



2019 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:

- Advocating for State and Local FFA Activities: Communicating the value of FFA activities on a legislative and local level to reduce the perception that FFA is just a contest-based organization.
- Nevada FFA Foundation: Using the Foundation to network and create value in supporting Nevada Agricultural Education and FFA through sponsorship.
- Blue 365: Challenging students to think critically and explore solutions for feeding the global population.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION TOPICS:

- Foundational SAE: Developing student interest in agricultural education and the agriculture industry.
- 21st Century Education: Enhancing the student experience in order to make more students college and career ready.
- STEM in the Classroom: Integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics into the classroom to provide up-to-date and/or hands-on industry experience in agriculture.

AGRICULTURE TOPICS:

- USMCA Agreement: Providing stronger markets through global trading for our American Farmers and Ranchers.
- We Are Agriculture: Being more inclusive of the various agriculture and production practices as the next generation of agriculturalists.
- Ag. Technology: Feeding the world with state-of-the-art technologies.



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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.

- Growing Leaders:
 - Personal Growth "Positive Role Models"

- Building Communities:
 - Citizenship "Our Voice Matters"

- Strengthening Agriculture:
 - Agricultural Literacy "The Next Drivers of Industry Potential"