

do the members of the North Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, do admit this as our Constitution with all rights and privileges thereof to carry on our business under its provisions; and do accept these provisions in the Constitution of the State and National Future Farmers of America.

Constitution and By-Laws of North Thurston Chapter
of the Future Farmers of America

Article I Name and Purpose

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the North Thurston Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, of North Thurston High School, located at Lacey, Washington.

Section B. The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love of country life.
3. To strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work.
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
5. To encourage members on the development of individual farming programs and establishment in farming.
6. To encourage members to improve farm, home and surroundings.
7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To participate in cooperative effort.
10. To encourage and practice thrift.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To provide and encourage the development of organized rural recreational activities.

Article II Membership

Section 1. Membership in this organization shall be of three kinds: (1) active; (2) associate; (3) honorary.

Section 2. Any ~~male~~ student not over 21 years of age who is regularly enrolled in an all-day, or day-unit in vocational agriculture is entitled to be come an active member of the North Thurston Chapter of the Future Farmers of America upon receiving majority vote of those present at any regular meeting.

Section C Retention A member may retain an active membership for three years after the first National Convention following the completion of his high school vocational agriculture class with instruction, or until he becomes 21 years of age, whichever length of time is greater.

Section B Associate Membership Following the termination of active membership either through graduation, leaving school, or post-graduation active membership, a member automatically becomes an associate member. An associate member cannot vote or hold any office, except that of Advisor.

Section E Honorary Instructors, school superintendents, principals, teachers, business men, farmers and others, who are helping to advance vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America, and who have rendered outstanding service may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

Section F Honorary membership shall be limited to the Chapter Farmer Degree in the North Thurston Chapter. Honorary members cannot vote nor hold any office except that of Advisor.

Article III Membership Grades and Privileges

Section A There shall be two Degrees of active membership based upon achievement. These are: (1) Green Hands; and (2) Chapter Farmer.

Section B Privileges All "Green Hands" are entitled to wear a bronze emblem pin. All "Chapter Farmers" are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin.

Section C Green Hand Degree The minimum qualifications for election to the degree of the "Green Hand" shall be as follows:

1. Be regularly enrolled in a class of vocational agriculture and have a satisfactory and acceptable supervised farming program.
2. Be familiar with the purposes of the Future Farmers of America and the program of work of the chapter.
3. Recite from memory the Creed of the Future Farmers of America.
4. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

Section D Future Farmer The minimum qualifications for election to the degree of the "Chapter Farmer" shall be as follows:

1. Must have held the Degree of Green Hand for at least one year preceding election to the Degree of Chapter Farmer and have a record of satisfactory participation on the activities of the local chapter.

2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an improved supervised farming program, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class.
3. Be familiar with the purposes and program of the work of the chapter, the state association and the national organization.
4. Be familiar with the provisions of the Chapter's Constitution.
5. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.
6. Be able to lead a group discussion for fifteen minutes.
7. Must have earned by his own efforts from his supervised farming program and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$50.
8. Pass an examination over the following particulars:
 - (a) Simple parliamentary Procedure.
 - (b) Paraphernalia for the chapter.
 - (c) Colors, Motto, and Emblem.
 - (d) Flag salute.
 - (e) Position of Officers.
9. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular chapter meeting.

Section B All active members shall have the right to vote on any matter
 Voting pertaining to the activities of the organization.

Article IV Officers

Section A The officers of this organization shall consist of a President; a Vice-President; a Secretary; a Treasurer; a Reporter; a Sentinel; and an Advisor. Minor officers shall consist of a Chaplain and Historian.

Section B (1) Only members who have been elected to the degree of
 Qualifications Chapter Farmers, who are in good standing, and maintain a (C) average or better during the past year, are eligible to hold office. This average must be maintained.
 (2) All officers must maintain good citizenship within and out of school. Not to do so automatically forfeits his office. His case is to be reviewed before the Executive Committee.

Section C The officers of the organization shall be elected at the
 Elections regular May meeting, and will be installed at the FFA Awards Installation Ceremony. Ballot shall be secret vote.

Section D No member shall hold the same regular or honorary office
 Lenaterms 2 years in immediate succession.

Section E Any officer having an unexcused absence more than one
 Termination time in a row, automatically forfeits his office.

Article V Meetings

Section A. Regular chapter meetings shall be held the second Monday of each month. Special meetings may be called when necessary.

Section B. The regular opening and closing ceremony for meetings shall be followed unless some unforeseen circumstances prohibits. The regular orders of the day shall be followed at all regular meetings.

Section C. Robert's Rules of order shall be used as the parliamentary authority for all meetings.

