Requirements for Running for Office

Any student desiring to be an officer must meet the officer qualifications found in the Constitution and Bylaws under Article VI. These are additional requirements that must be met to run for office.

1. Each chapter may have one officer candidate. Chapters with more than fifty (50) affiliated members may have two officer candidates. The maximum number of officer candidates for each chapter is two. A school with multiple chapters may not have more than four candidates.

2. An officer must be listed on the official membership roster of the affiliated chapter that they represent. Candidate/chapter must be affiliated by November 1.

3. Have a GPA of 85 or higher.

4. Candidates must have begun working on or have completed a Power of One unit.

5. Officer candidates may not participate in Competitive Events the year they are running or the year following (if elected).

6. Officer candidates must have held a local chapter office.

7. Candidates will be disqualified if a full application is not submitted online with a signed agreement form and one-page resume by December 1 at 11:59 p.m. CST.

8. There will be no campaigning for region FCCLA office.

9. Officer candidates must be present during the House of Delegates meeting, First General Session, and Second General Session.

10. Officer candidates must run in a white oxford shirt and black slacks/skirt. Both males and females are required to wear a long-sleeve white oxford shirt. Males are to wear plain black slacks and black dress shoes. Females should wear an appropriate length black pencil skirt (no shorter than 2 inches above the bend of the knee), nude pantyhose, plain, closed-toed black leather matte pumps, and an optional single strand of pearls. No other jewelry is to be worn.

Texas FCCLA State Leadership Team

Any regional officer candidate that is not selected to represent the region as an officer at the regional leadership conference will be asked to serve as part of the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team will meet in September for leadership development, paid by the association. Responsibilities include:

- Purchase the official uniform of black slacks and red polo (name tag provided by Texas FCCLA)
- Attend Leadership Team Training (September)
- Attend the executive council meeting with officers at the region conference (October)
- Attend their region conference (registration provided by FCCLA) and assist where assigned (February)
- Attend and assist at the state conference as assigned (April)
Region Officer Election Process

The election process for region Family, Career and Community Leaders of America officers will be the same in all five regions during the House of Delegates Session on Friday afternoon.

1. Officer candidates will be brought into the House of Delegates session one by one to present a memorized, factual speech not to exceed one minute. The topic will be: Texas FCCLA: Discover Your Voice (No raps, songs, props, or poems).

2. At the conclusion of the speech, candidates will be asked one thought question and one fact question.

3. In the holding room, candidates will take an objective test over FCCLA (use the Step One FCSA study guide as a reference).

4. Officers will be elected by majority vote during the House of Delegates meeting. Those elected will be brought back to House of Delegates to be introduced as the region officers. Those not elected will remain in the holding room to find out more information regarding the Leadership Team.

5. Immediately following, a nominating committee will interview officers and place the candidates in offices based on qualifications identified through interview, speech, test, and application.

The following are the seventeen region FCCLA offices that will be filled (general duties listed):

- **President** – presides at meetings, oversees all officers, sends memorandums regarding meetings
- **Vice President of Achievement** – oversees the Power of One program and other achievements
- **Vice President of Competitive Events (2)** – oversee Competitive Events; will also have to attend a fall competitive event meeting in Austin
- **Vice President of Correspondence** – oversee the FCSA testing
- **Vice President of Membership** – oversee Honorary Membership and increasing members
- **Vice President of Parliamentary Law** – oversee House of Delegates session and election
- **Vice President of Programs** – oversees the conference power point and scripts
- **Vice President of Projects** – Oversees Spotlight on Projects
- **Vice President of Public Relations** – oversees conference in review video and social media; provides relaxers and activities at all sessions
- **Vice President of Records** – takes minutes at the meetings; provides competitive event assistance; oversees registration and organization of registration packets
- **Vice President of Service Learning** – oversees the region service learning project
- **State Officers (3)** – serve on the state level; exact office to be assigned at state; will also have additional meetings to attend including: Peer Education (October), State Fair of Texas banquet/Ag Awareness Day (October), State Executive Council Meeting (December), and Capitol Day (late January/early February in Austin)

6. After the Nominating Committee, the elected officers will attend the Opening General Session (to be announced), an Installation Practice Ceremony following the session, and the Closing General Session (where they will be installed as officers). Incoming Officer Advisors will need to be present during all of these events as well.
For a sample video of a House of Delegates session, please scroll to the bottom of the “Running for Office” page.

What is expected of FCCLA Officers:

• Secure support of family, chapter and school administrators before seeking office.

• Buy or provide standard uniform (approximately $150 – $200).
  
  Black slacks, black skirt/nude pantyhose, white oxford shirt(s), 1 tie/necklace, black matte dress shoes, black sheath dress (as assigned), official FCCLA red blazer (specific information will be sent out after elected)

• Be active in local chapter.

• Be responsible for make-up work for missed school days due to FCCLA events.

• Encourage leadership development in others by delegating responsibilities and supporting activities of individuals and chapter.

• Establish a personal calendar. Meet all due dates/deadlines by planning ahead.

• Attendance at June Leadership Training (Navasota, TX) with your advisor. (approximately $250 for officers and $445 - $770 for advisors depending on single/double/triple occupancy)

• Attend Fall Executive Council Meeting (generally in October)

• Conduct Fall Leadership Workshops for local chapter members.

• Assume and carry out responsibilities for region and state conferences.

• Send copies of correspondence to region or state advisors and others designated.

• Give officer notebook directly to new officer at the region/state conference.

• Give advisor notebook directly to new advisor at the region/state conference.

• Write correspondence for all conferences.

• Attend one region conference in addition to your own.

• Follow ALL rules and expectations in the Texas FCCLA Officer Agreement form.