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# FFA ASSOCIATION

## 2026 Alaska FFA Convention State Officer Candidate Additional Materials

### Instructions:

1. Log into AET and navigate to "Reports"
2. Click "Degree/Application Manager" and add "AET Officer Application"
3. Follow instructions on the application. Make sure your recordbooks & AET resume are up to date.
4. Download your own copy of this document.
5. Take time to fill out the information.
6. Save as PDF
7. Upload this PDF to AET Officer Application under the "Uploads/Attachments" section
8. Complete the AET Officer Application and talk to your teacher about submitting your application to the state submission list. This must be submitted by 5:00 pm on March 6th, 2026.

Tip for Success: Start early, review carefully, and don't hesitate to reach out to the state advisor with questions.



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 all additional 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 the members and I 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 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 wishes,

Taylor Nelson

Alaska State FFA Advisor

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**Officer Calendar of Events (2026-2027)**

**Bold Items Require Attendance by ALL State Officers.**

Dates may not include travel days. Some items are listed for informational purposes i.e. Fairs, state officers are not required to attend but it would be rewarding to participate.

<b>April 25</b>	<b>New Officer Orientation Meeting</b>	<b>Palmer</b>
<b>May 15-17</b>	<b>Base Camp Officer Training</b>	TBD
TBD	Nenana Ag Day	Nenana
<b>June 11-14</b>	<b>State Officer Checkpoint 1 Training</b>	TBD
May- March	State Officer Sponsorship Visits	TBD
<b>July 11-18</b>	<b>State Officers Summit</b>	<b>Washington D.C.</b>
July 31-Aug 9	Tanana Valley State Fair	Fairbanks
<b>Aug 12-17</b>	<b>Alaska State Fair</b>	Palmer
<b>Sep-Oct</b>	<b>Interior District Leadership Conference</b>	TBD
<b>Sep-Oct</b>	<b>Kenai Peninsula District Leadership Conference</b>	TBD
<b>Sep-Oct</b>	<b>Southcentral District Leadership Conference</b>	TBD
TBD (Fall)	All CTSO Leadership Training	Anchorage
TBD (Fall)	Chapter Visits	Statewide
<b>Oct 17- 25</b>	<b>National FFA Convention</b>	<b>Indianapolis, IN</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Annual Farm Bureau Meeting</b>	<b>Anchorage</b>
<b>2027</b>		
<b>February 4-7</b>	<b>State Officer Checkpoint 2 Training</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Farm Bureau Legislative Fly-In</b>	<b>Juneau</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Convention Planning Weekend</b>	<b>TBD</b>
February 20-27	National FFA Week	Nationwide
Winter TBD	Chapter Visits	Statewide
<b>Feb-Mar</b>	<b>Interior District Leadership Events</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Feb-Mar</b>	<b>Kenai Peninsula District Leadership Events</b>	<b>TBD</b>



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Feb-Mar	Tsunami Bowl (National Ocean Science Bowl)	Seward
<b>March</b>	<b>State Convention Planning Meeting</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>April 20-23</b>	<b>State Convention</b>	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 events 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 (Ex: family vacation, exams, graduation, etc.)**

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| 1. New Officer Orientation Meeting: April 25, 2025 | YES / NO |
| 2. Base Camp Training: May 15-17                   | YES / NO |
| 3. Checkpoint #1 Training: June 11-14              | YES / NO |
| 4. State FFA Officer Summit: July 11-18            | YES / NO |
| 5. Alaska State Fair: August 12-17                 | YES / NO |
| 6. National FFA Convention: Oct 17-25              | YES / NO |
| 7. Checkpoint #2 Training: January 21-24, 2027     | YES / NO |

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



Dear Parent(s),

First, I would like to express my gratitude and sincere respect to you and your child. Your child's previous service and desire to continue serving FFA members has 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 an understanding of your child's restrictions and availability are essential. To better understand your child's situation and to ensure you are aware of the commitment they are making, I would like to ask you to please fill out the survey below.

Their 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.

I 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.

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Alaska State FFA Advisor

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## Parent Information Survey

*Please initial the following:*

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the FFA events my child will be expected to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the financial costs expected of my child.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the time commitment and expectations in being an FFA State Officer.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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? **YES / NO**

A. If so, do they have access to a vehicle? **YES / NO**

B. Are you comfortable with them driving or riding long distances to FFA events? **YES / NO**

2. Does your family hold any religious or spiritual beliefs that may affect your child's availability during the year? **YES / NO**

a. If so, please describe here:

3. Does your child have any needs or accommodations that we should be aware of when working through educational material? **YES / NO**

a. If so, please describe the typical accommodations they receive here:

\*There is no signature page on this part of the document, as you will be asked to sign to approve the total officer application via the AET Recordbook system.



## Media Release

- 1. Consent.** I, \_\_\_\_\_, (Alaska FFA member, Officer Candidate, State Officer, hereafter “Releasor”) for good and valuable consideration, with the understanding that the Alaska FFA Association (“AK FFA”) will invest substantial time in ensuring that quality audio/visual works will be shared through valuable outlets (social media, press release, AlaskaFFA.org, etc.) for the purpose of sharing the message of youth leadership development in agriculture, do hereby consent to participation in the production of and to being personally identifiable in the resulting media, regardless of production method or type of media., whether captured or created by AK FFA, or by those acting under AK FFA’s direction.
- 2. Authorization and Waiver.** Releasor authorizes the use my name, photo, materials produced for the program or presentation in program for FFA materials including but not limited to, educational resources, press releases, web-based publicity and other publication materials made by AK FFA for the following purposes: promotion, recruitment, art, or other activities deemed necessary by AK FFA.
- 3. Entire Agreement.** This agreement constitutes the sole and complete agreement between Releasor and AK FFA and shall be governed by the laws of the state of Alaska.
- 4. Other Terms and Conditions.** As part of this agreement, the Releasor agrees to allow AK FFA, or those acting under AK FFA’s direction to review and supervise public-facing personal social media accounts to ensure that accounts meet the standards outlined in the “**State FFA Officer Policy of Service.**”

By signing this release, I affirm that I am the age of majority and have the right to contract my own name - OR - if Releasor is a minor, that I have the right to contract in their name and on their behalf. I have read this entire document, understand its content, and agree to the rights and responsibilities it defines for each party. This agreement shall be binding upon me.

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Signature & Date (If Releasor is a minor, a parent or guardian must sign & date)

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Print Name and phone number



## Additional Information & Essay Questions

### Candidate Social Media

Please list all social media accounts where Alaska FFA members may follow you.

Facebook-

Instagram-

LinkedIn-

Twitter/X-

TikTok-

Other-

### Future Plans

Do you plan to attend school, if elected to office? **YES / NO**

College/University/School:

Major/Area of Study:

If you are not attending school, what are your plans?

### Short Answer (1-3 sentences, 12pt font)

What are your career interests/aspirations?

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



### Long Answer Questions

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

**What qualities would you bring to a state FFA officer team?**

**What does "service" mean to you?**

**How do you hope to advocate for Alaska agriculture and FFA members?**

**Name someone that you look up to and share an example of why you view them as a role model?**



## 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 (after family) – 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 as an Alaska FFA State Officer Candidate. Any infractions of this conduct agreement could result in my dismissal from the Alaska State Officer Selection Process.**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_