Byron Nelson FFA

**Officer and Committee Chair Application & Code of Conduct**

**2017-2018**

Qualifications for Becoming and maintaining a Chapter Officer in the Byron Nelson FFA

Indicators of ideal presiding Byron Nelson FFA officer;

1. Have completed one-year’s membership in the Byron Nelson FFA,

2. Be passing all classes in which currently enrolled,

3. Participate in Byron Nelson FFA fundraisers and community service activities,

4. Attend 90% of the chapter activities (Community Service activities, Fundraisers, etc.)

5. Compete in at least one LDE and one CDE during the current school year,

6. Enroll in an Ag class each semester for the upcoming year.

7. Complete and return the officer application by the specified date and time.

8. Have been an officer in the current school year to run for the office of President and/or have the qualifications of a presiding officer as explained in the officer duty section of the FFA manual.

9. Any officer who becomes ineligible during more than one six-week period shall be asked to resign. A new officer shall be selected by the AST at that time to replace this officer.

10. Ability and willingness to attend:

* All FFA & officer meeting (Dates determined at Byron Nelson FFA Officer Retreat)
* Area Leadership Camp (June 12-14, $50)
* FFA Officer Retreat (July 31– August 2; No Cost at this time)
* State FFA Convention (July 9-14, Approx. $300)

Byron Nelson FFA Chapter Officer Election Process

Candidate’s will be elected according to the following scores:

* 20% based on the candidates application (Due to AST **April 10, 2017**)
* 20% based on an interview with a select committee (see an Ag. Teacher to set up an appointment for your interview when you return your completed application) **April 17, 2017**
* 20% based on a general knowledge exam (Taken on **April 17, 2017**)
* 40% based on the Byron Nelson FFA Chapter members’ votes (**April Meeting, April 18, 2017)**
	+ Election Speeches are limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.
	+ Run off speeches are limited to 60 seconds maximum.

Byron Nelson FFA OFFICER APPICATION

Applicants Name:

Address: City: Zip:

Telephone:

Parents Name(s): Current Age:

Current Year in School: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior (Indicate One)

Current Degree Held: Greenhand, Chapter FFA, State FFA Degree (Indicate One)

If you do not make the officer team, would you be willing to serve the chapter in another position?

 \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_\_NO

Have you been ineligible this school year?

 \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Has your grade EVER been below a “C” in ANY of your agriculture classes since being in high school?

 \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NO

If yes, please explain, class/ year and justification:

Approximately how many items did you sell in last year’s fruit, meat and dessert fundraiser? Why do you think, as an FFA officer, this fundraiser is important?

What LDE and CDE teams were you involved in last year, and how did your leadership skills affect the overall success of the team?

As an FFA officer, you will be required to attend the following: All FFA meetings, Officer Leadership Camp, FFA Officer Retreat and State FFA Convention; Will you be able commit to the listed activities, if no please explain;

What other activities are you planning on being involved with next year other than FFA / Ag?

List your leadership qualities that would be a benefit to your Chapter

Future Plans (College, Career, etc.)

What have you contributed to Byron Nelson FFA in the previous year(s)? (Committees, helped out, SAE, etc).

What improvement could you make in the Chapter and how?

What will be your number one goal as a Chapter Officer?

* Application MUST be printed in its entirety.
* The application MUST be typed and will be scored “as is” by an outside committee. Content, spelling and grammar will be taken into consideration.

* YOU AND YOUR PARENT MUST SIGN ALL REQUIRED PAGES
* YOU MUST TURN IN THE GRADE CHECK FORM WITH THE APPLICATION

**THE Byron Nelson FFA CHAPTER**

**CODE OF ETHICS**

1. We will conduct ourselves at all times in order to be a credit to our organization, chapter, school and community by:

2. Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion.

3. Showing respect for the rights of others and being courteous at all times.

4. Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others.

5. Respecting the property of others.

6. Refraining from loud, boisterous talk, swearing and other unbecoming conduct, such as drinking, illegal actions.

7. You will always address your teachers with respect and professionalism.

8. Demonstrating sportsmanship in the show ring, judging contests and meetings.

9. Being modest in winning and generous in defeat.

10. Attending meetings promptly and respecting the opinion of others in discussion.

11. Taking pride in our organization, activities, supervised experience program, exhibits, and the occupation of agriculture.

12. Sharing with others experiences and knowledge gained by attending national and state meetings.

13. Striving to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.

14. Appreciating and promoting diversity in our organization.

15. We will express leadership qualities in all situations.

16. Strive to promote the FFA to all we meet, and make the entire new membership feel welcome at all times.

17. Problems that arise throughout the school year will be addressed in a meeting with all Ag teachers to resolve the situation.

18. If these rules and/or conduct are not followed the Ag teachers will have the discretion to remove you from office immediately.

 Applicants Signature Date

 Parent Signature Date

Grade Check Form

Name: Grade:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Period | Teacher | Grade (Latest RC/IPC) | Teacher Signature | Student Responsibility (Level) |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |
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(Rate student responsibility 1-10 scale, 1 being worst and 10 the best)

**Parent Signature:**

My son / daughter is eligible, currently has a 75 average or better in all of his / her classes.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:**

The information given is true and correct, and I am eligible and have at least 75 average or better in all of my classes

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant:** I have read this application and I agree with and support the rules set forth by the FFA Advisor and the Byron Nelson FFA Code of Ethics for Chapter Officers. I also understand that I may be removed from office without notice if I am found to be in violation with any said rule. In addition if elected to chapter FFA office, I will carry out my responsibilities in accordance with all of the following statements. I understand that I may be removed from office by the FFA advisors if I do not adhere to these established standards. **(Initial by each line item)**

I will:

\_\_\_1. Be totally dedicated to the program of Agricultural Education, SAE and the FFA.

\_\_\_2. Be willing to commit the necessary time to chapter officer activities, realizing that your FFA duties will come before any other personal activities. This will include a great deal of time away from employment and other school activities.

\_\_\_3. Be willing and able to travel in serving the chapter.

\_\_\_4. Become knowledgeable of the SAE program, the FFA and the many opportunities available in the field of Agriculture as well as keeping up to date on current local and national events.

\_\_\_5. Work diligently through preparation and practice to develop effective public speaking skills and project a desirable image of FFA at all times.

\_\_\_6. Seek constructive criticism and evaluation of my performance. Constantly evaluate my personality and attitude, making every effort to improve myself.

\_\_\_7. Serve as a member of a TEAM, always maintaining a cooperative attitude.

\_\_\_8. Take and follow instructions from those responsible for me.

\_\_\_9. Complete the goals of the FFA Officer Team.

\_\_\_10. Realize you represent the Byron Nelson FFA Chapter at all times not just on official business.

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Applicant’s Signature Date