

Miller Grove FFA Association Policy Handbook Section 1: Active Membership Eligibility Revised
8/1/2017

1.1 Operational Premise

Pursuant to Texas Education Code 29.182(b)(3)(D), the FFA Organization is an integral part of agricultural education, a leadership development program for students of agriculture, food and natural resources programs. FFA programs are intended to be applied activities related to the classroom and laboratory instructional programs, individual supervised agricultural experience programs and the leadership, personal and career development component of the agricultural education delivery model. Thus, membership guidelines should reflect this philosophy and support enrollment in agriculture, food and natural resources courses.

Texas Education Code 29.182(b)(3)(D)

Career and technology education is established as a part of the total education system of this state and constitutes an option for student learning that provides a rigorous course of study consistent with the required curriculum under Section 28.002 and under which a student may receive specific education in a career and technology program that: (D) includes as an integral part of the program, participation by students and teachers in activities of career and technical student organizations supported by the agency and the State Board of Education...

1.2 Constitutional Authority

National FFA Constitution, Section C. To be eligible for active membership in a chartered FFA chapter, a student must be enrolled in a secondary Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources program. To retain membership, a student must:

- 1. Be enrolled in a least one Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources 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 to gain experience in agriculture related careers.*
- 2. Show an interest in the affairs of the Association by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.*
- 3. Pay all current District, Area, State and National dues by the date determined by the chapter.*
- 4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America.*

1.3 Membership Eligibility

(a) A student may establish initial membership by enrolling in an approved agriculture, food and natural resources course. An approved agriculture, food and natural resources course shall be

- (1) any course in the agriculture food and natural resources cluster;
- (2) an approved innovative course taught by the agriculture, food and natural resources instructor; or
- (3) any career and technical education course approved by the State Board of Education to be taught by a agriculture, food and natural resources instructor.

(b) A course not considered part of the agriculture, food or natural resources cluster or one of the courses approved by the State Board of Education for delivery by agriculture, food and natural resources instructors, but part of a recognized agriculture, food and natural resources pathway or program of study shall be considered a qualified course for membership and participation provided that the pathway has been established by the teacher upon the student's entry into the program and declared in the association's approved SAE record-keeping

system. Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources pathways or programs of study claimed for membership eligibility must constitute a coherent sequence, be consistent with National Agriculture Food and Natural Resources pathways and include a documented Supervised Agricultural Experience. Pathways or programs of study may be declared retroactively should circumstances, such as changes school district staffing, warrant such an accommodation and provided that coursework remains consistent with the provisions of this policy. Amendments to existing pathways or pathways claimed retroactively must be approved by the Executive Director. The Texas FFA Association reserves the right to verify or audit any pathway or program of study claimed for membership eligibility purposes.

(c) After completing two consecutive semesters for high school credit, a student may maintain continuous membership for a maximum of one membership year while not enrolled in a course provided they maintain an approved supervised experience program which is documented in an approved agriculture, food and natural resources record book. Pursuant to state and national constitutions, the membership year shall begin September 1 and conclude the following August 31. For the purposes of this policy, two one-semester classes taken concurrently count as two consecutive classes semesters. After re-enrolling and completing one agriculture, food and natural resources course, a student will be eligible to maintain one more year of membership without re-enrollment provided an approved, documented SAE is in place.

(d) Local departments may establish more stringent membership requirements. Districts and areas may also adopt enrollment guidelines applying to officers of those associations.

(e) *More rigorous enrollment standards which apply to competitive events supercede this policy and are enumerated in the respective handbooks.*

Section 2: Junior Membership

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2.1 Operational Premises

(a) The FFA Organization is an integral part of agricultural education, a leadership development program for students of agriculture, food and natural resources instructional programs. FFA programs are intended to be applied activities related to the classroom and laboratory instructional programs. Thus, membership guidelines should reflect this philosophy and support enrollment in agricultural science courses. The organization of a Junior FFA chapter is entirely optional, with the need of such an organization to be determined by the local FFA chapter.

2.2 Constitutional Authority

Texas FFA Constitution, Article V. Section B.- Junior Membership --Active chapters of the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America may form Junior FFA Chapters for the purpose of enhancing and encouraging the education of younger students who are interested in the agricultural industry. Membership in the Texas Junior FFA organization shall consist of students enrolled in public schools or accredited private schools who are in the third grade and eight years old and may continue until they become eligible to enroll in the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources instructional program. Junior members must be affiliated with a chapter in the school district in which they are enrolled or with a duly chartered chapter in an accredited private school in which they are enrolled as a full-time student unless the school district

approves a waiver for out of district students. School superintendents must approve and certify in writing out of district students to participate in the junior FFA program(s) of their district. Such waivers must be submitted annually. Each Junior FFA Chapter shall submit yearly a roster to the State FFA Association that includes the name, date of birth, age, grade, and address. Each local chapter can set and collect dues. State dues in the same amount as active FFA membership dues shall be collected.

