



NEBRASKA FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA

## State Officer Candidate Application

Due January 15 to the State Adviser

In accordance with current policy, candidates for the State Officer Team must complete this application. The candidate must have shown leadership responsibilities at the chapter level or above when nominated and must be a freshman, sophomore, or junior. Prior to service as a State Officer, candidates shall have completed the equivalent of one semester of a Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) course.

Each chapter may run a candidate for the State Officer Team based on the previous year's affiliated membership, as follows:

1-20 members: 1 candidate

21-40 members: 2 candidates

41-60 members: 3 candidates

61 or more members: 4 candidates

### By completing this application, each State Officer Candidate acknowledges the following:

- I am currently an active member in good standing, in an affiliated chapter.
- I am a freshman, sophomore, or junior when running for office.
- Prior to service as an elected officer, I have completed the equivalent of one semester of a Family & Consumer Sciences class.
- I am not a present or former member of the FCCLA State Officer Team.
- I have shown leadership ability in responsibilities at the chapter level or above.
- I am not running for a state officer position in another Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO).
- I agree to attend the State Officer Candidate Screening Day (February 7, 2024 in Lincoln) and the State Leadership Conference (April 7-9, 2024 in Lincoln), pending Phase I advancement.

### Directions:

- ☐ Save this form to your computer before beginning to fill it out. Close out of this form and open the one you saved. If you type on this form as it is, it will not save anything you type.
- ☐ Complete all pages of this form. Use only the space provided and do not manipulate the form in any way. You need to put the most important items in the space provided.
- ☐ Have two (2) Personal Profile sheet filled out and emailed directly to the State Adviser, as they are confidential submissions. One should be completed by the candidate's chapter adviser and the other by an adult school staff member familiar with the candidate's qualifications. When the chapter adviser is the parent of the applicant, the Personal Profile should be completed by another adult school staff member.
- ☐ Complete the Code of Conduct form with appropriate required signatures.
- ☐ Submit the completed application and two Personal Profile sheets by January 15 to the State Adviser at [stateadviser@nebraskafccla.org](mailto:stateadviser@nebraskafccla.org).
- ☐ Candidates are required to send a digital head and shoulder photo of themselves to Abby Fiske, State Officer Coordinator, at [afiske@nebraskafccla.org](mailto:afiske@nebraskafccla.org). (Note: Do not use a school photo as these are protected with a copyright.)
- ☐ Present a speech at State Leadership Conference during the Voting Delegate session. The speech may be up to three minutes in length and must be presented without visuals on the following topic:

“Which National Program has had the greatest impact  
on your Ultimate Journey in FCCLA?”

**STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE APPLICATION**

Personal Information						
Name				Grade		
Home Address			City		Zip	
School Email			Personal Email			
Cell Phone						
Chapter Information						
Chapter Adviser Name			Email			
School Name						
School Address			City		Zip	
Adviser Cell Phone			District & Region			
Personal Qualifications						
The grade level students could first be an FCCLA member at my school						
The grade levels in which I have been/am a member of FCCLA						
List FCS courses and grade level when taken. Please list the courses as they appear on your transcript.						

Why do you want to be a Nebraska FCCLA State Officer?

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List your participation in FCCLA, school, & community activities in the space provided. Include offices held, programs, competitions, workshops, & contributions to the Family & Consumer Sciences program. Note that not every space may be filled.

	FCCLA/FCS Activities	Non-FCCLA Activities	Community Activities
Local			
District/ Regional			
State			
National			

Using the information from the previous chart, explain your leadership qualities & experiences & tell how they would help you be an effective FCCLA State Officer.

Describe a time when you contributed to the success of a team you were a part of. Share your contributions to the team, how you handled conflict amongst members, etc.

As a member of the State Officer Team, you will be asked to help develop the State Association's Program of Work. What ideas do you have for expanding the current Program of Work or building on existing initiatives?

Your role as a State Officer will include advocating for FCCLA and Family & Consumer Sciences as well as the broader field of Career & Technical Education (CTE), including other Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs). What experience do you have advocating for these fields and/or organizations and how will that experience help your advocacy efforts as a State Officer?

Social Media is a powerful tool to communicate with members and advisers. How will you use social media as a State Officer to build connections with members, recognize accomplishments, and promote events and initiatives of the State Association?

Membership recruitment and retention is an ongoing effort for the State Association. How will you empower chapters across Nebraska to recruit, retain, and recognize members at the local level?

## STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE BROCHURE & STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE INFORMATION

In 100 words or less, write a brief description of yourself and your FCCLA experiences. This text will NOT be edited when it is put online for the membership to read so be sure to check spelling and grammar. Also, count your words to be sure you are under the 100-word limit. Once you hit that limit, your description will be stopped.

### State Officer Candidate Brochure Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that the description provided above is what will be included in the SOC Brochure and understand that no editing/adjustments will be made.

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Candidate Initials

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Chapter Adviser Initials

### Website Photo Release

I agree to permit my photograph to be displayed on the Nebraska FCCLA website.

I further agree that I, my heirs, and my legal representatives release and hold FCCLA, its officers, directors, members, employees, or agents, harmless from any injury, claims, unauthorized use, misuse, actions, judgments, or other liability that may result from the display of my photograph on the FCCLA website.

