

# Free State FFA National Convention Application



*Representing the Free State FFA at the National Convention is an honor for you. This event is not only a reward for your work the past year; it will also set the tone for your upcoming year in FFA. This will be an exciting and fun-filled time as long as we remember why we are at convention—the members we represent. I have no doubt that all of us understand what it means to be professional and respectful. To recognize this, I have put down a few thoughts below that you should review.*

1. When at convention, we will be in official dress and act professionally at all times.
2. When we are not at convention or even in casual clothes, we still represent the FFA and our chapter in a professional manner. This includes in the hotel, on the vans, and at restaurants.
3. If you do not appreciate something we do as a group or where we go, remember that we are just that—A GROUP. Everyone cannot get his or her way all the time. If you are frustrated with someone or something, let me know quietly so I can answer any of your concerns privately (i.e., NO WHINING). The advisor & seniors/officers usually have first say in where we go in that order. You are not allowed to go anywhere on your own. You need to stay in groups of at least 3. At no time should there be any girls in the boys' room or vice versa. Cell phones will be allowed, at the advisor's discretion.
4. I expect you to serve as each other's critics at times. If you see some of our members getting out of hand or acting inappropriately, then tell them it is not the time or place.
5. Just because we are farther away from home does not mean we cannot send people home. Failure to abide by these guidelines, the state guidelines, or the FFA Code of Ethics will result in this action. Your parents/guardians will be called to come and pick you up at their expense.
6. You will be expected to attend designated sessions of the convention and you will be expected to remain awake and attentive during these sessions. The National Officer team has worked hard to put together a schedule of awesome speakers and presenters so you should take the opportunity to learn from them. The only way you can do this is to stay awake & listen! This also means getting enough sleep at night!!!

I understand the above guidelines and will at all times abide by the FFA Code of Ethics and the Free State Student Handbook. I understand that I represent many other members at home & will do my best to represent them in the most professional & dignified manner that I can.

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Student Signature

Parent

Signature

DATE:

DATE:

**Official Dress in FFA** (*similar to athletic uniforms*)Official Dress for MALE membersOfficial Dress for FEMALE members

- Black Slacks
  - White Collared Shirt
  - Official FFA Tie
  - Black Socks
  - Black Dress Shoes
  - Jacket Zipped to the top
- Black Knee Length Skirt
  - White Collared Shirt
  - Official FFA scarf
  - Black nylons/hose
  - Black Dress Shoes  
(flats/pumps preferred)
  - Jacket Zipped to the to

The Jacket.....

- Should be worn by members only
- Should be worn for appropriate occasions
- Should be kept clean and neat
- The collar should be turned down and the cuffs buttoned
- No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket

Things to remember while wearing Official Dress.....

- A member is to act professionally while wearing the official jacket
- Members should refrain from use of tobacco and alcohol when representing the FFA
- Members should exhibit their leadership qualities when they encounter substances of tobacco and alcohol and discourage others from inappropriate behavior
- *At National Convention, 70, 0000 other people will be wearing official dress. You will stick out if you do not follow all these guidelines.*

## Free State Selection Application

Your answers should be **typed** for this portion of the application. Please download a copy of this application from Google Classroom.

The convention will provide many new experiences and a great time. The convention allows you to see many career opportunities and paths you may be interested in taking as well as how to get there. The people selected to attend will be chosen by outside sources so that there are no unfair advantages as to who goes. We will be looking for people who are dedicated, have good work ethic, are social, and have good leadership skills for this trip. This application will help us learn about your interests and plans in the agricultural fields.

1. Why are you interested in going to the National FFA Convention?
2. What is your current GPA?
3. Would you be able to pay the \$353.00 deposits if necessary to pay for the trip?
4. If you were chosen to attend, what would you look forward to?
5. What are some qualities about yourself that set you ahead of other applicants?

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6. Do you plan to use what you learn at National FFA Convention after high school? If so, how?

7. Recommendations:

a. Obtain a recommending statement from a teacher & a community member stating why you should attend the convention.

Community Member (not family)	Teacher
<i>Statement with Signature</i>	<i>Statement with Signature</i>
Date:	Date:

**This application must be turned in by Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm 2021 on schoology to Mrs. Gilmore.**

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## GRADE CHECK FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: **Lawrence Free State High School**

Period	Teacher	Grade	Signature	Comments
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**DO NOT TURN IN THIS APPLICATION WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR GRADES FILLED**

**IN AND SIGNED BY YOUR TEACHER!**

***DO THIS IN ADVANCE IN CASE YOUR TEACHER IS ABSENT!***

**Parent Signature:**

My son/daughter is eligible, currently has a “C” or better in all classes.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:**

The information given is true and correct, and I am eligible and have at least a “C” in all classes.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_