



KANSAS
FFA ASSOCIATION

State Officer Application

Hayley Ann Hines (Hayley)
Paola FFA Chapter



Educational Background and Status

High School

Paola High School

Chapter Name

Paola

Chapter Number

136

Number in High School Class

142

Your Rank in High School Class

1

Semesters of Agricultural Education Completed

8

Years in FFA

4

In what level of education are you currently enrolled?

High School

If you will be enrolled in post-secondary education following election to state office, where will you be attending?

Kansas State University

Anticipated College Major

Nursing and Nutrition and Health

Career Objective

Nurse Anesthetist

FFA and Agriculture Education Experience

Supervised Agriculture Experience Program and Scope

My SAE falls under the Service Learning category. Early in high school, I realized that there were peers who would go to a home with nothing to eat. I decided that I wanted to make a change in my community. Panthers Helping Panthers is a high sourced food pantry that allows students to make requests while remaining anonymous. I applied for grants to raise livestock in order to have a quality protein source. I have raised more than \$13,000 for this program during my four years at PHS.

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FFA Leadership Experience: (Office/Committee Assignment, Organization/Group, Year Held) - List up to 5

Chapter Greenhand President, Paola FFA Chapter, 1 year (2020-2021)

Chapter Secretary, Paola FFA Chapter, 1 year (2021-2022)

Chapter President, Paola FFA Chapter, 2 years (2022-2024)

District Reporter, East Central District, 1 year (2022-2023)

District Sentinel, East Central District, 1 year (2023-2024)

Example: Chapter Vice President, Blue and Gold FFA Chapter, 1 year (2019-2020)

FFA Activities: (Chapter, District or National Events; CDEs; LDEs; Leadership Programs; and other FFA sponsored activities) - List up to 10

State Convention - 3 years

State Convention Chapter Delegate - 2 years

National Convention - 4 years

District Officer Conference - 2 years

Greenhand Conduct of Chapter Meeting State Champion Team - ('21)

State Marketing Plan Champion Team - ('22)

Farm and Agribusiness Management - ('22 and '23) (8th place state individual '22) (State High Individual and team '23)

Meats Evaluation CDE ('20-'24) (4th place state individual '23)

Parliamentary Procedure - 3 years

Land and Homesite Evaluation - 3 years

Examples: Livestock Judging CDE - 3 years; Leader Lab - 1 year; National Convention - 2 years

Other Leadership and Service Activities: (Community, School, 4-H, Church, Sports, Clubs, etc.) - List up to 10

Volleyball Team - 2 years

Tennis Team - 2 years

Basketball Team - 2 years

Softball Team - 4 years

National Honor Society President - 1 year

Student Council President - 1 year

Hugh O'brien Youth Leadership Delegate - (1 year)

National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Representative - (1 year)

Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 4a Representative - (2 years)

Holy Trinity Youth Group - (7 years)

Examples: Football Team - 4 years; CYO - 2 years; 4-H - Member (10 years), Club President (2 years)

Essay Questions

What is your biggest accomplishment up until now? How has it shaped you and your leadership style?

My freshman year I started the first student-led food pantry at Paola High called Panthers Helping Panthers. The food pantry is an anonymous way for students to bring food home to their families each weekend. Starting the food pantry is an experience that has not only benefited me, but also the students who utilize this resource each week. The food pantry has had a positive impact on my community because it was put in place in order to reduce the number of food insecure families in our community. By starting the food pantry, I not only get to provide food to my community, but I also get to educate my community on the importance of fighting food insecurity. I have accomplished this by talking to various civic organizations in the community. By talking to various groups, I was able to bring awareness to the fact that food insecurity is prevalent locally while informing them how we can all make a difference. With the food pantry, fellow FFA members were able to raise chickens and pigs in the school's animal science lab, creating an educational opportunity for the animal science students. These students had the opportunity to learn about both species, while also learning about how to feed, vaccinate, and care for them. By adding this protein source to the food pantry, I was able to help add a hands-on learning experience for many students with the help of Mr. Schull. The resources for the chickens and pigs were funded by several grants I submitted throughout high school. This experience helped feed my community, educate them on food insecurity, and create a hands-on learning experience for students. Not only has the food pantry benefited my community, but it has also helped shape my leadership skills. One of the most important skills I have gained from this experience is relationship building. I have been able to gain this skill through speaking with several civic organizations, as well as working with school staff. This skill has been important to the food pantry because it has allowed me to create a support system which helped this project thrive. I also have gained problem-solving skills throughout this experience. As problems have arisen with the food pantry, I have been able to work on this skill by analyzing the various issues to come up with solutions that would best suit the needs of students relying on the food pantry. When I was in need of advice, I was also able to seek help from my support system that I gained through building relationships.

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If elected, how would you positively influence the Kansas FFA Association?

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "comparison is the thief of joy." Each member's FFA experience can be completely different, yet equally rewarding. Whether their experience is full of Career Development Events and showing livestock, or it's packed with leadership experiences, community service, and convention workshops, each FFA member can have a unique and impactful experience in their own blue jacket. FFA is full of an endless number of opportunities and it is important that each member creates their own unique experience. As members grow throughout their FFA journey, it is crucial that they do so while living in the moment, embracing the challenges and triumphs while staying focused on ensuring that the relative success of their peers should not change the way they view their own success in the FFA. My hope for all members is that they find a way to celebrate the accomplishments of others as well as their own without falling into the mindset of comparison.

Not only does serving as a state officer allow for the celebration of members' unique paths, but it also allows for showing them how to use their skill they have gained to become advocates for the agriculture industry. Agriculture needs more than farmers and ranchers in order to fulfill its mission of feeding the world. My fellow members that do not live on a large scale farming operation can still have an important

impact on the future of agriculture. Modern agriculture has an important need for innovators and scientists as well as communications professionals. Science drives the agriculture industry forward resulting in important genetic advancements that boost production, while innovators simultaneously drive change through technological advancements. At the same time social media is needed to create connections between the producer and consumer. When these groups work together, our society is impacted in many positive ways. It is important for all FFA members to be advocates because the agriculture industry is truly the root of our country. As a state officer, I will be able to encourage young people to become advocates and share the good things that are going on in the agriculture industry while celebrating their own unique path and encouraging them to use those skills gained in the agriculture industry.. By helping Kansas FFA Members become solid advocates for the agriculture industry, we as agriculturalists will be able to share our work in a positive light.

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Signature of State Officer Candidate

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