



KANSAS
FFA ASSOCIATION

State Officer Application

Natalee Marie Bray (Natalee)
Pike Valley FFA Chapter



Educational Background and Status

High School

Pike Valley High School

Chapter Name

Pike Valley

Chapter Number

KS0037

Number in High School Class

16

Your Rank in High School Class

2

Semesters of Agricultural Education Completed

8

Years in FFA

4

In what level of education are you currently enrolled?

College/University

What college or university are you currently attending?

Cloud County Community College

Current College Major

Agriculture Education

Career Objective

Agriculture Teacher

FFA and Agriculture Education Experience

Supervised Agriculture Experience Program and Scope

My SAE is Equine Production and Performance with my herd of four horses. Over the five years in this SAE area I have had horses come in and out of the herd which has given me the chance to work with different horses as we tried to find the right fit as we do many different 'jobs' with our horses like riding lessons, pleasure, rodeo and work. I have also tried to start a breeding program, but have not had much success. I am constantly bettering myself so I in turn can better others around me.

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

Chapter President Pike Valley FFA Chapter: 2021-2022, 2022-2023

North Central District Treasurer: 2021-2022

District Officer Conference: 2021

Washington Leadership Conference: 2022

Kansas FFA Ag Spain Exchange: 2023

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

Chapter Kickoff Party 2019-2023

District Kickoff Party 2021-2023

District Banquet- 2021, 2022, 2023

State Convention- 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

National Convention- 2022, 2023

State Horse Judging- top 10 teams: 2022, 2023

Prepared Speech- 6th Individual, 2020, 2021

Employability Skills- 2022, 2023

Ag Sales- 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Ag Communications- 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

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

4-H- 2011-2023, 12 year member, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter

Frozen Potatoes Youth Group 2019-2023 Youth Representative

Central Plains Rodeo Association 2022- Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri Representative, Princess

Junction City Rodeo Association 2020-2022- Member, Queen

North Central Kansas Saddle Club 2019-present - Member, Queen

Kansas Association for Youth 2019-2023- 4 year member

Future Business Leaders of America 2021-2023 - 2 year member, Treasurer

National Honor Society 2021-2023- 2 year member, Vice President

National 4-H Congress 2022- attendee, service project participant

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 biggest accomplishment thus far has been seeing the people that I have impacted strive and better themselves. I know this doesn't come with a big medal or recognition, but when I see someone be successful and I know that I helped them in some way means more than the world to me. Throughout my life I have been a part of many organizations and leadership roles that have put me in the position to help and encourage others. For example, I help with a religious youth organization Wednesday's after school that reach children from ages six to 13. Every Wednesday the students come in wild as ever and full of energy and I see a wide range of behaviors. There is this one particular little girl that gives a challenge but being able to be there with her and help her understand why we have to follow the rules and guide her to understanding who she is and who she is going to be and to be able to watch her grow has been such a rewarding experience.

Through FFA I have been a chapter officer for three years and a district officer for one. With this I have been able to reach our members to be active and to be excited about the future of agriculture. I have always wanted to help better others by giving them a listening ear and a helping hand. My senior year of high school there was a Greenhand member that was very excited and active as a member, but the rest of her class was not as eager to be involved as she was. I made sure to give her a helping hand and to let her know that she doesn't have to follow her class and that she is wanted to be a detrimental part of the future of agriculture. I was there for her to practice her speeches, be her study buddy, and a friend. Being able to experience this at a local, chapter, and district level has been incredible, I can only imagine what I would be able to do at the state level as well.

I believe that having these experiences have shaped me as a leader and my leadership style by making me realize that everybody has a place in this world and that sometimes all someone needs is a little push or a helping hand to make them do what they are meant to do. Being able to see people succeed is what I live for and you can always find me in your corner and cheering you on because everyone deserves to be prosperous and find their purpose.

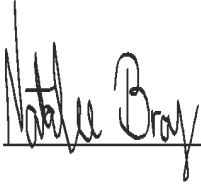
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If elected, how would you positively influence the Kansas FFA Association?

If I am elected to be a Kansas FFA State Officer I believe I would positively influence the Kansas FFA members and the association by making sure that everyone feels welcome and supported. Kansas FFA has an outstanding number of members and supporters but I would make it my goal to get more people to be involved. One of my strongest strengths is developing connections with people. I believe that I can be a positive influence on students and adults by pleasantly and positively interacting with members to increase awareness about agriculture and ultimately create involvement and awareness in FFA. One of the goals of this position is to educate about agriculture and so increasing enrollment and understanding would be one of the directives of being a state officer that I would take in stride.

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Signature of State Officer Candidate



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