

VERONA FFA CHAPTER



CONSTITUTION

Adopted 21 April 1994

Amended 27 November, 2002

Article I - NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be the Verona Chapter of the FFA.

SECTION 2. The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To promote Agricultural Education in the Verona R VII public schools.
2. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of agricultural occupations.
3. To create and nurture a love of country life.
4. To encourage recreational and educational activities for students in Agricultural Education.
5. To promote thrift.
6. To encourage cooperative effort among agriculture students.
7. To strengthen the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
8. To promote scholarship.
9. To develop rural leadership.
10. To make classroom instruction more effective by actually putting it into practice.
11. To promote a love for and duty toward God, country, community, family and self.

Article II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Membership in this organization shall be active, junior associate, associate, and honorary.

SECTION 2. Active Membership - Any student that is regularly enrolled in a day class in Agricultural Education is entitled to active membership in this chapter upon payment of dues. A member may retain active membership for three years or until December 31 of the year of the member's twenty-first birthday after completing systematic instruction in Agricultural Education providing there is a continuing Supervised Agricultural Experience Program. It will be necessary for the members to attend at least one chapter meeting per year to retain active membership.

SECTION 3. Junior Associate Membership - Any junior high school student that is regularly enrolled in a day class in Agriculture Education is entitled to junior associate membership in this chapter by virtue of their enrollment in the program.
Junior Associate members shall not have the right to vote upon issues of the chapter or in elections or to hold chapter office or committee chairmanship, but may participate in all activities on the chapter level.

SECTION 3. Associate Membership - After three years of active membership following the completion of systematic instruction in Agricultural Education, a member automatically becomes an associate member of the FFA.

SECTION 4. Honorary Membership - Any person helping to promote Agricultural Education may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP GRADES AND PRIVILEGES

SECTION 1. There shall be five grades of membership based upon achievement. These grades are:
(1) Discovery; (2) Greenhand; (3) Chapter Degree; (4) State Degree; and (5) American Degree.

SECTION 2. “Discovery” qualifications for election.

1. Be regularly enrolled in Agricultural Education on the Junior High level.
2. Have participated in at least one local FFA activity outside of class time.
3. Have demonstrated an understanding and knowledge of agricultural careers.
4. Established familiarity with parliamentary procedure.
5. Established familiarity with local FFA activities.
6. Pledge to uphold the ideals of the FFA.
7. Demonstrate plans to take part in chapter activities and contribute to its success.
8. Submit a written application for the Discovery FFA Degree.

SECTION 3. “Greenhand” qualifications for election.

1. Be regularly enrolled in Agricultural Education.
2. Have a satisfactory Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
3. Learn and explain the FFA Motto, Salute, and FFA Mission Statement.
4. Recite from memory the FFA Creed.
5. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
6. Demonstrate a knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
7. Demonstrate a knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws, and the chapter program of activities.
8. Personally own or have access to the “Official FFA Manual” and the “FFA Student Handbook”.
9. Submit written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

SECTION 4. “Chapter Degree” qualifications for election.

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Satisfactorily completed at least one year in Agricultural Education and membership in the FFA with a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
3. Have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the chapter program of activities.
4. Have earned and productively invested at least \$150.00 by the member’s own efforts or worked at least forty-five hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
5. Have effectively led a group discussion for fifteen minutes.
6. Have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
7. Show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.
8. Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

SECTION 5. Qualifications for election to the “State Degree” and “American Degree” will be set by the State and National Constitutions.

SECTION 6. Associate and Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the Verona FFA except that of the current Advisor.

