

# 2017 Nevada FFA State Officer Candidate Hot Topics

## Stand and Deliver and Composition Activity Hot Topics:

One topic from the list below will be chosen by the Nominating Committee to be used for the Stand and Deliver practicum. Each candidate will be expected to present an extemporaneous speech on a category relevant to FFA, agriculture, or the American education system. A separate topic will be chosen by the State Staff to be used in the Composition Practicum. All candidates will complete a written essay on a topic relevant to agriculture, FFA or the American education system. The purpose of the essay is focused on student's ability to convey knowledge and understanding in a different way than allowed through multiple-choice questions. Candidates are expected to have a firm grasp of each topic and be prepared to present on each of them.

### FFA Related:

- Increasing FFA's visibility in Nevada
- FFA before and after high school
- Diversifying students' experiences in FFA

### Agricultural Education Topics:

- Recruiting and retaining agriculture educators in Nevada
- How agriculture education can help with other core academic areas (Math, Science, English and other areas of study)
- Increasing the flow of information and collaboration between educators

### Agriculture Topics:

- Preventing "Brain Drain" from rural communities
- International Trade Agreements and American Agriculture
- Consumers are the boss: Facilitating Consumer Trust

## Facilitation Hot Topics:

The purpose of this round is to evaluate the candidate's ability to plan and facilitate a 5 to 10-minute portion of a student workshop in front of a realistic audience. Candidates will be given a set of key points about a topic chosen by the nominating committee. It will be the candidate's responsibility to use the materials provided for them to plan, craft and implement appropriate methods for engaging the audience and addressing the key points. One topic from the list below will be chosen by the Nominating Committee to be used for the Facilitation practicum. Each topic additionally has a title of the workshop that will be presented. The candidate will not know the specific audience or situation until they enter the preparation room.

Candidates are expected to have a firm grasp of each topic and be prepared to present on each of them.

- **Premier Leadership:**
  - Leader or boss: “Which one are you?”
  - No Power Needed: “How to lead from where you are.”
- **Personal Growth**
  - Emotional control: “Which you is in control? “
  - Building a support network: “Who’s on your team?”
- **Career Success:**
  - “What’s in your toolbox?” Having the right skills for the job