2.3 Membership Opportunities

(a) The membership year begins September 1 and ends August 31. Students initiate junior membership by participating in whatever location function is designated by the local advisor as a qualifying activity or event to initiate membership. (Examples: attend meeting, validate livestock under auspices of chapter) Local chapters may develop requirements in excess of state requirements for students to remain in good standing with the local chapter. Once a student is eligible to enroll in an agriculture, food and natural resources class of any kind, he or she is not eligible for junior membership. Middle school students enrolled in agriculture, food and natural resources classes must be submitted as active members (Discovery Degree members for local credit classes).

(b) Junior FFA is designed to encourage involvement in agricultural science education. To this end, chapters are encouraged to develop and participate in local activities that promote leadership development and agricultural education for its junior members.

(c) Junior FFA members are not eligible to participate in events in which Texas FFA Association has direct oversight including but not limited to leadership development events, career development events, speaking development events, state FFA rodeo, talent and agriscience fair.

Junior membership activities shall include exhibition of livestock and poultry projects. Local, county, regional and statewide shows and other agricultural education partners may include junior members in other events such but not limited to agricultural mechanics shows and judging competitions.

(d) Junior members are not eligible to cast a vote or participate in the discussion related to the official business of the Miller Grove FFA Association or of any district, area association, do not count toward membership totals for delegate allocation and should not be listed on active membership rosters.

Section 3: Local Officers

- A. The primary responsibility of a local officer is to serve the District FFA in local activities in a way that will inform, motivate and inspire FFA members, advisors, state staffs, teachers and others to achieve the mission, strategies and core goals of the organization and to represent the district association in meetings according to the direction of the local President and Advisor(s).
- B. Local officers serve under the supervision of the local President and Advisor(s) in accordance with official policy and budget limits. More specific responsibilities include: a. Participate in the Miller Grove FFA Auction, International, Banquet, and other activities
- C. Represent the Miller Grove FFA Association at chapter, district, and area activities as requested by local advisors and district coordinators within the scope of Local FFA Policies Develop and exercise and awareness and sensitivity for the diverse geographic, ethnic and cultural groups represented in FFA membership and the general student population.
- D. Maintain a positive attitude and enjoy your year of service with members, advisors, staff, sponsors and others.

- E. Follow the Local Officer Commitment Contract. Perform other duties as instructed by the FFA advisor(s). Officers cannot come late or leave early to the part.
- F. Only under very special circumstances, (approved by instructor) will one be able to forgo the above statement.

FFA Officer Selection:

The Miller Grove FFA Officers is a privileged event that can be halted at the local FFA Advisors discretion.

- A. Eligibility: Student must be in good standings, (this includes but not limited to financial) NO EXCEPTIONS
- B. Student must have earned their FFA Greenhand Degree
- C. Student must complete an application
- D. Student must complete an interview
- E. Student must be an active member (Miller Grove FFA Points System)
- F. Students must own a FFA Jacket before interview
- G. Student must maintain the officer pledge
- H. Student must give a speech that does not exceed 3 minutes

Calculation of points will be followed:

Application	(1/6)
Points	(1/2)
Interview	(1/4)
Votes	(1/6)

If a tie occurs, tie breaker will come off FFA Points, If a tie continues, Then it will be off Student Votes, If a tie still continues, then it will be off interview, then application, then flip a coin.

The selection will be as followed;

- 1- President (Must have a Chapter Degree)
- 2- Vice President (Must have a Chapter Degree)
- 3- Secretary (Must have a Chapter Degree)
- 4- Treasurer
- 5- Reporter
- 6- Sentinel
- 7- Student Advisor

Local Advisor can add more officers if desired

Speeches and Interviews will be drawn for position

Local FFA Members will cast 3 votes.

Section 4: FFA Points System: 8/1/2017

MILLER GROVE FFA POINTS:

Back to School Hamburger Dinner	15		_____
Invitational LDE	5x	_____	_____
District LDE	15	_____	_____
Area LDE	25	_____	_____
Invitational CDE	5x	_____	_____
District CDE	15	_____	_____
Area CDE	25	_____	_____
State Contest	50x	_____	_____
Skeet Shoot Invitational/Archery	5x	_____	_____
Jackpot Shows (up to 5)	5x	_____	_____
Miller Grove International	50		_____
NETLA	25		_____
NETLA Champion	25		_____
Reserve Champion	15		_____
NETLA SHOWMANSHIP	25		_____
Major Stock Show	5x	_____	_____
Major SS Class Winner	25		_____
Major SS Grand Champion	100		_____
Major Stock Show Reserve Champion	75		_____
Major Show Showmanship	100		_____
Major Stock Show Sale	50		_____
Welding/cooking Contest	25x	_____	_____
Miller Grove FFA Auction	75		_____
Convention(s)	15x	_____	_____

Sales:	divide total amount by 10 (max 100)	_____	_____
Official Dress		5	_____
Other (List Activities on Back)		_____	_____

Section 5: FFA Activities:8/1/2017

FFA Member Must be in good Standings. Local Advisor will select which students can go and participate at his/hers discretion.

Section 5: Royalty: 8/1/2017

Queen/King: Must be enrolled in an ag class and have a greenhand degree

Princess/Prince: Must be a paid Jr FFA Member and not taking an Ag Class

Pewee Princess/ Pewee Prince: 2nd grade and below

All placings will be determined by ticket sales for raffle and membership vote 50/50

In case of a tie, ticket sales will be tie breaker