



## **Bakersfield Christian FFA Chapter Constitution**



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## **ARTICLE I      NAME AND PURPOSES**

**Section A** The name of this organization shall be the “Bakersfield Christian Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.” The letters “FFA” may be used to designate the chapter, its activities, or members thereof.

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

1. To represent a Christ-like attitude in all situations.
2. To develop competent, aggressive agricultural leadership.
3. To create and nurture a love of agricultural life.
4. To strengthen the confidence of students of agriculture education in themselves and their work.
5. To create more interest in agricultural occupations.
6. To encourage members to improve their home and its surroundings.
7. To encourage members in the development of Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs (SAEP).
8. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
9. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
10. To participate in cooperative efforts.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To encourage and practice thrift.
13. To provide and encourage the development of organized recreational activities.

## **ARTICLE II      ORGANIZATION**

**Section A** The Bakersfield Christian Chapter of the FFA is a chartered local unit of the California Association of FFA, which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

**Section B** This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and its bylaw of the California Association of FFA as well as those of the National FFA organization.

## **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 constitution of the National FFA Organization.

**Section B** The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active members.

**Section C** Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter Degree.

**Section D** Active members in good standing may vote on all business before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when they meet the following criteria:

1. They attend local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
2. They show an interest in and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
3. Are properly affiliated with the state and national FFA organizations.

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

## **ARTICLE IV**

## **EMBLEM**

**Section A** The emblem of the National FFA Organization shall be the emblem of this chapter.

**Section B** Emblems used by the members shall be designated by the national organization of FFA.

## **ARTICLE V**

## **MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES**

**Section A** There shall be four degrees of active membership in this chapter. These degrees shall be:

1. Greenhand Degree
2. Chapter Degree
3. State FFA Degree
4. American Farmer Degree

All “Greenhands” are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin. All members holding the Degree of Chapter FFA are entitled to wear the 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** Greenhand FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election: (Refer to State Constitution for a complete list of degree requirements.)

1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational education course for an agricultural occupation and have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a program of supervised farming, and/or other agricultural occupational experiences.
2. Learn and explain the FFA Creed, Motto, and Salute.
3. Describe the FFA emblem, colors, and symbols.
4. Explain the proper use of the FFA jacket.
5. Have satisfactory knowledge of the history of the organization.
6. Know the duties and responsibilities of the FFA members.
7. Personally own or have access to the Official FFA Manual.
8. Submit written application for the Degree for Chapter records.

**Section C** **Chapter FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:** (Refer to State Constitution for a complete list of degree requirements.)

1. Must have the Degree of Greenhand and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an approved supervised farming, and/or other agricultural occupational experience program, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class.
3. Be familiar with the purposes and programs of activities of the state association and national organization.

4. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the local chapter.
5. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.
6. Be able to lead a group discussion for fifteen minutes.
7. Must have earned by his/ her own efforts from his/ her supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupations program and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$150 or worked 100 hours on his/her SAE in excess of scheduled class time.

**Section D** State FFA Degree: Minimum qualifications for election:  
1. Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the State Association

**Section E American FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:**  
1. Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the National FFA Organization.

## **ARTICLE VI                      OFFICERS**

**Section A** The officers of the chapter shall be as follows:  
1. President  
2. Vice President  
3. Secretary  
4. Treasurer  
5. Reporter  
6. Sentinel  
7. Chaplain

The officers shall perform the regular duties of their respective office as outlined in the Official FFA Manual.

**Section B** Officers shall be elected—annually—by the top highest 7 scores, consisting of  
a) Application  
b) Officer interview  
c) Members vote

All members will be required to vote during their scheduled agricultural class time via Google Form.

Applications will be made available to members 4 weeks before the banquet and shall be due 2 weeks before the banquet. New officers shall be -announced and installed annually at the Annual FFA Awards Banquet in May.

**Section D** The officers of the chapter together with the chairmen in charge of the major sections of the annual program of activities shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations or bylaws adopted from time to time.

**Section E** Honorary members shall not vote, nor shall they hold any office in the chapter except that of Advisor.

**Section F** The Offices of President and Vice President must hold the Chapter FFA Degree and have held an officer position for a minimum of 1 year. All other offices must have at minimum a Greenhand Degree with a pledge to earn higher degrees.

## **ARTICLE VII MEETINGS**

**Section A** Regular chapter meetings shall be held once a month or as needed at such time and place as is designated by the BCHS FFA Executive Committee.

**Section B** Standard meeting paraphernalia shall be used at each meeting. All regular meetings shall open and close with the official FFA ceremonies. Parliamentary Procedure shall be used in transacting all business at each meeting.

**Section C** Delegates, as specified by the State Constitution, shall be elected annually from the active membership to represent the chapter at the State Leadership Conference. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings within the State.

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

**Section E** All Chapter meetings shall include an invocation before Opening Ceremonies and after Closing Ceremonies.

**ARTICLE VIII Dues**

**Section A** Local dues in this chapter shall be fixed annually by a majority vote of the active members.

**Section B** Full local, state, and national dues shall be paid by all active members.

**Section C** No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless he pays full local, state, and national FFA dues.

**ARTICLE IX Amendments**

**Section A** This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the active members in good standing present at a regular chapter meeting providing a quorum is present. Amendments may in no way conflict with the constitutions of either the State FFA or National FFA Organization.

**Section B** Bylaws or amendments may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the active members in good standing present at a regular chapter meeting providing a quorum is present. Bylaws may in no way conflict with the constitutions of either the State FFA or National FFA Organization.

By-Laws  
Bakersfield Christian FFA Chapter

ARTICLE I

SECTION A. All provisions of these By-Laws shall be considered part of the Constitution of the Future Farmers of America.

ARTICLE II

SECTION A. Procedure of Election