

CONSTITUTION OF THE _____ FFA CHAPTER

ARTICLE I-NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the “_____ Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.” Members are hereinafter referred to as: Future Farmers of America” and its activities, or member thereof.

Section B. The purpose for which this chapter is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive rural and agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love a country life.
3. To strengthen the confidence of students of vocational agriculture in themselves an their work.
4. To create more interest in intelligent choice of farming and other agricultural occupations.
5. To encourage members to improve the farm home and its surroundings.
6. To encourage members in the development of individual farming programs and establishment in agriculture.
7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism
9. To participate in cooperative effort.
10. To encourage and practice thrift.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To provide and encourage the development of organized recreational activities.

ARTICLE II ORGANZIATION

Section A. The blank FFA Chapteris a chartered local unit of the Oklahoma Association of FFA which is chartered by the national organization of Future Farmers of America.

Section B. This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Oklahoma Association of FFA as well as those of the national organization of Future Farmers of America.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds: (1) Active; (2) Alumni; (3) Honorary, as defined by national FFA constitution.

Section B. The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.

Section C. Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree.

Section D. Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when:

1. He attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
2. He shows an interest in, and takes part in the affairs of the chapter.
3. He pays his dues regularly.

Section E. Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the membership committee.

ARTICLE IV- EMBLEMS

Section A. The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the chapter.

Section B. Emblem used by the members shall be designated by the national organization of FFA.

ARTICLE V-MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

Section A. There shall be four grades of active membership in this chapter. These grades are: (1) the Greenhand degree, (2) The Chapter Farmer Degree, (3) The State Farmer Degree, (4) The American Farmer Degree.

All "Greenhands are entitled to wear regulation bronze pin. All members holding the degree of chapter farmer are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin. All members holding the state farmer degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

Section B. Greenhand degree. Minimum qualifications for elections:

1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture and have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a program of supervised farming, and other agriculture occupational experiences.
2. Be familiar with the purposes of the FFA and the program of activities of the local chapter.

Section C. Chapter Farmer Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Must have the degree of Greenhand and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an improved supervised farming, and other agriculture occupational experiences program, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class.
3. Be familiar with the purpose and programs of activities of the state association and national organization.
4. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the local chapter.
5. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.
6. Be able to lead a group discussion for fifteen minutes
7. Must have earned by his own efforts from his supervised farming and other agriculture occupations program and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$75.00
8. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting.

Section D. State Farmer Degree. Minimum qualifications for elections:

1. qualifications for the State Farmer Degree are those set forth in the constitution for the State Association.

Section E. American Farmer Degree. Minimum qualifications for election.

1. Qualifications for the American Farmer Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the National Association of Future Farmers of America.

Section F. Special Committees shall review the qualifications of members and make recommendations to the chapter concerning degree advancement.

ARTICLE VI- OFFICERS

Section A. The officers of the chapter shall be as follows; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Sentinel. The local Advisor shall be the teacher of vocational agriculture in the school where the chapter is located. Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective officers.

Sections B. Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at a regular chapter meeting.

Section C. The officers of the chapter together with the chairmen in charge of the major sections of the annual program of activities shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations or bylaws adopted from time to time.

Section D. Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the chapter except that of Advisor.

Section E. Chapter officers must hold the Degree of Chapter Farmer, Except during the first year after the chapter is organized.

ARTICLE VII- MEETINGS

Section A. Regular chapter meetings shall be held once a month during the school year and once a month during the remaining months of the year at such time and place as is designated by the chapter executive committee. Special meetings may be called at any time.

Section B. Standard meeting paraphernalia shall be used at each meeting. All regular meetings shall be opened and closed with the official ceremony. Parliamentary procedure shall be used in transacting all business at each meeting.

Section C. Delegates, as specified by the State Constitution shall be selected annually from the active membership by the point system earning the right to represent the chapter at the State and National Convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings with the state.

Section D. A majority of the active members listed on the secretary's membership roll shall constitute a quorum, and quorum must be present at any meeting which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the chapter to any proposal or action.

ARTICLE VIII- DUES

Section A. Local dues in this chapter shall be fixed annually by a majority vote of the active members.

Section B. Full local, State and National dues shall be paid by all active members.

Section C. No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless he pays full local, State and National FFA Dues.

ARTICLE IX- AMENDEMENTS

Section A. This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the State Association constitution or that of the national organization of FFA.

Section B. Bylaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote to the active members present providing such a bylaws conflict in no way with the constitution bylaws of either the State Association or the national organization.