Please include a head and shoulders photo to be used in the form of a digital image. Do not use a photo that is copyright protected, such as a school photo.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### State STAR Events Information

Are you participating in a STAR Event this year?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, then please indicate which event you *may* be participating in at this year's State Leadership Conference:

## STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE CONTRACT

### State Officer Candidate

By signing below, I acknowledge the following statements:

- I will attend all official State Officer Team meetings and required state events including but not limited to those listed below. I understand that my failure to do so may result in removal or resignation from office.
  - State Leadership Conference – April 7-9, 2024 in Lincoln
  - SOLA – May 28-31, 2024 in Ashland
  - National Leadership Conference – June 29-July 3, 2024 in Seattle, WA
  - State Officer Team Retreat – July/August 2024 in Grand Island *(dates will be selected by the team at SOLA)*
  - Fall Leadership Workshop – September/October 2024 *(specific location(s) will be assigned at SOLA)*
  - District Leadership Conferences – October/November 2024 *(specific location(s) will be assigned at SOLA)*
  - Winter Planning – January/February 2025 *(dates will be selected by the team at SOLA)*
  - CTSO Legislative Day – February 3-4, 2025 *(tentative)*
  - State Officer Candidate Screening Day – February/March 2025 *(specific date/location TBD)*
  - Peer Education Conference – February 23-24, 2025 in Kearney
  - State Leadership Conference – April 5-8, 2025 in Lincoln
- I have read and meet all of the qualifications for State Office.
- If elected, I agree that it is my responsibility to perform to the best of my ability and to place this obligation above other school co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, keeping in mind that I must maintain a satisfactory scholastic average. In the event that I graduate prior to completing my term of office, I understand that I will have to relinquish my position in accordance with the Nebraska FCCLA Operational Procedures.

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Candidate Signature

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Date

### Parent/Guardian

This student is applying to be a Nebraska FCCLA State Officer. It is an honor and a great responsibility for a student to be a State Officer. Being a State officer will require your support financially, emotionally, physically, and in general, total parental backing.

Our daughter/son has our permission to become an FCCLA State Officer Candidate. If elected, we shall cooperate in every way to assist her/him to attend the above meetings and to fulfill her/his officer responsibilities.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

### Chapter Adviser

As a chapter adviser, I believe the candidate has the qualifications for the office she/he is seeking. If elected, I will assist in all assigned duties and attend all meetings as requested.

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Chapter Adviser Signature

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Date

### School Administrator

The school administration gives approval for the above State Officer Candidate, and if elected, we pledge our support.

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School Administrator Signature

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Date

## STATE OFFICER CODE OF CONDUCT

The Nebraska Career & Technical Student Organizations of Nebraska require each State Officer candidate to read and complete this form.

1. Appropriate dress of businesslike attire will be expected. Official dress or uniform will be worn at all state approved activities, meetings, or conferences.
2. There shall be no defacing of property. Any damages to any property or furnishing in hotel rooms, meeting rooms, or conference locations must be paid by the individual responsible and may subject the individual to criminal prosecution.
3. State Officers shall keep their State Adviser informed of their official activities and whereabouts at all times.
4. State Officers shall be prompt and prepared for all official activities.
5. State Officers must be in their sleeping rooms and quiet at curfew. Curfew will be established by the State Adviser.
6. No alcoholic beverages or narcotics in any form shall be possessed at any time, under any circumstances, while representing the local school and Career & Technical Student Organization. Possession of such substances may subject the individual to criminal prosecution.
7. No use of tobacco products (including e-cigarettes and/or vaping) in public will be permitted while a delegate is representing his/her local school and Career & Technical Student Organization.
8. State Officers are required to attend all assigned activities such as conferences, district events, State Officer meetings, etc. If a State Officer cannot fulfill an assignment, the State Adviser must be notified immediately.
9. Identification badges will be worn at all times while serving in official capacity as a State Officer.
10. Male and female officers may not be in the same sleeping room unless the door is open or an adviser/sponsor is present in the room.
11. Conduct not conducive to an educational conference will not be allowed. Such conduct includes actions disrupting a businesslike atmosphere, association with non-conference individuals or activities which endanger self/others.
12. State Officers are directly responsible to the State Adviser. A State Officer will also work closely with his/her chapter adviser in activities and assignments.
13. Education always takes precedence. State Officers must plan accordingly so that problems do not occur.
14. Official travel by a Nebraska state officer must have approval from the State Adviser and may require chapter adviser and parent/guardian approval.
15. When expenses are paid by the state organization, reimbursement will be made directly to the State Officer after submission of an expense reimbursement sheet.
16. A travel authorization form will be required before any travel.
17. State Officer Candidates must demonstrate appropriate social media use on all platforms.



## PROCEDURES

1. The State Officer shall be responsible to the State Adviser and/or State Officer Coordinator while serving in the capacity of a State Officer.
2. Officers violating the conduct code will be dealt with by the State Adviser in cooperation with the local adviser and local school administration and the policy making body for the Career & Technical Student Organization. The officers may be sent home at their own expense and/or removed from office.

I have read and fully understand the Nebraska FCCLA State Officer Code of Conduct and agree to comply with the guidelines. Furthermore, I am aware of the consequences that will result from violation of any of the above guidelines.

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Candidate Signature

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Date

We have read and fully understand the Nebraska FCCLA State Officer Code of Conduct and agree to hold the candidate accountable to the guidelines.

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Chapter Adviser Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date