



## **2020 Nevada FFA State Officer Candidate 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. All candidates will complete two written essays on topics relevant to agriculture, FFA or the American education system. The purpose of the essays is focused on the student's ability to convey knowledge and understanding in the relevant context of serving as a State FFA Officer. Candidates are expected to have a firm grasp of each topic and be prepared to present on each of them.

### **FFA TOPICS:**

- The meaning of the letters "FFA" and how they impact the life of many students.
- Role of Nevada FFA Alumni & Supporters.
- The importance of an FFA chapter engaging in the local community.

### **AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION TOPICS:**

- Recruitment and retention of highly qualified agricultural education teachers.
- Funding Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the 21st Century.
- The role of Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) in Agricultural Education.

### **AGRICULTURE TOPICS:**

- Diversification in agricultural production to build a stronger economy.
- Trade wars with China and its impact on American agriculture.
- Immigration Reform and how it affects the labor shortages the agriculture industry is facing.



## Nevada FFA Association

## State Officer Selection Process

### 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.

- **Advocacy:** "Importance of Sharing our FFA Story"
- **Balance:** "Remembering to Recharge"
- **Perspective:** "Understanding Others"
- **Character:** "Who Are We When No One is Watching?"