Article VI Standing Committees

Section A. There shall be the following Standing Committees in this chapter:

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| (1) Executive | (4) Budgeting |
| (2) Financial | (5) Service |
| (3) Auditing | (6) Nominating |

Section B. The personnel of the Executive Committee shall consist of Membership the Chapter officers and one representative from each class.

The personnel of the Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as Chairman, an Advisor and three other members appointed by the President.

The personnel of the Auditing Committee shall consist of the Chapter's Treasurer, the Advisor, the school Superintendent, or his representative, and one other member appointed by the president.

The personnel of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall be the Chairman of the Budget Committee.

Section C. There shall be 10 committees selected to comply and complete Program of its annual program of work.
work Committee

Article VII Dues

Section A. The dues of this organization shall be \$4.00 annually. This amount, to afford each member in addition to his local, state, and national dues, one handbook when becoming Green Hand, one Chapter Farmer pin, and one State Farmer and American Farmer pin upon qualification. In addition he shall receive the published copies of the State and National FFA magazine.

Article VIII Delegates

Section A. Delegates to district, state or national conventions shall be appointed annually by the Advisor and the Executive Committee.

Section B. The Executive Committee and the Advisor shall have full authority to appoint delegates when the need arises.

and/or relations accountable to their wear.

Article IX Achievements Awards

Section A. Achievements awards shall be grouped into two classes;
Achievement individual and group.
Awards

Section B. An example of the former are senior awards, Fresh award,
Example and public speaking. An example of the latter is a par-
liamentary contest.

Section C. To be eligible for any of these awards, a ^{student} ~~member~~ must be an
Eligibility active member in good standing and meet the following
qualifications for the specific award.

Section D. Any member representing the Chapter as an individual or
Maintaining as a team member must maintain good citizenship within
good citi- and out of school, or related activities. To do so
zen ship automatically forfeits his opportunity to represent the
chapter

Section E. The selection of any of these awards shall be determined
Selection either by the Advisor and/or the Executive Committee; or
by appointed committees of teachers, supervisors, farmers,
businessmen, etc.

Article I Elective Officers

Section A. Historian

To be eligible for this office a boy must meet the same qualifications as the other chapter officers as listed in Article IV, Section B of the Constitution.

Section B. Chaplain

To be eligible for this office a boy must meet the same qualifications as the other chapter officers as listed in Article IV, Section B of the Constitution.

Article II Duties of the Officers

- Section A. 1. The duties of the President shall be:
- President
- A. Preside over and conduct meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure.
 - B. Call special meetings when necessary.
 - C. Assist in the appointment of committees and serve as exofficial member of them.
 - D. Carry on any other duties befitting his office.

- Section B. 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be:
- Vice-President
- A. Act as President in his absence.
 - B. Assist the President in all his responsibilities.
 - C. Have charge of committee work in general, and assist in the appointment of their personnel.
 - D. Be prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of the President.
 - E. To act as chairman of the Executive Committee meetings.
 - F. To act as chapter parliamentarian.

- Section C. 3. The duties of the secretary shall be:
- Secretary
- A. Prepare and read the minutes of all chapter and executive committee meetings.
 - B. Have available for the President the list of business for each meeting.
 - C. Attend to all official correspondence.
 - D. Keep the permanent record of the chapter.
 - E. Read communications at meetings.
 - F. Call meetings to order in the absence of a presiding officer.
 - G. Have a copy of the constitution at hand at all meetings.

Section 2.

1. Receive and account for the Chapter funds.
2. Collect dues and assessments and sums in state and national dues.
3. Keep the financial records for the chapter.
4. Prepare or verify the books of receipts and disbursements.
5. Report chapter funds as authorized.
6. Prepare financial statements and reports.
7. Act as chairman of the financial committee.

Section 4.
Registrar

5. The duties of the Registrar shall be:
 - A. Set up the chapter notes and classify.
 - B. Prepare news notes and articles for publication.
 - C. Submit news notes to State Reporters.

Section 5.
Historian

6. The duties of the Historian shall be:
 1. To maintain the chapter album.
 2. File clippings and pictures in, and keep a chapter scrapbook.
 3. Serve as Chapter Historian.
 4. Maintain a chapter bulletin board.
 5. Maintain notebook files of all candidates; and to file all Secretary and Treasurer Reports; and other material of similar nature in the chapter archives.

Section 6.
Chaplain

7. The duties of the Chaplain shall be:
 - A. To give the opening and closing prayer at each meeting.
 - B. To prepare to give an appropriate invocation at each function when called upon to do so.
 - C. Assist the Historian in keeping the archive files in order.

Section 7.
Sec. Gen.

