

## Area IV FFA Constitution

### Article 1. Name and Purpose

Section A. The name shall be Area IV, *National FFA Organization*, Northeast Missouri District. The word Area IV FFA may be used to designate the association, its activities, or members thereof.

Section B. The aim of this Association shall be as follows:

1. The aim and purpose of the *National FFA Organization* as set forth in the official manual of the *National FFA Organization*.
2. To provide an opportunity for further training in special areas of the Program of Activities.
3. To cooperate in any way with local chapters, state association, teacher organization, or any other group upon request.
4. To increase leadership ability of members and to increase potential state leaders for our area.

### Article 2. Organization

Section A. Membership in this area will consist of members from the schools of the area with Agricultural Education programs and FFA Chapters.

Section B. The Area IV Association accepts the full provisions of the Constitution and By-laws of the Missouri Association of the FFA and the National FFA Organization.

Section C. The area assembly will be made of:

1. Each chapter shall be limited to a maximum of three voting representatives at an area assembly excluding area officers.

### Article 3. Membership

Section A. Membership in this association shall be of two kinds: (1) Active and (2) Honorary as defined by the Constitution of the *National FFA Organization*.

Section B. The regular work of this association shall be carried on by the active membership of Area IV.

Section C. Honorary membership in this association shall be limited to the honorary members chosen by the area association.

**Article 4. Emblems**

- Section A. The official FFA emblem shall be the official emblem for this association.
- Section B. The association shall use the official FFA paraphernalia.
- Section C. The members of the Area IV Association shall wear the Official Dress of the National FFA Organization as stated in the official FFA manual.

**Article 5. Officers**

- Section A. The officers of this association shall be as follows:  
President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Chaplain, Parliamentarian and Advisory Committee, which consists of the Advisors of the President and Secretary.
- Section B.
  - 1. Hold the degree of Chapter FFA Degree and be in high school at the time of service.
  - 2. Appear before the interviewing committee, consisting of the officers retiring from the Area IV Executive Committee permanently and two delegates from each school. The delegates scores, leadership page score, and the score from a 25 question test consisting of 15 FFA knowledge questions and 10 parliamentary procedure questions will determine the nine officers. The permanently retiring officers will slate the officer team.
  - 3. Each school may have two people interviewing for an area offices.
  - 4. Any or all persons running for an Area IV Office may also hold an office within their respective chapter during their year of service as an Area IV Officer.
- Section C. The Area IV Officers shall be the Executive Committee. The committees shall have full power to act as necessary for the association in accordance to its directions.
- Section D. Honorary members shall not vote or hold any office other than advisor.
- Section E. The duties of the officers shall be as stated in the official manual of the *National FFA Organization* and the following:
  - 1. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's duties shall be:
    - A. To preside in the absence of the president

- B. To perform official ceremonies.
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President duties shall be:
    - A. Serve as chairman of the Program of Activities.
    - B. To assist the President in directing the work of the association.
    - C. In absence of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, will assume the duties of the 1st Vice President as set forth in Article 5, Section E of this constitution.
  3. The Parliamentarian's duties shall be:
    - A. Assist the presiding officer on questions of parliamentary law.
    - B. Should have copy and be familiar with Roberts Rules of Order.
  4. Duties of Chaplain:
    - A. Promote cooperative spirit among FFA members.
    - B. Give invocation at annual banquet.

Section F. Area IV Officers shall not miss more than one Area IV meeting or activities during their term of 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. The 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 office shall take over the responsibilities of the vacant office.

Section G. 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 F may be taken by the executive committee.

## **Article 6. Meetings**

Section A. There shall be regular roll call meetings every October. The Executive Committee will set up the meeting schedule for the year to coincide with the meetings of the Advisor's organization.

Section B. Special meetings may be called by the Area Executive Committee.

Section C. A quorum must be present to conduct an official meeting or take any action. A quorum shall exist of a simple majority of the schools in Area IV.

**Article 7. Dues**

- Section A. A majority of the voting body of this association present at a regular or special meeting shall establish the dues.
- Section B. Annual dues shall be paid by the January district meeting each year.
- Section C. Dues shall be used to meet the annual expenses of the association.

**Article 8. Chapters in good standing**

- Section A. All chapters pay dues by the dates set by this constitution in Article 7, Section B.
- Section B. No provisions of chapter constitutions are in conflict with the State and National Constitutions of the National FFA Association. Activities are in harmony with the aims and purposes of the State and National Organization.

**Article 9. Amendments**

- Section A. The constitution may be amended or changed at any time by a 2/3 vote of the delegates present at a regular or special meeting provided the change or amendment is not in conflict with the State or National Constitution of the National FFA Organization.
- Section B. By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the association at any regular or special meeting by a 2/3 vote of the delegates present providing the by-laws are in no conflict with the State or National Constitution of the National FFA Organization.
- Section C. Amendments must be submitted 45 days prior to any regular or special meeting of the area delegates.

**Article 10. Parliamentary Authority**

- Section A. The Association shall use Robert's Rules of Order as its official guide to parliamentary procedure.

**Article 11. State Officer Selection**

- Section A. Each candidate must submit the following:
  - 1. An agreement sent out by the state office.
  - 2. A candidate biography.
  - 3. A copy of the leadership page from their State FFA Degree.
- Section B. The selection committee will consist of two current state officers and three advisors (not from Area IV). All will have voting power.
- Section C. The State Officer Scorecard must be followed by the committee. In the case of a tie, the committee will discuss and vote on the top two

candidates.

Section D. Each FFA Chapter may have only (1) candidate

**Article 12. Area IV FFA Degrees and Awards.**

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

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

Section B. The Area IV FFA Association shall give awards for all state and 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 IV.

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