

WOODBURY FFA CHAPTER CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - Name, Mission and Strategies

Section A. The name of the organization shall be the Woodbury FFA Chapter of the National FFA Organization.

Section B. The mission and strategies for the chapter are as followed:

Mission:

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.

Strategies:

1. Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
2. Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well being.
3. Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs.
6. Encourages management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
7. Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
8. Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
9. Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
10. Promotes healthy lifestyles.
11. Encourages excellence in scholarship.

ARTICLE II – Organization

Section A. The Woodbury Chapter of FFA is a chartered local unit of the Connecticut FFA Association which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

Section B. This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Connecticut Association of FFA as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section A. Membership in the chapter shall be of four kinds: (1) Active; (2) Associate; (3) Adult and (4) Honorary, as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

Section B. The regular activities of the chapter shall be carried on by the Active membership, as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

Section C. 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. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year.
2. Obtain the needed amount of Supervised Agriculture Experience hours, determined by the high school agriculture program guidelines.
3. Participate in at least one FFA chapter held event every marking period, and attend regularly monthly meetings.
4. The high school agriculture program pays the yearly state and national affiliate fees by the date determined by the the state and nationals.
5. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.

Section D. Associate member is a member of the chapter who after graduating from high school may retain active membership through the State and National Organization until November 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduation from high school. Associate members do not need to meet the guidelines 1-3 as outlined of an active member in good standing. Members who wish to become associate members are pursuing a higher FFA Degrees or office positions.

Section E. Adult Membership shall be open to former active members and honorary members, present and former professional agricultural educators, parents of FFA members and others interested in and supportive of the FFA. Adult membership shall be outlined and defined by the Constitution of the Woodbury FFA Alumni Association.

Section F. Honorary membership in the chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

- A. Eligible People are to be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the active members present at any regular meeting or convention.
- B. Honorary membership shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree in the local chapter, and are not granted the same voting rights as active members and are not given a vote at regular meetings.

Section G. Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the chapter secretary.

ARTICLE IV – Emblems

Section A. The emblem of the National FFA shall be the emblem for the Woodbury Chapter.

Section B. Emblems used by the members shall be designated by the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE V - Degrees and Privileges of Active Membership

Section A. There shall be four degrees of active membership based on individual achievement. These degrees are (1) Greenhand FFA Degree, (2) Chapter FFA Degree, (3) State FFA Degree, and (4) American FFA Degree.

All "Greenhands" are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin. All members holding the Chapter FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation silver emblem pin. All members holding the State FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm. All members holding the American FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

Section B. Greenhand FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for eligibility: (Refer to National Constitution)

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 knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the organization.
6. Personally own or have access to the Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.
7. Pass the Greenhand Degree test with a score of 70% or higher.

Section C. Chapter FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for eligibility: (Refer to National Constitution)

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. Have participated in of at least three official functions in the chapter's Program of Activities.
4. Worked at least one hundred and fifty SAE hours, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. Must have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
6. Must show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.
7. Must have a satisfactory scholastic record.
8. Must passed Chapter FFA Degree test with a 70% or higher.

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 Connecticut 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.

ARTICLE VI - Chapter Officers and Sophomore Block Officers

Section A. The offices of an FFA chapter shall be: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and sentinel. Could include but are not limited to: parliamentarian, historian, and/or student advisor. Other office positions may be created as deemed appropriate by the local chapter advisor(s). The teacher(s) of agricultural education program from the school where the chapter is located shall be the FFA advisor(s). Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

Section B. Selection of Officers:

1. A Nomination Committee will be formed to review and interview the candidates for chapter officers. The nomination committee will be made up of two students from each the freshman and sophomore class, one junior from each content area offered, the charter and assistant chapter advisors, and/or the head of the agriculture department. The Nomination Committee shall submit its nominations to the membership at the May chapter meeting.

2. A chapter officer shall hold the Chapter FFA Degree at the time of their election, and must be an active member in good standing for the duration of their term in office. They shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the May chapter meeting. A member cannot hold a chapter office position for more than one term.

Section C. The officers of the chapter together with the chapter advisor(s) 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.

ARTICLE VII - Meetings

Section A. Regular chapter meetings shall be held once a month during the school year and once 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 equipment 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. Delegates, as specified by the State Constitution, shall be elected annually from the active membership to represent the chapter at the State FFA Convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings within the State.

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

Section E. Active members in good standing (Article III, Section C) may vote on all business brought before the chapter.

Section F. Associate, Adult and Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the chapter except that of Advisor(s).

ARTICLE VIII - Dues

Section A. Dues in this chapter shall be paid using the National FFA Affiliate dues program. The chapter follows the policies listed in the National FFA Affiliate Membership Definition, and as outlined in the National FFA Constitution. As an affiliate student chapter, each student is not required to pay National FFA Dues.

Section B. The program affiliation fees of a chapter shall be established by a majority vote of the members at a regular chapter meeting.

Section C. No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless they are listed on the local, state, and national FFA roster in order to pay the accurate affiliation fee.

ARTICLE IX - Amendments

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 FFA Organization.