

Palmetto High FFA Chapter
Chapter Constitution and Bylaws
(Effective July 28th, 2021)

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section A.

The name of this organization shall be the Palmetto Chapter of the National FFA Organization.

Section B.

The mission and strategies for this chapter 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.

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

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

Section A.

The [CHAPTER NAME] FFA Chapter is a chartered local unit of the Florida FFA Association, Inc. which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

Section B.

This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Florida FFA Association, Inc. as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

Article III: PROCEURE FOR DETERMING STANDING OF MEMBERS

Section A: Good standings members shall be considered in good standing when they do the following:

- Must attend mandatory meetings set form by officers while enrolled in the school of this chapter
- Shows an interest in and takes part in chapter
- Attends 75% of the chapter events (community service)
- Attends 80% of the chapter meetings
- Participates in all fundraisers
- Maintains a “B” or higher in every agriculture class.
- Maintains a 2.5 GPA throughout the school year.
- FFA members must advocate for themselves.
- Must maintain from verbal and/or physical altercations
- Does not create inappropriate or hurtful statements that can be taken as detrimental to PHS FFA members, advisors, PHS faculty/administration or chapter on any form of social media, this includes pictures, comments, etc.

Students that do not meet the qualification of Good Standings will not be eligible to show an animal in the Manatee Cuntty Fair, Florida state Fair Florida state convention, Participate state of National Convention or spring banquet, or awards and scholarships.

Students must be in Good standings, from 8/10/21 – 6/1/22 to do the following:

Show livestock under the Palmetto High FFA Chapter

Participate in CDE

Apply for award, scholarships, officer in chapter, district or state, participate in senior video, or spring banquet

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section A.

Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds: (1) Active; (2) Alumni and (3) Honorary, as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

Section B.

The regular activities of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.

Section C.

Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree.

Section D.

Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when:

1. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study. Either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program, the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career.
2. Show an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
3. Pay all current state and national dues by the date determined by the chapter.
4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.

Section E.

Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the membership committee.

ARTICLE IV. EMBLEMS

Section A.

The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the chapter.

Section B.

Emblems used by the members shall be designated by the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE V. DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Section A.

There shall be five degrees of active membership based on individual achievement. These degrees are (1) FFA member behavior (2) Greenhand FFA Degree, (3) Chapter FFA Degree, (4) State FFA Degree, and (5) American FFA Degree.

- All "Greenhand" are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin.
- All members holding the Chapter FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation silver emblem pin.
- All members holding the State FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm.
- All members holding the American FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

Section B. FFA member Behavior

1. FFA members are expected to be on time for meetings and events.
2. FFA members are expected to participate in community events.
3. FFA members are communicate and express themselves in a healthy clean

manner on social media or in person.

4. FFA members are not to partake in any illegal substances or physical altercations, on or off campus.
5. FFA members are to communicate directly to the advisor.

Section C.

Greenhand FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election: (Refer to National Constitution)

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
2. Learn and explain the meaning of the FFA Creed, Motto, and Salute.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws, and the chapter Program of Activities.
6. Personally, own or have access to the Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.
7. Submit a written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

Section D.

Chapter FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election: (Refer to National Constitution)

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least 180 hours of systematic school
3. instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth-grade level, have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program, and be enrolled in an agricultural education course.
4. Must have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the chapter Program of Activities.
5. Must have earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the member's own efforts or worked at least forty-five hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program.
6. Must have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
7. Must have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
8. Must show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.
9. Must have a satisfactory scholastic record.
10. Must submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

Section E.

1. State FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for selection:
Have received the Chapter FFA Degree and have been an active member for two years.
2. While in school, have completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours)

- of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, which includes a supervised agricultural experience program.
3. Have earned and productively invested at least \$1,000.00 net income by the member's own efforts from their supervised agricultural experience program or worked at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time in a supervised agricultural experience or a combination thereof.
 4. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the State Association and National Organization.
 5. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
 - Performing 10 parliamentary procedure activities.
 - Giving a six - minute presentation on an agriculture topic.
 - Serving as an officer and/or committee chair, or participating member of a major committee.
 - Participating in student, chapter, school, or community activities.
 6. Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local agricultural education instructor and the principal or superintendent.
 7. Have participated in the planning and completion of the chapter Program of Activities.
 8. Have participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level.
 9. Have participated in at least 25 additional, unduplicated hours of community service activities within at least two different community service activities.

The Florida FFA Association, Inc. shall be entitled to elect all those who meet minimum qualifications. Written records of achievement verified by the local advisor shall be submitted to the State FFA Advisor by March 15 of the current year to permit adequate evaluation.

Section F.

American FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for selection.

1. Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the constitution of the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE VI. CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section A.

The offices of the FFA chapter shall be: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and sentinel. Other officers may be elected as deemed appropriate by the local advisor and/or governing body. The teacher(s) of agricultural education shall be the FFA advisor(s).

Section B.

The members present at any regular meeting of the chapter shall elect chapter officers annually or semi-annually.

ARTICLE VII. PROGRAM AFFILIATION

Section A.

Local program affiliation fees in this chapter shall be paid through affiliation to the Florida FFA Association, Inc. as per agreed to in the fiscal year affiliation contract.

Section B.

No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless the chapter pays full affiliation fees and submits all required chapter charter materials on time.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section A.

This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the Florida FFA Association, Inc. constitution or that of the National FFA Organization.

Section B.

Bylaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such bylaws conflict in no way with the constitution and bylaws of either the Florida FFA Association, Inc. or the national organization.

