



Wisconsin State FFA Officer Candidate Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What requirements are there to become a State Officer?

A: You will need to receive your State FFA Degree prior to serving as a Wisconsin State FFA Officer! Also, make sure to fill out your application and submit a resume on or before the due date! You will also need to participate in the election process!

Q: How do I know if I am qualified to serve?

A: Are you a motivated individual that has a strong background in FFA? Are you willing to push yourself and grow as an individual while serving members across the state? Do you enjoy working with others that share your same passion for agriculture and leadership? If you have found yourself asking yourself these questions and maybe even answered yes to a few of them, then be confident in your ability. You are an amazing person!!! Let your heart shine through!!! Also, remember to be willing to GROW!

Q: Serving as a State Officer and attending school? Gap year?

A: While serving as a state officer you are given the choice to decide what would work best for you! Some State Officers decide to take a gap year or semester in order to serve full time as State Officers, however this is not a requirement and some state officers continue schooling throughout the year. State Officers have also found the opportunity to enroll in online courses! This could be something to think about once elected. Through this you can keep up on your credits while serving! The choice is yours! Remember to keep FFA members and your own abilities in mind! You only have one year of service! Reach out to past State Officers for advice and to hear about their own experiences!

Q: What if I receive scholarships to attend college? Will they disappear?

A: Most scholarships will allow you to use or defer them to the next year! Reach out to those you received the scholarship from! Share your situation and tell them what your next year will look like if elected to serve! Usually, they are excellent to work with, but if you run into any issues reach out to the Wisconsin FFA Center for help!

Q: Is serving as a State Officer a paid position?

A: Serving as a State Officer is not a paid position but does have some monetary benefits! You are reimbursed for mileage, supplies, and even clothing! Read below for more details:

- Reimbursement for Mileage
 - Serving as a State Officer, you have the opportunity to travel all across the state! Whether you are traveling to schools, any FFA events, or team functions, you can keep track of your miles traveled and then receive a paid reimbursement upon turning in vouchers!

- Reimbursement For Supplies
 - As a State Officer, you are going to be responsible for making sure you have the materials needed for Chapter Visits and workshops. If you need to purchase anything, keep your receipts because you turn those in for reimbursement.
- Clothing Allowance
 - As a State Officer, you will be needing to look your best. The Wisconsin FFA Foundation kindly gives every State Officer a Clothing Voucher for FFA Official Dress Clothing. This money can be used to purchase anything for Official Dress and Casual Official Dress.
- Team Expenses
 - When traveling as a team, expenses such as mileage, meals, and lodging are covered. You will not have to pay anything out of pocket when you are together as a team!
- State FFA Officer Scholarship
 - At the end of your year of service, the Wisconsin State FFA Foundation will award you with a scholarship to use for your future endeavors!

Q: How often will I be traveling?

A: It varies from year to year, but you will be doing lots of traveling: from Chapter Visits, Banquets, State Events, Team Meetings, etc! You are going to be traveling all around the State. Some weeks you may be traveling everyday, while other weeks you may be at home or with the team! When you are traveling to team events you will be assigned to carpools. This is where you are grouped with teammates that are in your general area to travel in the least amount of vehicles to your destination.

Q: What does your role look like as a State Officer?

A: As a State Officer you are assigned to your designated section. Within this section you can attend chapter meetings, events, and banquets. You can do anything from giving speeches to facilitating workshops or participating in activities to just simply being a special guest! Throughout the year not only are you serving your section, but you also get to serve all members across the State! You will present state-wide workshops, give speeches, and plan events! While serving as a State Officer you also get the opportunity to serve on the Wisconsin State FFA Board of Directors. This is made up of the State Officer team with their advisor and State staff.