



# Salinas FFA Chapter Constitution and By-Laws

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## ARTICLE I - Name and Purposes

Section A: The name of this organization shall be “ Salinas FFA” Members are hereinafter referred to as “FFA members” and the letters “FFA” may be used to designate the chapter, it’s activities, or members thereof.

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

1. To develop a better understanding of agricultural education and the industry.
2. To create and nurture a passion for the most crucial industry in our country.
3. To strengthen the confidence of members in themselves and their work.
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of agricultural programs and establishment in the agriculture industry.
5. To encourage members to improve their community through servant leadership.
6. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
7. To participate in cooperative effort.
8. To encourage and practice thrift.
9. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
10. To prepare the future generations of agriculture.

## ARTICLE II - Organization

### Section A.

The Salinas 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 bylaws of the California Association of FFA, which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.



### Article III - Membership

#### Section A.

Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds: Active, Alumni, and Honorary.

#### Section B.

The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership in good standing.

#### 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. They attend local chapter meetings with responsible regularity.
2. They show an interest in, and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
3. They are enrolled in an agricultural class at Salinas High School for the entire school year.
4. They displays conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of The National FFA Organization

#### Section E.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and the lead advisor.

### 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 uniform and those obtained from concerns officially designed by the National Organization of FFA.

### ARTICLE V - Membership Degrees and Privileges

#### Section A.

1. There shall be four degrees of active membership in this chapter.
  - a. These degrees are: (1) Greenhand FFA Degree (2) Chapter FFA Degree (3) State Degree (4) American Degree



- b. The requirements for The Salinas FFA Greenhand Degree are as follows: participation in all Greenhand week activities and completion of the passport. The passport must be turned in on the day of the pinning ceremony. All activities must be logged in AET to be counted.
  - c. The requirements for The Salinas FFA Chapter Degree are as follows: completed AET application turned in by the deadline and attendance at the pinning ceremony. A passport similar to greenhand may be used at the discretion of the officer and advisors.
  - d. The requirements for seniors to receive a sash for graduation is to either earn a State Degree or be enrolled in an AG class for 4 years. In order to walk graduation with the sash they must attend the awards ceremony to receive the sash.
2. All Greenhands are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin. All members holding the Chapter FFA Degree are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin, both below their name on an official FFA Jacket.
  3. All members who earn the State FFA Degree will wear their pin above their name.
  4. Qualifications for The Greenhand and Chapter Degrees will be chosen by the chapter but must at a minimum meet the criteria listed in the FFA Manual.

## ARTICLE VI - Officers

### Section A.

The officers of the chapter shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Advisor, (Historian if needed). The advisor shall be a teacher of agriculture education in the school where the chapter is located. Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices as outlined in the current National FFA handbook and Salinas FFA Program of Activities.

### Section B.

Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote and an interview of members in good standing. Senior officers in good standing and the lead advisor make up the elections committee. Election requirements: Application, interview, and a final vote.

### Section C.

This 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 by-laws adopted from time to time.

### Section D.



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

Section E.

Chapter officers must hold the Chapter FFA Degree or be a freshman with a greenhand degree

Section F.

Officers must maintain district eligibility (i.e., 2.0 GPA and no more than one F, etc.) or resign from the position. Officers must not receive an “unsatisfactory” in Citizenship at any time.

Section G.

Officer Impeachment (Reasons include but not limited to, poor attendance or behavior unbecoming an officer.)

- Concern may be brought forth by an officer to the advisor.
- A three strike system will be used for discipline.
- Officer in question is notified by the advisor of a strike.
- The advisor may impeach an officer after 3 strikes.
- The advisor reserves the right to remove an officer for the following reasons: drugs, alcohol, and any other illegal activity or activity that reflects poorly on the organization.

ARTICLE VII - Voting

Section A.

Regular chapter meetings shall be held once a month during the school year and once during the remaining months of the year at such time and place as is designated by the Chapter Executive Committee. Special meetings may be called at any time.

Section B.

Two delegates shall be appointed annually from the active membership to represent the chapter at the State convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings within the state.

Section C.

A majority of the active membership (in good standing) 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.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

Section A.



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

Section B.

By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meetings by a two-thirds vote of the active members present, providing such by-laws conflict in no way with the constitution and by-laws of either the State Association or the National Organization.