5. The duties of the Sec. Gen. shall be:
 - A. Set up the meeting room and care for chapter paraphernalia and equipment.
 - B. Attend the door during meetings and welcome visitors.
 - C. Assist the President in keeping order.
 - D. Take charge of candidates for degrees during initiation.

Article III Working Officers

Section 1.
Chapter
Sweepstakes
(see 1971-
card)

- The Chapter Sweepstakes shall be elected from the Junior and/or Senior class of North Thurston High School, and be awarded by random draw.

- Section A1 (1) Nominations for Chapter Sweetheart shall take place
Nominations at the regular September meeting. Nominations of girls for Chapter Sweetheart shall be based on personality, cooperation with PFA, attractiveness, a pleasing voice, citizenship, and scholarship.
- (2) A primary election shall be held immediately following the nominations at the September meeting to choose the five girls for the final ballot.

Section A2 (1) Election for Chapter Sweetheart shall be at the next
Election regular meeting following the nominations for this honor. Vote shall be by secret ballot.

Section A3 (1) The Chapter Sweetheart shall receive a white Chapter
Award Sweetheart Jacket donated by the Chapter.

Section A4 (1) The duties of the Chapter Sweetheart shall be to attend
Duties all regular meetings and all social functions for the PFA.

Article IV Duties of Standing Committees

- Section A. 1. Duties of the Executive Committee shall be:
- A. Formulate the chapter program of work.
 - B. Act as examining committee for any chapter awards to chapter members.
 - C. Reverse any chapter-boy-contracts wherein the chapter affords a means by which the boy obtains aid for his project.
 - D. Appoint a nominating committee (preferably from the Senior group).
 - E. Aid the President in formulating other necessary committees.
 - F. Act in a judiciary and executive capacity when the need arises.
 - G. Carry on chapter business when time will not allow a regular chapter meeting to function.

Section B. 2. Meeting shall be at least one meeting each month
Meetings previous to the regular meeting.

Section C. 3. (a) The function of the Financial Committee shall be
Financial the formulation of a satisfactory financial program of the year, and to see that it is carried
Committee out.

(b) To purchase and pay bills where chapter is unable to function as a unit.

Section D. 4. It shall be the function of the Auditing Committee to
Auditing audit the books of the treasurer and to guide the
Committee Financial Committee and the chapter in all their financial program.

- Section F. Budget Committee 5. It shall be the function of the Budget Committee to set up a budget for the coming year and to see that the chapter does not exceed this budget unnecessarily.
- Section G. Service Committee 6. It shall be the function of the Service Committee to set up the meeting room for each meeting and to see that all regalia and/or equipment is back in its proper place after the close of the meeting.
- Section I. Nominating Committee 7. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to see that the ballots are prepared for all the nominations and/or elections and to see that all the ballots are properly counted.
- Section I. Program of work 8. These 10 committees will formulate the annual program of work and report the accomplishments at the years end.

Article V Assessment

Section A. Assessments In time of emergency, necessary assessments may be levied, provided, said assessment is passed by a majority vote at a regular meeting.

Article VI Member Maintenance

Section A. Maintenance of Membership A member who is absent from more than two succeeding meetings without a legitimate excuse shall automatically be dropped from the rolls.

Article VII Official Jacket

Section A. Right to Purchase Any active member in good standing has the right to purchase an FFA official jacket.

Section B. Wearing of Jacket An active member may wear his official jacket at all official occasions and chapter functions; provided that he:

1. Keeps it clean and neat at all times.
2. Wears it only to places appropriate for members to visit.
3. Does not put on it any letters and/or insignia, school or otherwise, of any kind.
4. Wears on it only FFA degree pins, medals, his name, and any office held in the FFA.
5. Wears it at official functions with the zipper fastened nearly to the top.
6. Discards it and removes insignia when it becomes too faded to wear in public.
7. Does not wear it with garments bearing the insignia of other organizations.
8. Does not allow a non-member, non-officer, mother, or anyone else wear the jacket unless he is an active member of the organization.

Article VIII Official Jewelry

Section A. Any active member of good standing has the right to purchase any of the jewelry and material provided that:
 1. He does not allow anyone else, except an active member to wear it.

Article III Amendments

Section A This constitution may be amended at any regular chapter
Method meeting by a two-thirds vote of the quorum of active
members present providing it is not in conflict with the
State Association Constitution or that of the National
Organization of the Future Farmers of America. Provided
further that said amendment shall be in the hands of all
regular members at least two weeks before said vote.

Section B Any additional by-laws than those present may be adopted
By-Laws at any time as the need arises; providing they are passed
by two-thirds majority of the active members and, further
provided, that they in no way conflict with the Constitution
and By-Laws of either the State or National organization.