership Conferences; advocating for agriculture, FFA, and agricultural education; working closely with stakeholders and sponsors; attending leadership training & planning meetings; and planning and executing the Alaska FFA State Convention) and receive the proper training to accomplish such tasks. State officers shall build and maintain close relationships with FFA members across Alaska, and help inspire, motivate, and educate 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, always, 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 frequent teleconferences state officers will be required to attend. We also encourage the State officers to assist in fundraising conducted by the association. The role of a state officer is not just 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.

I hope to see you soon!

Best,

Taylor Nelson

Alaska State FFA Advisor

(907) 761-3884

**Parent Information Sheet**

Dear Parent(s),

First, we would like to express our gratitude and sincere respect to you and your child. Your child’s previous service and desire to continue serving FFA members as already made a difference in the lives of many and your support throughout their FFA career has made that possible. Becoming a State Officer requires 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. To better understand your child’s situation and to assure you are aware of the commitment they are making, we would like to ask you to please fill out the survey below.

This application and the FFA State Officer Candidate Handbook are both resources of information to learn more about each event and what is expected of your child. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to reach out.

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.

Taylor Nelson

Alaska State FFA Advisor

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**Parent Information Survey**

*Please initial the following:*

Click here to enter text. I have read and understand the FFA events my child will be expected to attend.

Click here to enter text. I have read and understand the financial costs expected of my child.

Click here to enter text. I have read and understand the time commitment and expectations in being an FFA

State Officer.

Click here to enter text. I have discussed with my child their running for this position, the financial obligations,

and the expected time commitment of a State Officer.

1. Being a state officer requires a lot of travel. Does your child have a driver’s license? Click here to enter yes or no.

1. If so, do they have access to a vehicle? Click here to enter yes or no.
2. Are you comfortable with them driving or riding long distances to FFA events? Click here to enter yes or no

2. Does your family hold any religious or spiritual beliefs that may affect your child’s availability during the year?

Click here to enter yes or no.

a. If so, please describe here: Click here to enter text.

3. Does your family have any vacations or other travel plans for the coming year that would conflict with officer responsibility? Click here to enter yes or no.

a. If so, what dates will your child be gone? Click here to enter text.

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**STATE OFFICER APPLICATION MATERIALS**

The STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE application form must include the following:

* Complete forms provided:
  + - You can utilize up to five pages to answer short answer and essay questions
    - Use a size 10 or 12 point font
    - **All signatures must be included**
* Complete Parent Information
* Complete Applicant Information
* Complete Media information (including headshot in official dress)
* 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.)**

**All State Officer applications must be in the FFA Association Office or submitted online by email to** [**taylor.nelson@alaksa.gov**](mailto:taylor.nelson@alaksa.gov) **by 5 PM on March 15.**

**Mail to: Alaska FFA Association**

**1801 S. Margaret St**

**Suite 7**

**Palmer, AK 99645**

**Any questions** --- Call Taylor Nelson at (907) 761-3884 or email taylor.nelson@alaska.gov

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name of Applicant: Click here to enter text.

Date of Birth: Click here to enter text. Gender: Click here to enter text.

Home Address: Click here to enter text.

Home City: Click here to enter text. State: AK Zip: Click here to enter text.

Home Phone: Click here to enter text. Cell Phone: Click here to enter text.

Email Address: Click here to enter text. Date of High School Graduation: Click here to enter text.

FFA Chapter Name: Click here to enter text. Chapter Number: Click here to enter text.

School Name: Click here to enter text.

School Address: Click here to enter text.

Advisor Name(s): Click here to enter text.

Parent/Guardian Name(s): Click here to enter text.

**Future Plans**

Do you plan to attend school, if elected to office? Click here to enter yes or no

College/University: Click here to enter text. Major: Click here to enter text.

Other: Click here to enter text.

**Media Information**

Candidate Social Media accounts:

Facebook- Click here to enter text. Instagram- Click here to enter text.

