

Bradford-UVCC FFA Constitution



**BRADFORD FFA
CHAPTER**

Article 1 – Name, Mission, Strategies

- Section A** The name of this organization shall be the Bradford-UVCC FFA Chapter of the National FFA Organization.
- Section B** The mission and strategies for this chapter are as follows:

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.

1. Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
2. Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
3. Strengthens the confidence of agricultural students in themselves and their work.
4. Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. Encourages achievement in Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs.
6. Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
7. Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
8. Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
9. Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
10. Promotes healthy lifestyles.
11. Encourages excellence in scholarship.

Article 2 – Organization

- Section A** The Bradford-UVCC FFA Chapter is a chartered local unit of the Ohio FFA Association which is chartered by the National FFA Organization. The Bradford-UVCC FFA Chapter is a member District 5.
- Section B** This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Ohio FFA Association as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

Article 3 – Membership

- Section A** Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds: (1) Active, (2) Alumni and (3) Honorary as defined by the National FFA Organization.
- Section B** The regular activities of this chapter shall be carried out by the active membership.
- Section C** Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree.
- Section D** Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when:
1. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study. Either course must include a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program, the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career.
 2. Show an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.

3. Pay all current local, district, state and national dues by the date determined by the chapter.
4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purpose of the National FFA Organization.

Section E Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the secretary.

Article 4 – Emblems

Section A The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the chapter.

Section B Emblems used by the members shall be designated by the National FFA Organization.

Article 5 – Degrees and Privileges of Active Membership

Section A There shall be four degrees of active membership based on individual achievement. Those degrees are the (1) Greenhand FFA Degree, (2) Chapter FFA Degree, (3) State FFA Degree and (4) American FFA Degree.

All Greenhands are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin. All members holding the Chapter FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation silver emblem pin. All members holding the State FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm. All members holding the American FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

Section B Minimum Qualification for Holding the Greenhand FFA Degree (refer to the National FFA Organization Constitution):

1. Be currently enrolled in an agricultural education program.
2. Have satisfactory plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program.
3. Learn and explain the meaning of the FFA Creed, motto, salute and FFA Mission statement.
4. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter program of activities.
7. Personally own or have access to an Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.
8. Submit a written or electronic application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

Section C Minimum Qualification for Holding the Chapter FFA Degree (refer to the National FFA Organization Constitution):

1. Hold the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Be currently enrolled in an agricultural education program.
3. Have successfully completed the equivalent of 180 hours of systematic school instruction at or above the 9th grade level.
4. Have in operation an approved Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program with plans for continued growth and improvement. Have submitted a description of the SAE and SAE growth and improvement plan to the advisor(s).
5. Have participated in the planning and/or conduction of at least three official functions in the chapter program of activities.
6. After entering Agricultural Education and through a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program, have earned and productively invested \$150 or worked a

minimum of 45 hours outside of regularly scheduled class time or a combination of thereof.

7. Have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.

8. Have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.

9. Have shown progress toward individual achievement in a FFA Award Program.

10. Have a satisfactory scholastic record of no less than a C average.

11. Have participated in at least 10 hours of community service activities above and beyond my Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program hours.

12. Submit a written or electronic application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

Section D Minimum Qualification for Holding the State FFA Degree:

1. Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set forth in the constitution of the State FFA Association and the National FFA Organization.

Section E Minimum Qualifications for Holding the American FFA Degree:

1. Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the constitution of the National FFA Organization.

Article 6 – Chapter Officers

Section A The officers of this FFA chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel and student advisor. Other officers may be elected as deemed appropriate by the local advisor(s) and/or governing body. The teacher(s) of agricultural education shall be the FFA advisor(s). The members present at any regular meeting or special meeting of the chapter shall elect chapter officers annually.

Section B Officers must hold at least the Greenhand FFA Degree, be passing all courses in school and have in practice a satisfactory Supervised Agricultural Experience Program approved by the chapter advisor(s) or plans for a satisfactory Supervised Agricultural Experience Program approved by the chapter advisor(s). Officers must have at least a “C” grade point average, be enrolled in an agricultural education course at Bradford High School and be a freshmen, sophomore or junior to apply for office.

