



NATIONAL FFA STATE OFFICER PROGRAMS

Supporting state FFA officers

While each state FFA officer's journey is different, the National FFA Organization supports states and their officers through a blended learning model that includes face-to-face training experiences, digital and print resources, and online education—all of this to guide in the development of world-ready leaders.

Who are they? The 2020-21 state FFA officers

Three hundred and seventy-one state officers served the 2020-21 term. During their terms, 64% of these officers were in college, while 15% were high school seniors, 11% were business owners, 9% were taking a leave of absence from school to serve as state officers, and 2% were high school juniors or younger.*

Setting a strong foundation for an effectual year of service

Officers from 47 states and Puerto Rico completed 119 trainings with National FFA and within their states; these trainings were Base Camp and Checkpoints. Focus areas of Base Camp and Checkpoints included sound character, positive influence, professionalism, time management, conversation skills, public speaking, effective communication, team dynamics and workshop facilitation. We asked attendees five questions related to each category and the workshop's effect on it. At least...



*Data from the State Officer Exit Survey, National FFA Organization, 2021.

**Data from the Combined Basecamp and Checkpoints Survey, National FFA Organization, 2021.

Understanding global citizenship at the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO)

In 2021, 110 state officers participated in a virtual ILSSO experience. Attendees told us that after ILSSO, they understood the characteristics of a global citizen (96%) as well as the foundational principles of diversity (90%). Ninety-four percent of attendees say that ILSSO increased their agricultural literacy.*

Advocating for agriculture at the State Officer Summit

State officers attending the State Officer Summit in Washington, D.C., conducted 112 legislative visits. Ninety-four percent of state officers said that they are more confident or significantly more confident in their ability to advocate than before the summit.**

Highlights included a tour of Arlington National Cemetery, a bus tour of monuments concluding at the Lincoln Memorial, and free time to explore Washington, D.C. Ninety-six percent of state officers were somewhat or extremely satisfied with the site visits.

"I have truly learned the value of being an agricultural advocate. Through my experiences, I have learned that issues facing people and agriculture are global issues, and it takes the next generation of leaders to change it."

-2021 ILSSO participant



Officers visit sites around Washington, D.C. at the 2021 State Officer Summit.

*Data from the ILSSO Survey, National FFA Organization, 2021.

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Making an impact as state FFA officers

In the average month:*

State officers delivered **1-7 workshops**, reaching **up to 100 participants** through each workshop.

State officers delivered **1-7 speeches**, reaching **up to 100 audience members** through each speech.

State officers gave **1-7 media interviews**.

State officers conducted **1-7 advocacy/legislative visits**.

State officers attended **1-2 community service events**.

Want to learn more about the state officer continuum? Scan here:



Tracking growth with state FFA staff over a full year

National FFA utilizes a growth index to provide state FFA staff insights into their state officers' self-reported growth in 11 key areas. State officers are prompted to assess their skills at the beginning of their year, at the midpoint and at the end. With this tool, National FFA provides state FFA staff with a mechanism to assist state officers in their growth and development.

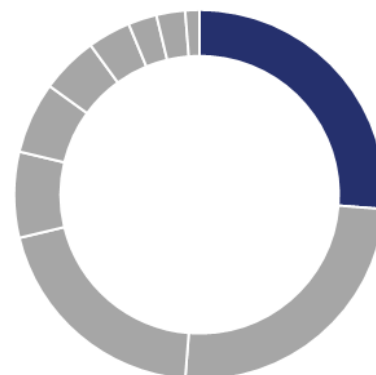
Engaging in the industry of agriculture after office

We asked the 2020-21 state officers at the end of their term about plans to pursue a career in agriculture. This is what they told us:

81% plan to pursue a career in agriculture.

10% are unsure.

9% do not plan to pursue a career in agriculture.



26%

of state FFA officers pursuing careers in agriculture are interested in a career in

Animal Systems

Animal systems, agricultural education and agribusiness systems are the top career focus areas of those planning to pursue a career in agriculture.

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