

# Area 9 Missouri FFA Association Constitution

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## ARTICLES 1 – Names and Purposes

**Section A** The name of this organization shall be “Area 9 of the Missouri FFA Association.” Members are hereinafter referred to as “Future Farmers of America” and the letters “FFA” may be used to designate the Area, its activities, or members thereof.

**Section B** The purposes for which this area is formed are as follows:

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

To accomplish this mission, Area FFA:

- Develop competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
- Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
- Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
- Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
- Encourage achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs
- Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
- Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
- Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism.
- Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people
- Promotes healthy lifestyles.
- Encourage excellence in scholarship.

## ARTICLE II – Organization

**Section A.** Area 9 is a chartered unit of the Missouri Association of FFA which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

**Section B.** This Area accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Missouri Association of the FFA as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

### **ARTICLE III – Membership**

- Section A.** Membership in this Area shall be of two kinds: active and honorary
- Section B.** The regular work of the Area shall be carried on by the active chapters.
- Section C.** Active members in this Area that are in good standing may vote on all business brought before the Area. An active chapter shall be considered in good standing when:
1. They attend Area meetings with reasonable regularity.
  2. They show and interest in, and take part in the affairs of the Area.
  3. They pay their dues regularly.

### **ARTICLE IV- Emblems**

- Section A.** The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the Area
- Section B.** Emblems used by the chapters shall be designated by the National FFA Organization.

### **ARTICLE V – Membership Degree and Privileges**

- Section A.** The only degree conferred on a member shall be the Degree of Area Farmer. All members that meet the minimum qualifications for the State FFA Degree shall receive the Area FFA Degree.

### **ARTICLE VI – Officers**

- Section A.** The officers of the Area shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Parliamentarian, and Chaplain. The Area advisor shall be the advisor from the chapter that has the area president and co-advisor shall be the area advisor from the previous year. The Area may modify the slate of officers to fit the Area's needs by a majority vote of Area Ag teachers.
- Section B.** Each Area chapter may have two candidates for Area office. The Area officers shall be elected annually by: 1/3 25 point knowledge test (questions will come from the cover through the traditions section, minus the historical timeline), 1/3 leadership page of State Degree application and 1/3 interviewing committee selected by the area advisor. The knowledge test will be written by the district supervisor. The cutoff date for Leadership points will be the Saturday after State FFA Convention.
- Section C.** The officers of the Area shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the Area.
- Section D.** Area officer candidates must be enrolled in agriculture education in high school, be an active FFA member continuing their supervised

agricultural experience program, hold the degree of Chapter Degree, and not currently serving as an officer in the Area 9 Association.

**Section E.** All area officers are encouraged to attend Area Leadership Camp.

**Section F.** A member can only serve as an Area officer once.

#### **ARTICLE VII – Meetings**

**Section A.** Executive meetings will be held at the same time as the Vocational Agriculture Teachers meeting or as deemed necessary by area advisor.

**Section B.** Standard meeting paraphernalia shall be used at each meeting. All regular meetings shall be opened and closed with the Official Ceremony. Parliamentary Procedure shall be used in transacting business at each meeting.

**Section C.** A majority of the active chapters on the secretary's roll shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum must be present at any meeting which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the Area to any proposal or action.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – Dues**

**Section A.** Area dues shall be fixed annually by majority vote of the active chapters.

**Section B.** No Chapter shall be considered active and in good standing unless the chapter pays its dues.

**Section C.** Dues set at the June meeting need to be paid by Area Greenhand Conference.

#### **ARTICLE IX – Amendments**

**Section A.** This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority of the active chapters present providing it is not in conflict with the State Association Constitution or that of the National FFA Organization.

**Section B.** Bylaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the Area at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active chapters present providing such bylaws conflict in no way with the constitution or bylaws of either the State Association or the National Organization.

#### **Bylaws:**

Each Chapter is entitled to two voting delegates at area meetings