Article IV - OFFICERS

- SECTION 1.** The officers of this chapter shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Advisor. These officers, except the Advisor, shall be elected annually by the chapter members in April or May. Preceding the election, the officer candidates will be interviewed on an announced time by Nominating Committee comprised of between three and five of the following people: Senior Ranking Officer, Chapter Advisor, FFA Booster Club President (or other instructor), school faculty member (or other instructors or Area Officer) and a local community leader. Following the interviews, the candidates will be slated according to their interviews, applications, FFA leadership points, officer candidate exam and office of preference. This will be followed by majority vote of the chapter members. The vote may be taken at a regular meeting or by secret ballot on a designated day.
- SECTION 2.** The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Advisor shall constitute the executive committee. This committee shall perform the usual duties of an executive committee, shall meet one week prior to regular or special meeting or as often as needed, and will be responsible for the daily business and welfare of the organization.

Article V - COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- SECTION 1.** There shall be standing committees to conduct the activities of the chapter. These committees shall be determined by the executive committee based upon their need and the members and chair of each committee shall be selected by the executive committee.
- SECTION 2.** The number of standing committees shall vary between three to fifteen, depending upon need, and shall be separated into three divisions; Student Development, Chapter Development, and Community Development. The committees in each division are outlined as follows;
- STUDENT DEVELOPMENT
* Leadership, * Healthy Lifestyles, * SAE, * Scholarship, * Agricultural Career Skills
- CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT
* Recruitment, * Finance, * Public Relations, * Leadership Activities, * Support Groups
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
* Economic Resources, * Environmental Resources, * Human Resources, * Citizenship, * Agricultural Awareness
- SECTION 3.** Each Committee shall meet at least once per quarter (every three months) or as often as needed.
- SECTION 4.** The Vice President shall call each Division to meet once per quarter, or as often as needed, with each committee represented by their chairperson in order to evaluate committee progress and express concerns.

Article VI - MEETINGS

- SECTION 1.** Regular meetings shall be held monthly or more often and at such time and place as may be decided upon by the executive committee.
- SECTION 2.** A special meeting may be called at any time by the President and Advisor.
- SECTION 3.** Delegates to the State Convention shall be selected by the executive committee and approved by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting.
- SECTION 4.** All meetings shall follow the rules of parliamentary procedure and the FFA order of business as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order and the Official FFA Manual.

Article VII - DUES

- SECTION 1.** The annual dues shall be fixed by a majority vote of the members present at the first regular meeting of the fiscal year.
- SECTION 2.** No member whose dues are not paid by November 1st shall be entitled to active membership until said dues are paid.

Article VIII - AMENDMENTS

- SECTION 1.** Amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing by any member at any regular meeting, provided that that amendment has been submitted to the Chapter President two weeks in advance of that regular meeting. Amendments must be approved by the executive committee and receive a two-thirds vote of the members present at the next regular or special meeting. A quorum of fifty percent of the active members will be necessary to vote on an amendment.
- SECTION 2.** In order to secure flexibility, by-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of this chapter, providing they are not in conflict with this constitution.

Verona FFA Chapter Bylaws

Adopted March 18 1996

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

Section A. These bylaws shall be considered a part of the constitution of the Verona FFA Chapter.

ARTICLE II. LOCATION OF PRINCIPLE OFFICE

Section A. The principle office of the Verona FFA Chapter shall be located at:
Verona R VII Schools
Agricultural Education Department
101 East Ella Street
Verona, Missouri 65769

ARTICLE III. MEETING POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Section A. Meetings shall be conducted according to policy outlined in the Verona FFA Chapter Constitution.

Section B. All members in good standing shall be eligible to attend all general chapter meetings. All members in good standing shall be eligible to attend all general chapter meetings held during school.

Section C. Members shall conduct themselves according to rules of the FFA Code of Conduct and generally accepted rules of common courtesy. Members found to be overly disruptive, rude, or disrespectful during general meetings shall be given a maximum of two warnings by the advisor, president or sentinel. Upon the third violation, said member shall be removed from the meeting room.

ARTICLE IV. FISCAL YEAR

Section A. The fiscal year of the Verona FFA Chapter shall commence on the first day of July each year and shall end on the thirtieth day of June of the following year.

Section B. Books and records of the Verona FFA Chapter may be inspected by any member or his/her agent or attorney at any reasonable time.