

Constitution of the Cass Career Center FFA Chapter

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ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSES

- SECTION A: The name of this organization shall be the Cass Career Center Chapter of the National FFA Organization. Members are hereinafter referred to as “Future Farmers of America” and the letters, FFA may be used to designate the chapter, its activities, or members there of.
- SECTION B: The primary aim of this chapter is development of premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

ARTICLE II – ORGANIZATION

- SECTION A: The Cass Career Center FFA is a chartered local unit of the Missouri Association of FFA which is chartered by the national organization, and sponsored by the Cass Career Center at Harrisonville, MO.
- SECTION B: This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and by-laws of the Missouri Association of FFA as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- SECTION A: Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds: (1) Active (2) Alumni (3) Honorary, as defined by the 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 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. Attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
 2. Shows an interest in, and takes part in, the affairs of the chapter.
 3. Pays dues regularly.
 4. Members must sell at least fifteen items or pay additional fees to their dues in the fundraiser in order to participate on trips, compete in judging activities or run for an office.

ARTICLE IV – EMBLEMS

- SECTION A: The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the chapter.
- SECTION B: Emblems used by the members shall be uniform and those obtained from concerns officially designated by the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE V – ACTIVE 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 FFA Degree (3) The State FFA Degree, and (4) The American FFA Degree.

All “Greenhands” are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin. All membes holding the Degree of Chapter Farmer are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin. All members holding the State FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm. All members holding the degree of American FFA are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

- SECTION B: Greenhand FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:
1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
 2. Learn and explain the meaning of the FFA Creed, Motto, and Salute.
 3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
 4. Demonstrate a knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
 5. Demonstrate a knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws, and the chapter Program of Activities.
 6. Personally own or have access to the Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.
 7. Submit a written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.
- SECTION C: Chapter FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:
1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
 2. Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least 180 hours of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program and be enrolled in an agricultural education course.
 3. Must have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the chapter Program of Activities.
 4. Must have earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the member's own efforts or worked at least forty-five hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program.
 5. Must have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
 6. Must have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
 7. Must show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.
 8. Must have a satisfactory scholastic record.
 9. Must submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.
- SECTION D: State FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for selection:
1. Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set forth in the constitution of the state FFA association and National FFA Organization.
- SECTION E: American FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for selection:
1. Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the constitution of the National FFA Organization.
- SECTION F: Following the termination of active membership status, a member automatically becomes an alumni member.
- SECTION G: The chapter executive committee shall review qualifications submitted by members and advise the chapter concerning those selected before nominated for the Chapter Farmer Degree.
- SECTION H: Membership in the Cass Career Center FFA Chapter shall be terminated by the reason of subsequent failure to meet any of the requirements of original membership. Any member expelled from the chapter upon recommendation of the officers and a two-thirds vote of membership present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

- SECTION A: The officers of the chapter shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Chaplain, Parliamentarian, and Historian. The local advisors shall be the teachers of Agricultural Education in the school where the chapter is located. Officer shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.
- SECTION B: Members must have a B average in Ag Education classes at the Cass Career Center to be nominated for officer.
- SECTION C: Election of chapter officers shall be conducted in the following manner. Officer candidates shall be interviewed by the Officer Selection Board made of 2-3 people in the community. The Selection Board shall develop the officer slate.
1. Officers-elect shall be installed during the Parents-Member Banquet in May. They shall be under study to the regular officers until May.
- SECTION D: The officers and Committee Chairman of the chapter's program of work shall constitute the chapter's 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 by-laws adopted.

- SECTION E: Honorary and Alumni members shall not vote nor shall they hold office in the chapter except that of Advisor.
- SECTION F: No member may be nominated for office if not enrolled in agriculture education for the ensuing year. The member is required to be enrolled for the complete year. The officer is considered to have resigned if not enrolled.
- SECTION G: Chapter officers must hold the degree of Greenhand at election to office.
- SECTION H: Any officer may be retired from office by two-thirds vote of the active members present at any regular meeting upon request of the executive committee for such action.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

- SECTION A: Executive meetings and regular chapter meetings shall be held once a month such time and place as is designated by the chapter executive committee. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or Vice-President.
- SECTION B: Standard meeting paraphernalia shall be used at each meeting. All regular meetings shall open and close with the official ceremony. Parliamentary procedure shall be used in transacting all business at each meeting.
- SECTION C: A majority of the active members present at any scheduled meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- SECTION D: Delegates, as specified by the State Constitution, shall be elected annually from the active membership to represent the chapter at the State Convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at other FFA meetings within the state.

ARTICLE VIII – Dues

- SECTION A: Local dues in this chapter shall be fixed by a majority vote of 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 the member pays full local, state, and national FFA dues.
- SECTION D: No refund of dues shall be made if a member leaves the chapter.

ARTICLE IX – PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

- SECTION A: A program of activities shall be used by the chapter in the planning of chapter activities. This shall serve as a guide for the successful completion of planned chapter activities. The program of activities shall be revised and adopted in the following manner each year.
- Paragraph 1: The chapter officers shall select the chairman of each of the eleven programs of activities committees.
- Paragraph 2: The program of activities chairman shall select their members from the chapter's membership.
- Paragraph 3: Each program of activities chairman shall have charge of their membership's phone numbers and addresses. It is the responsibilities of each committee chairman to see that their members attend all meetings.
- Paragraph 4: Each program of activities committee shall meet during each regular FFA meeting and make recommendations for the chapter.
- Paragraph 5: Each chairman is to see that all members of their committee report to the chapter on recommendations during the year.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

- SECTION A: This chapter constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting of the members by a two-thirds vote of the active members providing it is not in conflict with the State Association constitution or that of the National Organization of FFA.

SECTION B: By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such by-laws in no way conflict with the constitution and by-laws of either the State or the National Organization.