LinkedIn- Click here to enter text. Twitter- Click here to enter text.

TikTok- Click here to enter text. Other- Click here to enter text.

Local Daily Newspaper: Click here to enter text.

Local Weekly Newspaper: Click here to enter text.

**IMPORTANT: Must attach a recent headshot of yourself in official dress.**

**JACKET ORDER**

1. What size is your current jacket? Click here to enter text.
2. Does your current jacket fit properly? Click here to enter text.

If not, what needs to be adjusted? (ie: sleeves are 1” too long) Click here to enter text.

Is your current jacket standard or a tailored jacket? Click here to enter text.

1. Gender: Click here to enter text.
2. Please **print** below how you want your name to appear on the jacket. (Note: We will put the proper title on the jacket for you).

Click here to enter text.

1. Please give the following information below. Use jacked measuring guidelines found on ffa.org
2. Height Click here to enter text.
3. Weight Click here to enter text.
4. Chest/Bust Click here to enter text.
5. Waist Click here to enter text.
6. Hem (Seat or Hip) Click here to enter text.
7. Shoulder Click here to enter text.
8. Center Back Length Click here to enter text.
9. Sleeve (Arm) Length Click here to enter text.
10. Please give us your:
11. Polo Shirt size Click here to enter text.
12. Button-down shirt Size Click here to enter text.

**Officer Calendar of Events (2024-2025)**

**Bold Items Require Attendance By ALL State Officers. Dates may not 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**.**

**April 20 New Officer Orientation Meeting Palmer**

**May 17-19 Base Camp Officer Training Fairbanks**

June 1 Nenana Ag Day Nenana

**June 7-9 State Officer Checkpoint 1 Training Palmer**

May- March State Officer Sponsorship Visits TBD

**July 22-26 State Officers Summit Conference Washington D.C.**

July 29-Aug 9 Tanana Fair Fairbanks

August Agriculture Farm Tour TBD

**Aug 14-19 Alaska State Fair Palmer**

**Sep-Oct Interior District Leadership Training TBD**

**Sep-Oct Kenai District Leadership Training TBD**

**Sep-Oct Southcentral District Leadership Training TBD**

**October 23-26 National FFA Convention Indianapolis, IN**

November Farm & Food Festival Anchorage

**2025**

**January 17-19 State Officer Checkpoint 2 Training TBD**

**February Alaska Grown Legislative Visit Juneau**

February 16-22 National FFA Week Nationwide

**Feb-Mar Kenai District Leadership & CDEs TBD**

**Feb-Mar Matsu District Leadership & CDEs TBD**

**Feb-Mar Interior District Leadership & CDEs TBD**

**March 14-16 State Convention Planning Meeting TBD**

**April 15-19 State Convention Palmer**

\*\* Many locations and dates are TBD, if elected- officers will have access to a calendar with more accurate dates and locations.

\*\*\* It’s important to note that event come up randomly, on occasion, sometimes with little warning.

**I will be able to participate in the following activities already scheduled and do not have a conflict that would prevent me from participating.**  (Answer “Yes” or “No”)

1. Interviews/State FFA Convention: April 16-19, 2024 Click here to enter yes or no
2. New Officer Orientation Meeting: April 20, 2024 Click here to enter yes or no
3. Base Camp Training: May 17-19 Click here to enter yes or no
4. Checkpoint #1 Training: June 7-9 Click here to enter yes or no
5. State FFA Officer Summit: July 22-26 Click here to enter yes or no
6. Fall District Leadership Trainings Click here to enter yes or no
7. Checkpoint #2 Training: January 17-19, 2025 Click here to enter yes or no
8. State FFA Convention Planning: March Click here to enter yes or no
9. 2025 State FFA Convention- April 15-19, 2025 Click here to enter yes or no

If you answer “No” to any of the above questions, please list and explain below.

Click here to enter text.

