MAINE FFA STATE OFFICER APPLICANT GUIDELINES

For the purpose of officer application, please provide the following documents:

1. State FFA Officer Application Information Page

2. Applicant and Parent Agreement Page

3. FFA Chapter Advisor and Principal Signature Page

4. A resume, including all agriculturally related activities as well as other school, community, and work activities

5. A letter of application, addressed to the nominating committee, describing your qualifications and your goals for the state officer team

6. A letter of recommendation by someone who knows you well, attesting to your ability to be a State FFA Officer.

7. Completed 20-question general knowledge exam on agriculture/FFA, administered by teacher/ Chapter Advisor for 45 minute period and corrected by same

4. Jacket Order Form pre-completed with name (as would wish to have appear on jacket) and appropriate size information---in case of election, this information will be needed right away

NOTE: The deadline for receipt of this form by the State FFA Advisor is April 2, 2015. Applications should include written test and be turned into FFA Chapter Advisors <u>well in advance</u> of this date.

PLEASE ARRIVE AT STATE CONVENTION PREPARED FOR INTERVIEWS AND TO HANDLE CLOSING CEREMONIES IF SELECTED FOR STATE OFFICE.

2015 State Officer Application - Maine FFA Association

NAME: _____

Year in School: _____

Date of State FFA Degree _____

SAE Area: _____

SAE Hours / Earnings _____ / _____

Applied for Proficiency Award? _____ **YES** _____ **NO**

Home Tel: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Parent / Guardian #1: _____

Parent / Guardian #1 Cell Phone: _____

Parent / Guardian #1 Email: _____

Name of Parent / Guardian #2: _____

Parent / Guardian #2 Cell Phone: _____

Parent / Guardian #2 Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Street Address if P.O. Above: _____

If Chosen, How Name Should be Listed on Officer Jacket: _____

If Chosen, Size of Officer Jacket (see www.ffa.org): _____

I wish to apply for a state officer position for the Maine FFA Association. Both my parent(s)/guardian(s) and I understand and accept the service and commitment required should I be selected for a leadership role. These include:

1. Making FFA a major priority for the year as a State Officer, working closely with State Advisor.
2. Attendance at ALL days of initial officer training (Blast Off, NLCSO, SPC-if selected).
3. Attendance at all state officer meetings and at joint meetings with the Chapter Advisors---absence from more than 1 day of any meeting or required event would result in presenting self before Maine FFA Advisory Board.
4. Participation in the State Officers Workshop (Blast Off) to be held May 29 - 31, 2015.
5. Participation in the National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO), June 25 – July 4, 2015 (Estimate inc. travel).
6. If selected, participation in the State Presidents' Conference in Wash., D.C., July 20-25, 2015.
7. If selected, participation in the delegate process during the National FFA Convention, October 26- November 1, 2015.
8. Participation in all required state officer activities which may be held during my term. (some examples of these include Northern Maine Fair-July 28, 2015; Augusta Agriculture Trades Show-January 4-7, 2016; Maine Agriculture Day at Legislature-March 9-10?, 2016; 2016 State Convention - May 12-13, 2016 and visits to new and current schools).
9. If elected Maine FFA State President, I understand that I will be included on the State Officer Executive Committee during the year following my office and that I will be encouraged to play as much a part as possible in State Officer business during that time.

I understand attendance at all leadership activities is required. I also understand that if at any point in the officer year I am unable to meet the above responsibilities, I may be asked by the State Advisor to submit my resignation.

While the state association will provide reimbursement for travel and registration fees incurred, I agree to allocate the time this leadership opportunity demands.

I further agree to abide by the code of conduct established by and for the Maine FFA State Officers (see below "Maine FFA State Officers Commitment and Conduct Statement").

I understand that failure to comply can result in penalties including loss of travel opportunities, suspension, or removal from office.

MAINE FFA STATE OFFICERS COMMITMENT AND CONDUCT STATEMENT

- Be willing to commit an entire year of events/travel for the FFA.
- Through preparation and practice, develop myself into an effective public speaker and project a desirable image of FFA at all times.
- Evaluate periodically my personality and attitudes, making every effort to improve myself.
- Forego all alcohol, tobacco, and illegal substances at all times when participating in official FFA activities.
- Conduct myself in a manner which commands respect without any display of superiority.
- Serve as a member of the team, always maintaining a cooperative attitude, and a willingness to follow instructions as directed by state and national staff.

I understand all the conditions and expectations listed above and agree to comply fully:

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

I have reviewed the conditions listed above with my child and agree to support them and the Maine FFA Association fully in its endeavors. Although a State Officer position offers a development opportunity to my child, I understand that the duties and travel will require a considerable commitment on my child's part, a desire to make FFA a major priority, and an ability to manage time wisely:

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT

We heartily endorse this student in his/her application for a state officer position. We certify that he/she has already received the State FFA Degree. We believe this student will fulfill the commitments of this office and will act as a positive representative of both our school and the FFA. We believe that this student has the commitment to make FFA a major priority, and the ability to manage his/her time wisely and to keep up with his/her studies. We understand there is significant responsibility and travel included in this position, will provide my support to this student during his/her endeavors.

FFA Advisor signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal signature: _____ Date: _____