

# Stony Point FFA Constitution

## ARTICLE I - Name, Mission and Strategies

**Section A.** The name of this organization shall be the Stony Point FFA Chapter of the National FFA Organization and the Texas FFA Association.

**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 agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience 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 II - Organization

**Section A.** The Stony Point FFA Chapter of FFA is a chartered local unit of the Texas Association of FFA, which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

**Section B.** This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution, bylaws and policies of the Texas Association of FFA and the National FFA Organization and the policies and regulations of the Round Rock Independent School District.

## ARTICLE III - Membership

**Section A.** Membership in this chapter shall be of four kinds: (1) Active; (2) Alumni; (3) Honorary and (4) Junior, as defined by the National and Texas FFA Constitutions and by Texas FFA Association membership policies.

**Section B.** The regular activities of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.

**Section C.** To be eligible for active membership in this chapter, a student must meet the membership eligibility requirements of the National FFA Organization and the Texas FFA Association. Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when he or she:

1. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agriculture, food and natural resources course, as defined in Texas FFA Association membership policies, 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 preparation for an agriculture, food and natural resources career.
2. Shows 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. Pays all current local, district, area, state and national dues by the date determined by the chapter.
4. Displays conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization, Texas FFA Association and with the school district's code of student conduct.
5. Meets all other local standards and requirements described in this chapter's policies.

**Section D.** This chapter may elect to have a junior FFA organization. Junior members must meet all junior FFA membership requirements described in the Texas FFA Association Constitution and policies. A junior member shall be considered in good standing when he or she:

1. Shows an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending junior member meetings.
2. Pays local and state dues by the date determined by the chapter.
3. Displays conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization and with the school district's code of student conduct.
4. Meets all other local standards and requirements described in this chapter's bylaws and policies.

**Section E.** Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the secretary and/or the chairman of the recruitment committee.

**Section F.** The membership year for this chapter shall begin on September 1 and end on August 31 of each year.

**Section G.** Honorary Membership – Farmers, school superintendents, principals, school board trustees, advisory committee members, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agriculture, food and natural resource education, business peoples, support group members and others who are helping to advance agricultural education and FFA and who have rendered outstanding service may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting. Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree. Honorary Chapter FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official silver or gold emblem pin. Procedures for nominating and electing honorary members shall be described in this chapter's bylaws or rules.

## **ARTICLE IV - 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 V - Degrees and Privileges of Active Membership**

**Section A.** There shall be four degrees of active membership based on individual achievement. These degrees are: (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 C.** Greenhand FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Be enrolled in agriculture, food and natural resources course as defined by Texas FFA membership policies for high school credit and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
2. Learn and explain the meaning of the FFA Creed, Motto, and Salute.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
4. Demonstrate a knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws, and the chapter Program of Activities.
6. Personally own or have access to the Official FFA Manual
7. Submit a written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

**Section D.** Chapter FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least two semesters of systematic school instruction in agriculture, food and natural resources education at or above the ninth grade level, have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program and be enrolled in an agriculture, food and natural resources course.
3. Must have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the chapter Program of Activities.
4. Must have earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the member's own efforts or worked at least 45 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program. The combination of hours, multiplied by a factor of 3.33, and dollars must equal or exceed the number 150.
5. Must have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
6. Must have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.

7. Have participated in at least 10 hours of community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid SAE hours.
8. Must show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.
9. Must have a satisfactory scholastic record.
10. Must submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

**Section E.** State FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for selection are set forth by the Texas FFA Association

**Section F.** American FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for selection are set forth by the National Association.

## **ARTICLE VI – Officers**

**Section A.** The offices of an FFA chapter shall be: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel, and student advisor. Other officers may be elected as deemed appropriate by the chapter. The teacher(s) of agriculture, food and natural resources shall be the FFA advisor(s). Procedures for electing officers and specific duties of each office are described in the officer bylaws of this chapter.

**Section B.** Pursuant to the provisions of the national and state constitutions, all chapter officers shall have attained the Greenhand FFA degree.

**Section C.** Officers shall serve from the end of the chapter meeting at which they are installed to the end of the next succeeding chapter meeting at which officers are installed.

**Section D.** The elected officers of the chapter shall assist in planning the activities of the chapter. Standing committee chairpersons may also assist in this planning.

**Section E.** Pursuant to the applicable constitutional, bylaw and policy provisions of the district, area and state associations and of the National FFA Organization, this chapter may nominate candidates for offices above the chapter level in a manner consistent with the provisions of its bylaws and policies. Candidates for district and area office shall have attained the chapter degree at the time of the district or area election. Candidates for state office shall hold the state degree at the time of the state election. Candidates for national office shall hold the American Degree at the time of their election to office.

## **ARTICLE VII - Dues**

**Section A.** Local dues in this chapter shall be fixed annually.

**Section B.** Full local, district, area, state and national dues shall be paid by all active members.

**Section C.** No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless he/she pays full local, district, area, state and national FFA dues.

## **ARTICLE X – Parliamentary Procedure**

**Section A.** The *Parliamentary Guide for FFA* by Jarrell D. Gray shall be used as a guide for all chapter meetings.

# Stony Point FFA Chapter Bylaws

## ARTICLE I. – Relationship to Constitution

The Bylaws shall be a part of the Constitution of the Stony Point FFA Chapter.

## ARTICLE II– Procedures for Electing Officers

**Section A.** The chapter shall adopt rules related to the election of officers which shall include, but not be limited to, designation of elections committee, filing deadlines, testing procedures and election date.

**Section B.** Qualified members shall declare intent to be considered for chapter office by filing the required forms by the prescribed filing deadline pursuant to the rules adopted by the chapter.

**Section C.** Officers shall be selected by a combination of written exam score, interview, and vote.

**Section D.** All written materials related to a chapter election shall be deposited and retained in a secure location for no less than 30 days following the announcement of election results.

**Section E.** Appeals or protests related to a chapter election shall be filed pursuant to the grievances procedures of the Round Rock Independent School District.

## ARTICLE III – Duties of Officers

**Section A.** It shall be the duty of all officers to fulfill the responsibilities described in the officer contract adopted by the chapter and agreed to by each officer at the time of declaring candidacy for chapter office.

## ARTICLE IV – Resignation, Removal of Officers, Officer Vacancies

**Section A.** The advisor(s), may, with good cause, remove any officer elected by the chapter. Good cause shall include, but not be limited to, violation of the provisions of the chapter's officer contract, violation of chapter or departmental rules of conduct, violation of the school code of student conduct or violation of state or federal laws.

**Section B.** Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the advisor. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified in the notice, and, unless otherwise specified in the notice, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

**Section C.** Should the office of president become vacant; the vice president shall assume the title and duties of president.

## **ARTICLE V– Transactions of the Chapter**

**Section A.** The fiscal year of the chapter shall begin on September 1<sup>st</sup> and end on August 31.

**Section B.** The chapter shall adopt policies and procedures consistent with the fiduciary policies, procedures and audit standards of the Round Rock Independent School District.

## **ARTICLE VII – Grievances and Appeals**

Grievances and appeals shall be addressed under the auspices of the student grievance policies and procedures of Stony Point High School and the Round Rock Independent School District.

