

ROCK COUNTY FFA CHAPTER CONSTITUTION
Revised 2025

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION A. The name of this organization shall be the "Rock County Chapter of the National FFA Organization." Members are hereinafter referred to as the National FFA Organization" and the letters, "FFA", may be used to designate the chapter, its activities, or members thereof.

SECTION B. The purposes for which this chapter is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural, and agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love of country life.
3. To strengthen the confidence of young men and women in themselves and their work.
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
5. To encourage members in the development of the individual farming programs and establishment in farming
6. To encourage members to improve the farm home and its surroundings.
7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To participate in a cooperative effort.
- 10.To encourage improvement in scholarship.
- 11.To encourage and practice thrift.
- 12.To provide and encourage the development of organized rural recreational activities.

ARTICLE II: ORGANIZATION

SECTION A. The Rock County Chapter of FFA is a chartered local unit of the Nebraska Association of FFA, which is chartered by the national organization of the National FFA Organization.

SECTION B. This chapter accepts in the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Nebraska Association of FFA as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section A. Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds:

1. Active
2. Alumni
3. Honorary, as defined by the national FFA constitution.

Section B. The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.

Section C. Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree.

Section D. Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when:

1. He/She attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
2. He/She shows an interest in, and takes part in the affairs of the chapter.
3. He/She pays his dues regularly.

Section E. Names of Applicants for membership shall be filed with the membership committee.

Section F. Associate membership shall be limited to former Vo. Ag. Students who have completed at least three years of Ag.

ARTICLE IV: EMBLEMS

SECTION A. The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the chapter.

SECTION B. Emblems used by members shall be uniform and those obtained from concerns officially designated by the national organization of the FFA.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

SECTION A. There shall be two grades of active membership in this chapter. These grades are:

1. The Green Hand Degree
2. The Chapter Farmer Degree.

All "Green Hands" are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin. All members holding the Degree of Chapter are entitled to wear the silver emblem degree pin.

SECTION B. Green Hand Degree. Minimum qualifications for election.

1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture and have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a program of supervised farming.
2. Be familiar with the purpose of the FFA and the program of work of the local chapter.
3. Recite from memory the Creed of the Future Farmers of America.
4. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the chapter.

SECTION C. Chapter Farmer Degree. Minimum qualification for election.

1. Must have held the Degree of Green Hand for at least one year immediately preceding election to the Degree of the Chapter Farmer and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an improved supervised farming program, and be regularly enrolled in vocational agricultural class.
3. Be familiar with the purpose and programs of work of the State association and national organization.
4. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the local chapter.
5. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.
6. Be able to lead a group discussion for fifteen minutes

7. Must have earned by his own efforts from his supervised farming program and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$50.00.
8. Receive a majority vote of the member present at regular local chapter meeting.

SECTION D. Special committees shall review the qualifications of the members and make recommendations to the chapter concerning degree advancement.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICIERS

SECTION A. The officers of the chapter shall be as follows:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Reporter
6. Sentinel
7. Advisor
 - a. The Advisor shall be the teacher of vocational agriculture in the school where the chapter is located. Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

**If the interview panel feels that there are 7 to 9 worthy candidates for chapter officer positions, they can make the decision to assign a Parliamentarian, Jr. Advisor, and Historian to the officer team.

SECTION B. Officers shall be selected semi-annually or annually. The officer selection process will include the following components: written application, member and teacher character references, leadership/FFA points, and panel interview. The interview panel will consist of a Senior Officer, a member of the community, an outsider of the program/community, and an instructor at RCPS. This panel will then slate the officer team. Officers will be revealed at the end-of-the-year banquet.

SECTION C. The officers of the chapter together with the chairmen in charge of the major sections of the annual program of work

shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations or by-laws adopted from time to time.

SECTION D. Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the chapter except that of Advisor

SECTION E. Chapter officers must hold the Greenhand Degree.

SECTION F. If a chapter officer is caught abusing drugs or alcohol, while in office, they will immediately be removed from their office and either replaced or that office will be left open.

ARTICLE VII: Meetings

SECTION A. Regular chapter meetings shall be held once a month during the school year and one a month during the remaining months of the year at such time and place as is designated by the chapter executive committee. Special meetings may be called at any time.

SECTION B. Two delegates shall be elected annually from the active membership to represent the chapter at the State convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings with the State.

SECTION C. Ten active members listed on the secretary's membership roll shall constitute a quorum, and quorum must be present at any meeting at which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the chapter to any proposal or action.

ARTICLE VIII: DUES

SECTION A. Local dues in this chapter shall be fixed annually by a majority vote of the active members.

SECTION B. Full local, State and national dues shall be paid by all active members.

SECTION C. No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless he pays full local, State and national FFA dues.

ARTICLE IX: Amendments

SECTION A. This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the State

association constitution or that of the nation organization of FFA.

Section B. By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such by-laws conflict in no way with the constitution and the by-laws of either the State Association or the nation organization.