

ARTICLE I

NAME AND ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be the Chinook FFA Chapter. The chapter of this association may officially use the letters "FFA" and/or words "National FFA Organization" to designate the chapter and/or members.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Dues

Dues for state and national levels will be paid for by the chapter, if members sell \$15 of raffle tickets before October 20. Otherwise, they will be required to pay their own dues.

Section 2. Active Membership

Refer to Article V, Section B of the State Constitution

Section 3. Degrees

- A. Discovery Degree- Refer to Article IV, Section A of the State Constitution
- B. Greenhand Degree – Refer to Article IV, Section B of the State Constitution. In addition, members must attend five meetings, participate in one eye opener, and participate in three fundraisers during the year.
- C. Chapter Degree – Refer to Article IV, Section C of the State Constitution.
- D. State Degree – Refer to Article IV, Section D of the State Constitution.
- E. American Degree – Refer to Article IV, Section E of the State Constitution.

Section 4. Eligibility

- A. Refer to the Chinook High School Eligibility Policy
 - 1. "In order to compete in any extracurricular activity, or hold any office, a student must successfully pass all subjects they are enrolled in from the preceding quarter. Incoming freshman eligibility is determined by their fourth quarter eight grade marks. If an incoming freshman enters high school with an "F"

he/she will be placed on probation. Students on probation will have their grades checked every three weeks. As long as they are passing all subjects they are allowed to fully participate. If they are failing one or more classes at either of the grade checks they become ineligible for the remainder of the quarter. Incoming students from other schools who are eligible for activities at their previous schools but are ineligible under our rules will be placed on probation. Probation rules for these students will be the same as above. Probation lasts for one quarter and only in these circumstances. MHS A eligibility rules are always in effect.”

B. Officer Eligibility

1. In case of ineligibility; officer is removed from office for that FFA year and a special meeting will be scheduled to elect a replacement officer.

F. ARTICLE III Officer Duties and Officer Election Guidelines

Section 1

A. President

1. Assist people of the Chapter.
2. Provide and listen to all suggestions for the members to vote on.
3. Preside over all meetings.
4. Attend officer retreat.
5. Socialize and cooperate with all people.
6. Prepare meeting agenda with Secretary

B. Vice President

1. Preside over meetings in place of President.
2. Prepare P.O.A and serve as an ex-officio member on all committees
3. Open to all suggestions.
4. Assist the President at all times keeping him/her informed of all items.
5. Required to attend officer retreat

C. Secretary

1. Keep accurate records of all meetings, including officer meetings.
2. Report records back to Chapter and organize records and information in Secretary’s Book.
3. Required to attend officer retreat

D. Treasurer

1. Keep accurate records of money received and paid out in Treasurer’s Book.
2. Provide report at each meeting.
3. Provide information on up-coming fundraisers.
4. Required to attend officer retreat

- E. Parliamentarian
 - 1. Keep all meeting running according to correct parliamentary procedure.
 - 2. Required to attend officer retreat

- F. Sentinel
 - 1. Welcomes all visitors and guests to meetings etc.
 - 2. Keeps meeting room clean and sets up.
 - 3. Required to attend officer retreat

- G. Reporter
 - 1. Provides reports to the Montana FFA
 - 2. Provides reports to the Newspapers etc.
 - 3. Scrapbook
 - 4. Promote FFA activities in and out of school
 - 5. Make sure pictures are taken at all events
 - 6. Required to attend officer retreat

- H. Advisor
 - 1. Official consultant of all activities
 - 2. Provides knowledge of all areas

- I. General Expectations
 - 1. Attend ALL meetings (chapter and officer)
 - a. Unless written notification is given one day prior
 - 2. Two unexcused absences will result in removal from office
 - a. The executive committee will review removal
 - 3. Fulfill the duties of the office, including state books and monthly reports
 - 4. Arrive for chapter meetings 15 minutes early
 - 5. Adhere to the Code of Ethics
 - a. Will be held accountable by the executive committee

Section II

Officer Election Guidelines

- A. Chinook FFA Officers will be elected by completing an officer application and being interviewed by a nomination committee.
- B. The nomination committee will consist of one FFA member from each grade level, two members of the community (can include Alumni Members) and one person from the Chinook High School Faculty.
- C. The nomination committee will be selected by the Executive Committee and voted on by the chapter.

- D. The nomination committee will give its recommendation to the chapter. The chapter may then discuss, amend, and vote on the committee report. A majority vote is needed to pass.

ARTICLE IV: ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIVE EVENTS

SECTION 1. OFFICIAL DRESS

Members will wear official dress as determined by the National FFA Organization to all FFA activities unless otherwise notified.

SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY

- A. National Convention – Juniors/Seniors and officers have first priority; students must attend at least 70% of the chapter meetings, participate in a minimum of one activity above the chapter level, work a minimum of 3 concessions, raise at least \$100 in other fundraisers, and meet the travel requirements that apply to other student activities. The FFA chapter will match funds donated by the Alumni in order to help pay for the costs of National Convention.
- B. State Convention – Students must participate in two fundraising activities, attend two meetings prior to convention, and attend three scheduled practices (if in competitive event). State teams picked by the discretion of Advisor.
- C. District Convention – Students must participate in one fundraising activity, attend one meeting prior to convention, and attend two scheduled practices (if in competitive event).
- D. Other Events – Students must participate in one fundraising activity and attend one scheduled practice (if in competitive event). Such events would include, but not be limited to: DLS, MFE, WLC, NILE, KMON, Ag Days, Conrad Crops and Mechanics, State Fair, Range Days, and Alumni Leadership Camp.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

SECTION 1. TIME

Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month unless otherwise specified by the executive committee. Any additional meetings may be specified by the executive committee. Opening ceremonies will be performed at every regular chapter meeting, and all members are strongly encouraged to wear official dress.

SECTION 2. CONDUCT

Meetings will be conducted using Parliamentary Procedure according to Roberts Rules of Order.

SECTION 3. OFFICER MEETINGS

Officer meetings will be held the Monday prior to the regular FFA meeting.

ARTICLE VI LETTERING

III. Activities Classified as Non-Athletic

- A. Class Officers**
- B. Honor Society**
- C. Band**
- D. Chorus**
- E. FFA (9-12)**

In order to letter in FFA the student must accrue 115 total points.

* **If a member is ineligible, they will not receive points for the quarter***

- Members who compete at the national level letter
- Officers who fulfill their duties letter

Points can be earned by:

- Attending meetings 5 points
- Career development events:
 - district and lower activities 10 points
 - State Convention 20 points
- All fundraisers 5 points/hour
- All degrees 25 points
 - Earning a degree
 - If a senior received their state degree as a junior, they will receive twenty-five (25) points their senior year as well.
 - If a junior has their chapter degree and can prove that they have plans to receive their state degree as a senior, then they will receive twenty-five (25) points that year.