Arkansas FFA Association
State Officer Candidate Official Policies and Procedures
2026 -2027

I. Applying

A) Applicants must qualify to receive the State FFA Degree.
B) Applications must be submitted by **February 16th.**
C) All candidates must attend the meeting at Camp Couchdale on **March 13th.**

II. Nominating Committee Process

A) Candidates must be present during the full duration of the Nominating Committee Process.
B) Nominating Committee details and rubrics can be found on the Arkansas FFA website.

III. Campaigning

A) Each Candidate will be allowed to submit a one-page typed letter that addresses the members on why they wish to serve as a state officer. This letter will be posted online along with other candidates' letters two weeks prior to convention.
    a. Letters Due to Staff by **April 1st.**
B) Each candidate will be allowed to submit a one-page flyer that will be posted to the state website two weeks prior to convention along with all other candidates' flyers. Flyers must be saved as 8.5"x11" pdf.
    a. Flyer Due to Staff by **April 1st.**
    b. Links or QR codes to additional information are prohibited.
C) Other than the two items listed above, campaigning for state FFA officer may not begin until after the first session of the state FFA convention.
D) Campaigning materials at convention will be limited to business cards. Business cards may NOT be passed out inside Bank OZK Arena.
E) Candidates may not introduce current state officers for their retiring addresses, nor can they perform in the state FFA talent contest or FFA Band.
F) Email required documents to dawsyn.cole@arkansasffa.org

IV. Elections

A) Each candidate will be allowed to give a 2-minute speech prior to elections.
B) The candidate nominated by the nominating committee will speak first.
C) Further nominations will be accepted from the floor of delegates.
D) Once a candidate has given a 2-minute speech all other speeches from that candidate will be limited to 30 seconds.
E) The president, secretary, and reporter will be elected at large.
F) The delegates will be divided into Districts (Southern, Northwest, & Eastern) and a Vice President will be elected from each region.
G) Only Arkansas FFA Board Members, Delegates, and FFA State Staff will be allowed on the delegate floor during elections.
H) Arkansas FFA Board Members with state officer candidates will not be allowed to be involved with the election process.

I) Advisors of state officer candidates will be allowed to sit backstage with their candidates in the designated seating area in order to offer support if needed.
J) During the Delegate Business Voting Session: Slated At Large Candidates will receive 9 votes for each election held for their slated position for at large positions. Slated District Vice President Candidates will receive 3 votes for each election held for their slated position for District positions.

IV. Installation

A) The new state officer team will meet Wednesday after the delegate business session to review the installation process.
B) The new state officer team will be installed Wednesday afternoon during the final session of the state convention.
C) The regional Vice Presidents will be installed to the designated office of vice president, treasurer, and sentinel on a rotational basis as outlined below.

2027-2028:	Vice President – Northwest District Vice President Treasurer – Eastern District Vice President Sentinel – Southern District Vice President
2028-2029:	Vice President – Eastern District Vice President Treasurer – Southern District Vice President Sentinel – Northwest District Vice President
2029-2030:	Vice President – Southern District Vice President Treasurer – Northwest District Vice President Sentinel – Eastern District Vice President

Acknowledgement of Understanding

Must be signed and returned to the State Office.

I have read and understand the guidelines for an Arkansas FFA State Officer Candidate Process. I understand that if I do not abide by these policies and procedures, I am subject to removal from candidacy.

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Please Print Name of Applicant

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Applicant Signature Date

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Parent Signature Date

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Chapter Advisor Signature Date