**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.**

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Applicant Date Parent or Legal Guardian

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School Administrator Signature Date School Administrator (Printed Name)

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Chapter Advisor Signature Date Chapter Advisor (Printed Name)

**Summary of FFA Experiences**

1. **List your previously held FFA offices/Committees you have served on:**

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| **School Year** | **FFA Office Held** |
| Click here to enter text. | President |
| Click here to enter text. | Vice President |
| Click here to enter text. | Secretary |
| Click here to enter text. | Treasurer |
| Click here to enter text. | Reporter |
| Click here to enter text. | Sentinel |

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1. **FFA Leadership Activities you have participated in:** All activities that are non-competitive, such as workshops, conferences, trainings, conventions, camps, educational tours, fundraisers, etc.

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1. **Community Service projects you have participated in:**

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1. **FFA Activites for Award or Recognition:** All competitive events, Star Greenhand, proficiencies, fairs, etc. If you competed for more than one year, list them in the school-year column.

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1. **List three or more leadership experiences you have had outside of FFA.** List activities where you were actively involved in leadership participation but were sponsored by organizations outside of FFA. EX: Class offices, sports activities, church activities, farm organizations, etc.

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**Short Answer Questions**

*Please use a 12pt font to complete the following questions and limit your responses for the following questions to one paragraph/each.*

1. **What are your career interests/aspirations?**

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1. **Describe your Supervised Agricultural Experience(s).**

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

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1. **Describe the five most important qualities an Alaska FFA State Officer should possess.**

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**Long Answer Questions**

*Please use a 12pt font to complete the following questions and limit your responses for the following questions to 3-5 paragraphs. Attach a separate sheet, if needed, not exceeding 1 page/question.*

1. **Why do you want to serve as a state FFA officer?**

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1. **What qualities do you have that you believe make you a good State Officer Candidate?**

Click here to enter text.

1. **What does “Service” mean to you?**

Click here to enter text.

1. **If you were elected to a State Office, what message would you want to share with Alaska FFA members? Why ?**

Click here to enter text.

**State FFA Officer Policy of Service**

**IF ELECTED TO A STATE OFFICE, I AGREE TO:**

1. Conscientiously serve the Association and assist FFA members and chapters.
2. Seek and accept constructive criticism and evaluation of my total performance.
3. Set a positive example for members of the Alaska FFA Association as a student, a speaker, a responsible and courteous person, and a good citizen.
4. Be neat in dress and personal appearance, always wearing FFA official dress on proper occasions.
5. Refrain from use of all tobacco, vaping, alcohol, illegal substances, and drugs/medications not prescribed by a doctor.
6. Not be involved in unsafe, irresponsible, unhealthy and/or illegal conduct; including places/activities that would raise concerns as to my moral character.
7. Memorize my parts to all ceremonies, compose thank-you letters, emails and other correspondence promptly, as advised by state FFA staff.
8. Represent the Alaska FFA Association creditably at chapter banquets, meetings and other gatherings as needed.
9. Keep up to date with activities, maintain contact with chapters, members and friends of the FFA, and strive to educate about FFA and agriculture whenever possible.
10. Thoroughly familiarize myself with the Official FFA Manual, State and National Constitutions, Parliamentary Procedure, the Alaska FFA Association Program of Activities, agricultural and natural resources in Alaska, and the total agricultural education programs.
11. Encourage FFA members to take an active part in FFA, Supervised Agricultural Experiences, school and community affairs.
12. Maintain a minimum of a 2.5 GPA in school, if actively attending.
13. Make FFA my #1 priority – which may require putting in additional work to maintain academic or work endeavors.
14. Be a servant leader on my team, always fostering cooperation and open communication. I will not knowingly engage in conversations detrimental to other FFA members, officers, and adults.
15. Not enter a dating relationship with another FFA member during my year of service. Refrain from any public displays of affection if dating.
16. Use social media responsibly and in a manner that will reflect positively on the image of FFA and agriculture in Alaska.
17. Behave and present myself in a manner always becoming of a state FFA officer. Be enthusiastic, punctual, well-spoken, and responsible.

**By my 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_