# Throckmorton FFA

## Chapter Officer Handbook

Becoming a Chapter FFA Officer is a challenging process, yet a very rewarding opportunity. Through this chapter officer candidate process, you will grow as a person and advance in leadership development and career preparation. Congratulations on deciding to run for office!

Although Chapter FFA Office takes a great deal of hard work and dedication, officers will gain experiences and contacts that will last a lifetime. The skills gained will help prepare them for future careers, opportunities in college, and leadership roles in other organizations. Chapter officers serve the **Throckmorton FFA** members and advisors. They make a positive difference in the lives of many people.

This handbook is to help you prepare your candidacy for Chapter FFA Office. In it, you will find everything you need to get you on your way. Please thoroughly review all the enclosed information as you prepare for the chapter officer selection process.

Remember this handbook is only the beginning!! As a candidate, you will need to study Agricultural Education and FFA information, practice interviewing and presenting yourself in front of people. It will take your personal commitment and dedication to truly prepare for this process. You know yourself best! You know what areas you need to work on. We wish you the very best.

If you have any further questions, regarding the responsibilities of Chapter Officers, or the Selection Process, please contact your chapter advisor.

### **Organization**

The Throckmorton FFA Officers are overseen by the FFA advisor, with support by the school administrative office.

There will be six elected chapter officers for the school year and the possibility of addition appointed officers, as decided upon by the advisor. Results for the 2017-18 FFA Chapter Officer Team will be presented in class and at the first chapter meeting.

## **Qualifications**

To participate in the Throckmorton FFA Chapter Officer program, officer candidates must meet all of the eligibility requirements:

- Have and maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher.
- Have a "C" or better in all Agriculture classes.
- Have and maintain a clean discipline and attendance record.
- Have a signed, completed application on file with the chapter advisor.
- Have a signed, completed chapter Code of Ethics on file with the chapter advisor.
- Be a member of the local FFA chapter for the current school year.
- Review the Chapter Officer Handbook.
- Go through the chapter selection process (applying, screening, being elected).

### **Discipline**

All FFA Chapter Officers will be placed on behavior contracts for any of the offenses listed below. The Chapter Officer is allowed two chances to improve their behavior, with the third offense resulting in removal from the team.

#### Offenses:

- Not abiding by the FFA Code of Ethics
- Unexcused absenses: Anything but an illness or family emergency.

#### Offenses resulting in immediate removal from Chapter Officer Team:

- Use and/or possession of alcohol or drugs.
- Use and/or posession of tobacco.
- Stealing or posession of stolen goods.
- Use and/or posession of weapons.
- Defiance of advisor, administrator or other teacher.
- Two consecutive grading periods below 2.0 GPA.
- Fighting.

Parent and/or officer has the right to request a hearing regarding this action. The hearing will be held as soon as possible with a panel consisting of an administrator, advisor, and one teacher. The officer and parent will be given the opportunity to present reasons for this action to be voided. The decision of the panel will be final.