

## Requirements for District Presidents of the New York Association of FFA

1. Be totally dedicated to the total program agriculture education and the FFA.
2. Be an active member of the State FFA Association.
3. Be a student in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in a secondary school agricultural education program during the year of service.
4. Be in a position to devote the necessary time required to carry out the duties of the office:
  - a. State officer meetings as directed by the State Executive Secretary.
  - b. Create and distribute 3 monthly newsletters by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and bi-monthly there after.
  - c. Other activities outlined in the District President Calendar
5. Be in good academic standing (a 75% or better average).
6. Hold the Greenhand and Chapter Degrees.
7. Hold a chapter or sub-district office or be chairperson of a major standing committee at the time of election.
8. Have a commitment to reliable and regular access to transportation for all state officer activities.
9. Submit an application (signed by a parent, advisor, and administrator), and all other materials required in the application, to the State Executive Secretary postmarked by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
10. Be willing to fulfill the commitment of State Officer activities.
11. Be willing and able to travel without involvements (FFA activities specified in the attached calendar must take priority over sports and other events) at home.
12. Be free of military commitments that would interfere with my year in office.
13. Become thoroughly knowledgeable of agriculture and agricultural education and the FFA.
14. Work untiringly through preparation and practice to develop myself into an effective public speaker and project a desirable image of FFA at all times.
15. Regularly and on time write all letters, thank you notes, reports and other correspondence that are necessary and desirable.
16. Work constantly to improve my ability to carry on meaningful and enjoyable conversations with individuals of all ages and walks of life.
17. Accept and search out constructive criticism and evaluation of my total performance.
18. Keep myself up-to-date on current events.
19. Evaluate constantly my personality and attitudes making every effort to improve myself.
20. Maintain and protect my health.
21. Follow the State Officer Code of Ethics:
  - a. To abstain from the use of all alcohol beverages and tobacco products while involved in official or unofficial FFA activities.
  - b. To treat all FFA members equally by not favoring one over another and by considering romance of any type as off-limits.
  - c. To behave in a manner which conveys and commands respect without any air of superiority.
  - d. To maintain dignity while being personable, concerned and interested in my fellow members.
  - e. To avoid places or activities which in any way would raise questions as to my moral character or conduct.
  - f. To consider girl or boyfriends as secondary to officer responsibilities when performing FFA activities or functions.
  - g. To use wholesome language in all speeches and informal conversations.
  - h. To be well groomed and maintain proper dress for all occasions.
  - i. To avoid participation in and actively discourage any conversations which belittle or downgrade fellow FFA members, officers or adults.
22. Serve as a member of the team always maintaining a cooperative attitude.
23. Be willing to take and follow instructions as directed by those responsible for me.

A **District President** is normally involved for about **50 days** spent on FFA Activities away from home. In addition, **correspondence and record keeping** will require a number of days spent on FFA at home. The State Association will reimburse the travel expenses of FFA Officers to approved State Association Activities (this does not include Chapter Banquets).