

FFA AREA VIII FFA OFFICER CONTRACT

As an FFA Area VIII Officer Candidate, I will:

- (1) Be dedicated and committed to FFA and the total agricultural education program.
- (2) Be willing to commit the entire year to area officer activities, and will prioritize FFA Officer Activities above other extracurricular activities.
- (3) Become knowledgeable of agriculture, agricultural education and the FFA.
- (4) Through preparation and practice, develop myself into an effective public speaker and project a desirable image of FFA at all times.
- (5) Regularly and on time write all letters, thank-you notes, reports and other correspondence, which are necessary and desirable.
- (6) Accept and search out constructive criticism and evaluation of my total performance.
- (7) Be willing to take and follow instructions as directed by those responsible for me.
- (8) Use the Area VIII FFA Association's resources responsibly and only to the benefit of the members.
- (9) Respectfully adhere to Area/State FFA policy.
- (10) Project a positive image as an FFA Officer and leader on all social media outlets.
- (11) Follow the FFA Officer **Code of Ethics**.
 - a. To forgo all alcohol and tobacco while involved in official and unofficial FFA activities.
 - b. To treat all FFA members equally by not favoring one over another.
 - c. To conduct myself in a manner which commands respect without display of superiority.
 - d. To maintain dignity while being personable, concerned and interested in my contact with others.
 - e. To avoid places or activities which in any way would raise questions as to my moral character or conduct.
 - f. To consider FFA officer activities and school as my primary responsibility
 - g. To use wholesome language in all speeches and informal conversations.
 - h. To maintain proper dress and good grooming for all occasions.
 - i. Work in harmony with fellow FFA officers, and not knowingly engage in conversations detrimental to other FFA members, officers, and adults.
 - j. To serve as a member of my officer team always maintaining a cooperative attitude.
 - k. To keep myself up-to-date on current items.
 - l. To maintain and protect my health.
 - m. To be professional and be on time.

As an FFA Area VIII Officer Candidate, I understand and agree that I am expected to attend the following, in their entirety: (All absences must be approved by the executive board. You must submit a written request to the Area Leadership Coordinator 15 days before the event. This must be on school letterhead and signed by the school administrator for the reason for missing the event. You will only be

allowed to miss two unexcused events per your year of service.)

- (1) State FFA Leadership Conference
- (2) Area VIII Leadership Conference
- (3) Area VIII Chapter Leadership Conference
- (4) Area Greenhand Camp
- (5) State FFA Convention
- (6) National FFA Convention (FFA delegate), if selected to attend
- (7) Area VIII LDE
- (8) Area VIII CDE
- (9) Area VIII Convention
- (10) Any called Area VIII Officer Planning Meetings
- (11) Any other opportunities to represent Area VIII in your district, such as District Leadership Events, District Banquets, etc.
- (12) Reimburse Area VIII for Expenses that are incurred for an officer that does not fulfill the duties that the expenses were incurred for.

Candidate Certification

If, at any time, I cannot fulfill the obligation to attend/participate in a required activity, I will notify in writing the Area Leadership Development Coordinator and the event coordinator as soon as I know of the conflict. The Area Leadership Development Coordinator will then notify the Area VIII Executive Officer Team. Each incident will be reviewed. If it is deemed necessary to take action, the executive committee will review the request and act upon it. Matters concerning personal illness and/or family emergency will be excused.

I have read, studied, understand and accept the above points. As an officer, I will carry out my responsibilities in accordance with these statements and understand that I may be removed from office if I do not satisfactorily follow these established standards for Area officers. I also understand that I will be responsible for paying back the Area for any expenses incurred during my service as officer.

Officer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisors: By signing this commitment, you agree with the rules set out in the Area officer pledge and I acknowledge the responsibilities of an Area Officer Advisor.

Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Administration: By signing this commitment, you agree with the rules set out in the Area officer pledge and acknowledge the responsibilities of the student and advisor.

Administrator Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____