



Indiana FFA Organization

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The Indiana FFA State Officer Program

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The Indiana FFA State Officer Program is unlike most others. With seven officers on the team, these high school graduates defer their education one year to serve the Indiana FFA as youth ambassadors for FFA and agriculture. During their year of service, which spans from one Indiana FFA State Convention to the following one, these individuals will speak to over 11,000 FFA members, supporters, and others involved in leadership and agriculture. They will also each travel over 30,000 miles of Hoosier roads visiting FFA chapters and agricultural businesses within their term.

The Indiana FFA State Officer Team resides and works based at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center in Trafalgar, Indiana. From their central location, the officers travel the state, do correspondence, and present five, three-day leadership conferences at the FFA-owned facility. The centralized location enables the state officers to travel to all parts of the state and to prepare for and execute quality conferences to develop the members of the Indiana FFA.

Feats accomplished during the term of an Indiana FFA State Officer Team:

- Serve in a state-level leadership capacity as President, Secretary Northern Region Vice President, Southern Region Vice President, Treasurer, Reporter, or Sentinel
- Write, present, and facilitate five, three-day conferences
- Attend a week of the National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO) facilitated by the National FFA Organization
- Attend a week of BLAST-Off training, facilitated by the National FFA Organization
- Write 84 magazine articles
- Visit anywhere from 15 to 20 agricultural businesses
- Attend the National FFA Convention as delegates for a week
- Develop and present 70 to 120 banquet speeches
- Assist in hosting and managing 14 state level Career Development Events (CDE's)
- Develop, practice, and present three weeks of FFA chapter visits and district kickoffs
- Contact and visit FFA chapters during National FFA Week
- Plan, organize and execute the annual Indiana FFA State Convention
- Perform various other presentations, do correspondence, and prepare and give speeches throughout the year

Through their year of service to the Indiana FFA, officers truly live their organization's mission statement:

*The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*