

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The National FFA Organization (FFA) is an organization for students enrolled in agricultural education. 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. The advisors of FFA chapters are the teachers of agricultural education at the high school and middle school level in all fifty states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The FFA is governed by a Board of Directors established by Federal Statute (Public Law 105-225 formerly Public Law 81-740). The FFA Federal Charter originally passed by the 81st Congress in 1950 established a governing body, the Board of Directors to include four state supervisors of agricultural education and four staff members of the United States Department of Education. Through a Memorandum of Understanding between the U. S. Department of Education and the National FFA Organization, two of these positions are now filled by teachers of agricultural education (Chapter FFA Advisors). The Assistant Secretary of the Office of Vocational and Adult Education in the Department will make this appointment following an interview/selection process of three candidates.

Serving on the FFA Board of Directors requires the understanding, support, cooperation and commitment of the school administration, Board of Education, parents, students and the community. Service on the FFA Board requires time away from the school and community to represent the interests of FFA at the national level. Representation includes attending three board meetings one of which is at the National FFA Convention (10 -12 school days including the National FFA Convention and 4-6 summer days away from the school district/community). On occasion the teacher in this board position will be involved in a national committee or task force meeting which might require additional days out of the classroom.

The FFA will pay travel costs incurred for those meetings in accordance with their operating policies. The FFA will not cover the cost of substitute teachers. The local school district will pay costs of the substitute teacher(s) whenever the representative is away from the school district. The FFA will strive to keep time away from task at a minimum by scheduling travel and meetings on Saturdays and Sundays whenever possible and scheduling meetings in June, July and August whenever feasible.

Serving as a board member is an honor and it requires leadership, representation and commitment. It gives the local school and community visibility nationwide and enhances the opportunity for professional growth for the local teacher, agricultural education department, school and the community.

By signing this memorandum of understanding the local school is supporting your instructor/FFA Advisor as a candidate for a National FFA Board position. The school district is further pledging cooperation as stated above for a three-year term on the National FFA Board if your teacher of agriculture is selected by the U.S. Department of Education.

(Signature of Candidate for FFA Board Membership) date

(Signature of Site Administrator) date

(Signature of Chief Administrator) date

(Signature of Chairman, Board of Education) date

FFA Board Candidates are required to complete the Memorandum of Understanding and submit to NAAE (JJackman.NAAE@uky.edu or fax (859) 323-3919) as a requirement in requesting consideration as a candidate.

**The completed MOU must be received at the NAAE office no later than
March 1, 2018.**