Section C A nominating committee consisting of no less than three people shall handle the duties of selecting the officer candidates for the chapter. This committee shall consist of retiring senior officers, school administrators, teachers and individuals from the community. No parents of current members shall be included. The chairperson shall be the highest-ranking retiring senior officer of the chapter. The advisor(s) and the retiring senior officers shall select the nominating committee. The nominating process shall consist of the following:

1. Application
2. Three Recommendation Forms
3. Nominating Committee Review

Following the nominating committee review, those running for office will be slated into positions based on the committee’s evaluation with the applicants desired office from their application taken into consideration. The nominating committee’s report shall be presented at a regular chapter meeting and voted on by the FFA membership.

Section D Honorary members shall not hold office with the exception of the advisor(s).

Section E Officers will abide by all of items as outlined in the officer contract which will be reviewed and revised as need by the officer team on an annual basis. Officers will sign the contract following the review and revision process.

- Section F** To be elected to the office of chapter president, a candidate must have a least one year of FFA officer experience.
- Section G** The elected officers shall serve at the officer team.

Article 7 – Dues

- Section A** Local dues in this chapter shall be fixed annually by a majority vote of the active members.
- Section B** Full local, district, state and national dues shall be paid by all members.
- Section C** No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless he/she pays full local, district, state and national dues.

Article 8 – Meetings

- Section A** Regular chapter meetings shall be held on the same day and time each month as designated by the officer team on an annual basis. Special meetings or a change in regular meetings may be called at such times as the president or chapter advisor(s) designates a need. Members shall be notified at least one day in advance of such changes. The change of date should be approved by the officer team and chapter advisor(s).
- Section B** Two delegates, with priority given to the top two ranking officers attending, shall be elected annually at a regular chapter or special meeting from the active membership to represent the chapter at the Ohio FFA State Convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary by the president in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings within and out of state.
- Section C** Twenty-five percent of the active members listed on the secretary's membership roll shall constitute a quorum and a quorum must be present at any meetings at which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the chapter to any proposal or action.

Article 9 – Expenditures

- Section A** All money paid out by the chapter, using funds generated through fundraising efforts, over the amount of \$200.00 shall first be presented at a regular or special meeting and a majority vote received to draw an order on the treasury.
- Section B** If in the judgement of the advisor(s), local superintendent and/or principal deem expenditures unwise, the advisor(s) shall have the power to veto expenditures.

Article 10 – Amendments

- Section A** This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the Ohio FFA Association constitution or that of the National FFA Organization constitution.
- Section B** All constitutional amendments or changes shall be presented at any regular chapter meeting and then voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Section C** Bylaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such bylaws conflict in no way with the Bradford-UVCC FFA Chapter constitution or the constitution and bylaws of either the Ohio FFA Association or the National FFA Organization.

Bradford-UVCC FFA Bylaws



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Article 1 – Officer Team

- Section A** The officer team of this FFA chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel, student advisor and other officers that were elected as chapter officers during the officer selection process. The teacher(s) of agricultural education shall be the FFA advisor(s) and shall also be a part of the officer team.
- Section B** The officer team shall have full power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with action taken at chapter meetings. The officer team shall have implicit power to act for the good of the chapter, unless checked by the chapter.
- Section C** An officer meeting shall be held each month before each regular meeting of the chapter.
- Section D** The officer team shall plan the agenda for each chapter meeting with the assistance of the chapter advisor(s).
- Section E** The president shall preside over the officer meeting with assistance from the chapter advisor(s).

Article 2 – Officer Responsibilities

- Section A** Officers will complete their official duties as stated in the Official FFA Manual and those given to them by the chapter advisor(s).

Article 3 – Amendments

- Section A** These bylaws may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the Bradford-UVCC FFA Chapter constitution, Ohio FFA Association constitution or that of the National FFA Organization constitution.

Article 4 – Honorary Chapter FFA Membership

- Section A** Those to receive the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree shall be in good standing with the Bradford-UVCC FFA Chapter and meet the definition of honorary membership as provided for in the constitution of the National FFA Organization.
- Section B** Nominations for honorary membership will be accepted from any active chapter FFA member in good standing.
- Section C** A majority vote at a regular chapter meeting will elect those to receive the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree. Degrees shall be bestowed upon the respective recipients at the annual chapter FFA banquet. The number of degrees awarded each year will be at the discretion of the chapter advisor(s).