

Lincoln FFA Constitution

ARTICLE I - Name, Mission and Strategies

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the **LINCOLN FFA** Chapter of the National FFA Organization.

Section B. The mission and strategies for this chapter are as follows:

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

ARTICLE II – Organization

Section A. The **Lincoln FFA** Chapter of FFA is a chartered local unit of the **CALIFORNIA STATE** Association of FFA which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

Section B. This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the **CALIFORNIA STATE** 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 and (3) Honorary, as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

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

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Section C. Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA 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. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study. Either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program, the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career.
2. Show an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
3. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.

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 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 election: (Refer to National Constitution)

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.

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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, 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: (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. 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. 3

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ARTICLE VI - Chapter Officers & Advisors

Section A. The offices of the FFA chapter shall be: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel. Other officers, such as historian, may be elected as deemed appropriate by the local advisor(s) and/or governing body.

Section B. Chapter officers should be elected by a three-part process in which applicants submit a resume & application (to be ranked by an impartial judge determined by the FFA Advisor(s)), participate in an interview by a panel of judges determined by the Advisor(s), and give a speech for the student membership to vote. Forced rankings are created from each of these processes. The FFA advisor(s) will then slate officers into positions based on ranking with consideration to stated office preference.

Section C. The teacher(s) of agricultural education shall be the FFA advisor(s).

ARTICLE VII - Dues

Section A. Full local, state and national dues shall be paid by the Lincoln FFA on behalf of members.

Section B. Lincoln FFA considers all students enrolled in an agriculture course an active member.

ARTICLE VIII - 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.

Section B. Bylaws 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 bylaws conflict in no way with the constitution and bylaws of either the state association or the national organization.