

Area III FFA Association Constitution

ARTICLE I: NAMES AND PURPOSES

SECTION A: The name of the organization shall be the "Area III Association of the Northeast District of the Missouri Association of the National FFA Organization."

SECTION B: The purposes for which this organization was formed are as follows:

1. To provide agriculture-related programs and activities, which will develop pride, responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, patriotism, and thrift, and which will improve the economic, environmental, recreational, and human resources of the community.
2. To encourage and recognize achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs, scholarship, leadership, and other individual activities by providing awards to deserving members and chapters in Area III.
3. To provide additional leadership training for members of Area III.
4. To coordinate the public relations activities of the chapters in the Area III.
5. To provide opportunities for the chapters in Area III to exchange ideas.
6. To provide activities that will enable the members of Area III to become acquainted with members from other FFA Chapters.
7. To provide activities above the local level for the members of Area III.
8. To fulfill and uphold the aims and purposes of the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE II: ORGANIZATION

SECTION A: The Area III Association is an organization of, by, and for students enrolled in agriculture education programs, who are members of the Missouri FFA Association, and who are members of the local FFA chapters included in Area III.

SECTION B: The Area III FFA Association accepts the full provisions of the Constitution and By-laws of the Missouri Association of the FFA and the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: There shall be two forms of membership in Area III -- Active and Honorary

1. Any member of a local FFA chapter in the Area III may hold Active membership in this association as long as all National, State, and Area III dues are paid in full.
2. Honorary members shall be nominated and elected each year at the annual delegate meeting. Candidates must be submitted in writing with a brief description as to why, to be presented at the delegates meeting.
3. Honorary members shall not have the right to vote or hold an Area III office except for that of advisor.

ARTICLE IV: EMBLEMS

SECTION A: The emblem of the National FFA Organization shall be the emblem of the Area III FFA Association.

SECTION B: The members of the Area III FFA Association shall wear the Official Dress of the National FFA Organization as stated in the official FFA manual.

ARTICLE V: AREA III FFA DEGREE AND AWARDS

SECTION A: The Area III FFA Association shall bestow the Area FFA Degree on those members who meet the minimum requirements for the Missouri State FFA Degree.

1. The application for the Area III FFA Degree shall be that of the Missouri State FFA Degree.
2. The advisors from chapters in Area III shall review the applications and determine those members, which shall receive the Area III FFA Degree.
3. A member may only receive the Area III FFA Degree one time.

SECTION B: The Area III FFA Association shall give awards for all 29 national proficiency awards and in all FFA contest recognized by the Missouri FFA Association.

1. The judging of these applications and contests shall be the responsibility of the advisors of the local chapters contained in Area III.

SECTION C: Additional awards may be given without changing or amending this constitution.

ARTICLE VI: DUES

SECTION A: The dues of the Area III FFA Association shall be set annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at the annual delegates meeting.

1. Should Area III dues be set on a per member basis, out of school members shall not be required to pay Area III dues.

SECTION B: Each local chapter in Area III shall submit to the Area III Treasurer a copy of its roster along with payment in full of its Area III dues by December 31 of the year in which the dues are set.

1. If the Area III Treasurer does not receive the dues and roster by the set date, that chapter, or any members there of, will not be allowed to participate in any Area III activity until the dues are paid and the roster is submitted.
2. If dues are set on a per chapter basis then a copy of the roster is not required.

SECTION C: No member shall be in good standing unless all Area, State, and National dues are paid in full.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

SECTION A: The officers of the Area III FFA Association shall be as outlined in the Official FFA Manual. Any additional officers may be added as deemed necessary by the nominating committee.

1. Officers must have attained the Chapter FFA Degree.
2. Officers may not be older than a senior in high school during their term in office.
3. The Advisor shall be the local chapter Advisor of the elected Area III President.

SECTION B: The officers of this association shall constitute the executive committee. This committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the association in accordance with this constitution, actions taken by the delegates and various regulations or by-laws adopted from time to time.

SECTION C: The officer nomination committee shall interview and nominate candidates for the Area III offices.

1. This committee shall consist of retiring Area III officers that are not seeking to be reelected.
2. Each Area III chapter may nominate one member to interview for Area III office.
3. The nominating committee shall submit a proposed slate of officers to the delegate body.

SECTION D: Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates present at a designated meeting of the association.

1. Delegates consist of not more than two members from each chapter.

SECTION E: New Area III officers shall be installed at the annual Area III FFA banquet, unless

otherwise specified by the retiring Area III Officers.

SECTION F: Area III officers, with the exception of the president, shall not hold the right to vote at the annual delegate meeting, unless they are one of their chapter's delegates.

SECTION G: Area III officers shall not miss more than two Area III meetings or activities during their term in office.

1. If an officer does exceed this limit, the rest of the executive committee shall review the circumstances and have the power to take action.
2. This action may include any of the following; removal from office, warning, or no action at all if the circumstances were understandable.
3. If this process leaves an office vacant, that office shall remain vacant for the rest of the term and another officer shall take over the responsibilities of the vacant office.

SECTION H: All officers shall uphold the values of the FFA and fulfill the duties of their office to the fullest extent of their abilities.

1. If this is not done the same action as mentioned in Section G may be taken by the executive committee.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

SECTION A: Regular executive committee meetings shall be held monthly during the school year and as needed during the summer.

1. The executive committee shall designate the time and place for these meetings.
2. Special meetings may be called at any time.
3. It is the duty of the executive committee to inform every Area III chapter of these meetings.
4. Up to two one members of any Area III chapter is welcome at all executive committee meetings to observe only.
5. A quorum of the executive committee (one over 50% of the current officers team) must be present to conduct business.

SECTION B: There shall be a delegate meeting held each year to conduct routine business of the area and to set guidelines for the Area III officers to follow during the upcoming year.

1. Each Area III chapter may be have two voting delegates present at this meeting.
2. This meeting shall be held in October, unless otherwise specified by the executive committee.
3. Special delegate meetings may be called at any time by the executive committee or by a majority vote of the delegates present at the annual delegate meeting.
4. A quorum of the voting delegates, one over 50% of all Area III chapters, must be

present to conduct business.

5. All non-constitutional proposals to be considered at a delegates meeting must be submitted in writing, with the exceptions of the honorary degree, to all Area III chapters and to the Area III secretary postmarked 14 days prior to the delegates meeting.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

SECTION A: This constitution may be amended only at official delegate meetings by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, providing that such by-laws conflict in no way with the Missouri FFA Association or the National FFA Organization Constitutions or By-laws and are in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the FFA.

SECTION B: All amendments to this constitution must be submitted, in writing, to the Area III secretary and all Area III chapters at least 30 days prior to the delegates meeting.

SECTION C: Area III officers may propose and discuss amendments at the delegate meeting, but may not vote on those or any other amendments.

1. This is the responsibility of the chapter or person proposing the amendment.

ARTICLE X: MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION A: A thorough study of this constitution by the executive committee and members of the Area III is to be made each year before the annual delegate meeting.

SECTION B: A copy of this constitution shall be issued to all Area III chapters.

1. This shall be done each and every time this constitution is updated.
2. The Area III Parliamentarian and Secretary shall also keep this constitution on-hand and readily available at all times.