

# KANSAS FFA STATE OFFICER SELECTION

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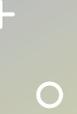
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# AGENDA

- Process Overview
- Component Information
- Preparation Tips
- Q & A





# PROCESS OVERVIEW

Important Dates and Key Components



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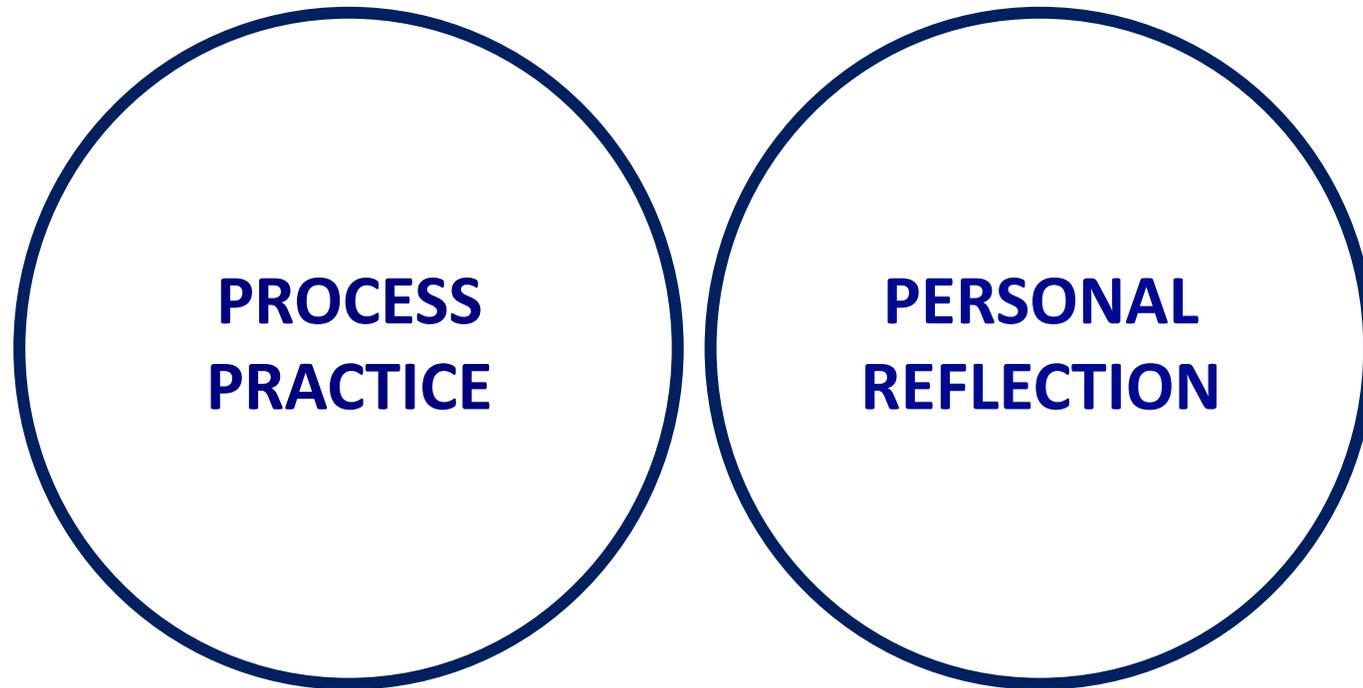
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# Process Overview

Date	Event
March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Information Session #1
March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	Information Session #2
April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Application Deadline
April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Evaluations Deadline
April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	In-Person Growth Interview
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2023	Virtual Components Begin
May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Candidates Begin In-Person Components



# Growth Process



**April 30th - In-Person Growth Experience - Before State CDEs**

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# COMPONENT INFORMATION

Key Components and How They Work



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# Application and Evaluations

## Application

- Online Application Available:  
<https://www.ksffa.org/programs/consider-serving-as-a-state-officer/>
- Due Date: April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm
- Online Submissions Only
- Application guide is available on the Kansas FFA Website (link above)



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## Evaluations

- Candidates are responsible for ensuring evaluators submit their evaluations
- List of SEVEN evaluators will be submitted with application
  - Chapter Advisor (multiple advisors may submit individually or together)
  - School Administrator or College Faculty Member
  - Non-Agriculture Teacher
  - Four Current FFA Members (at least one from your chapter and at least one from another chapter)

# Examination and Interviews

## Examination

- Written essay questions related to agriculture, education, and FFA
- Provided to candidate 3 weeks before convention
- Due Friday before convention: May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Sample questions available in the State Officer Selection Process Handbook <https://www.ksffa.org/programs/consider-serving-as-a-state-officer/>

## Interviews

- Behavioral Based Interviews
- Full committee interviews and One-on-one interviews
- More information and sample questions are available in the State Officer Selection Process Handbook <https://www.ksffa.org/programs/consider-serving-as-a-state-officer/>

# Prepared Speech & Extemporaneous Remarks

## Prepared Speech

- Presented on stage at the first convention session
- Evaluated by delegates and the nominating committee
- Maximum length: 2.5 minutes
- No props, handheld microphone



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## Extemporaneous Remarks

- Completed via Zoom before convention
  - Candidate Introduction
  - Greeting or thank you to specific audience
  - FFA or agriculture education experience
  - Current topic or issue in agriculture, agricultural education, or FFA.
- Example prompts available in the State Officer Selection Process Handbook
- Preparation time: 5-10 minutes
- Speaking time: 1.5 – 3 minutes

# Stakeholder Conversations & Group Activity

## Stakeholder Conversations

- Three, 5-minute CONVERSATIONS
- Candidates represent themselves and stakeholder will represent their actual role in the industry
- Candidates will be given information on who the stakeholder is and what they wish to discuss before entering the room
- More information and example prompts are available in the State Officer Selection Process Handbook

## Group Activity

- Groups of 3-5 candidates
- Provided a topic or scenario to address
- May be completed virtually or in-person
- Will be observed by the committee
- More information and example prompts are available in the State Officer Selection Process Handbook

# PREPARATION TIPS

How To Make Your Experience Successful



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# General Preparation Tips

Read	Read the Handbook
Seriously	(Read the <b>whole</b> Handbook)
Open Mind	Approach the process with an open mind and a willingness to learn
News	Review news resources to learn more about agriculture and education
Serve	Develop a personal understanding of your desire to serve the organization
Skills	Become familiar with your skills, abilities, and traits
Mentor	Seek out a coach or mentor

“My time as a state officer was one of the most transformational times of my life. The absolutely incredible connections you make can not overstated. I walked into this experience hoping to make a difference in the lives of students, but I was really the one who’s life was altered forever. Not getting elected, and my year of service were two of the most influential things that ever happened to me.”

-Eric Peterson  
2021-2022 Kansas FFA  
Secretary



“State office provided me with many opportunities to grow myself through service to others. Rarely in our lives do we devote ourselves so completely to any one thing for a short time. Giving all of me for one year was the best experience of my life to-date. I wouldn’t trade my year as a state officer for anything.”

-Rachel Sebesta  
2021-2022 Kansas FFA Vice  
President



# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How can we clarify?



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# Who Do We Contact?

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Contact with questions about the state officer candidate process or about serving as a state officer



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Contact with questions about the growth process or preparing to serve as a state officer



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# THANK YOU

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