

Sarah A McKown

Preferred First Name

Sarah

High School

Sedgwick High School

Chapter Name

Segwick FFA

Chapter Number

KS0290

Semesters of Agricultural Education Completed

5

Years in FFA

3

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?

Butler County Community College

Anticipated College Major

Ag Business / Ag Education

Career Objective

Ag Teacher

FFA and Agriculture Education Experience

Supervised Agriculture Experience Program and Scope

I have an unpaid beef placement Supervised Agricultural Experience or SAE. I started my SAE my sophomore year of high school, which was my first year in FFA. I work for M bar 3 Cattle Company where I feed, wash, blow dry, and walk show cattle everyday. I also keep all of the records of every calf that is born on the property, every vaccine given, every cow owned, and every bull that the cows get bred to. I plan on continuing my SAE for many years as it will help me with my future.

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

Chapter President, Sedgwick FFA chapter, 1 year(2024-2025)

Chapter President, Sedgwick FFA chapter, 1 year(2025-2026)

FFA Week Dance Committee, Sedgwick FFA Chapter, 2026

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

Livestock Judging CDE - 3 years

Horse Evaluation CDE - 3 years

Vet Science CDE - 3 years

Poultry Evaluation CDE - 2 years

Extemporaneous speaking LDE - 1 year

Parliamentary procedure - 1 year

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

Student Council - class representative (4 years)

Vice President (1 year)

National Honors Society - member (3 years)

Chapter president (1 year)

Class of 2026 - Vice President (2 years)

4-H - member (12 years)

Club president (5 years,

4-H County Ambassador (4 years)
Council vice president (1 year)
Kansas Junior Charolais Association - board member (3 years)

Essay Questions

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

My biggest accomplishment is being a part of starting the Sedgwick FFA Chapter. My freshman year of high school I started working closely with my school's administration to start brainstorming ideas to create an agriculture program within my school. At the end of my freshman year I got it approved for Sedgwick's students to travel to Newton High School to take an agriculture class and to be in the Newton FFA Chapter. As I was still going to Newton for Ag and FFA, I was continuing to work on creating an agricultural program at my school. Three weeks before my sophomore year ended I got the awesome news that we were going to have an Ag Teacher for the next year. Working on this throughout the years has helped to shape me into the leader I am today. I currently lead by listening to everyone and trying to put everyone's ideas together so everyone is happy. I am so very grateful for this opportunity that has helped to shape me into the person I am today. Unfortunately the Sedgwick FFA Chapter has had its downfalls. We started off our first year strong until the AG teacher resigned the first week into the second semester. I was so worried about losing the Ag program so I immediately made sure that we were not going to lose the Ag program. Lucky for the Sedgwick FFA program we were able to make it through from the science teacher taking over the rest of the remaining year to now where we have an Agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor. I am grateful for the hard times that I have gone through that have led me to this accomplishment and have shaped me into the leader that I am today.

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

If elected to be a Kansas FFA State officer, my goal is to ensure that every member has a voice. When I first joined 4-H and FFA I was a very shy person. I am from a small town with very few students. My first experience with FFA was through a COOP with a much larger district. Due to my small town roots, I was very intimidated at first and it took me a while to find my voice and realize that I could help others with my innovative ideas. When I was finally able to find my voice, I found that I was great at advocating for others. If elected to be a Kansas FFA State officer, I would use my office to advocate for those who have a hard time feeling heard.